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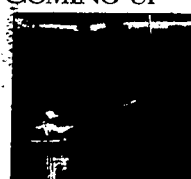
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T.F. County Clerk steps down

Fort leaves amid allegations of misuse of taxpayer money

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County Clerk Robert Fort resigned Tuesday afternoon amid allegations of misuse of taxpayer money.

County Commissioners Gary Grindstaff, Bill Brockman and

Tom Mikesell asked for Fort's resignation.

County Prosecutor Grant Loebbs said he has contacted the Idaho attorney general's office, which has agreed to conduct an independent investigation.

During a press conference Tuesday afternoon, a somber-looking

Grindstaff said that during a routine review of the county's May accounts payable reports, commissioners found what they considered to be an inappropriate use of taxpayer money by the Twin Falls County clerk.

Grindstaff would not elaborate. When asked how he felt about the situation, Grindstaff said, "Just unbelievable."

Fort could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

County commissioners have been engaged in their annual budget process, reviewing depart-

mental budget requests and county expenditures. It was during a routine review that they became aware of certain financial irregularities in the county clerk's office, they said.

"Investigation of these irregularities has revealed what we believe to be inappropriate use of

taxpayer money by the Twin Falls County clerk," commissioners said in a written statement. "As a result, the Twin Falls County commissioners have asked for the resignation of Twin Falls County Clerk Robert S. Fort."

In a letter to Prosecutor Grant Loebbs, commissioners said that after their June 18 review of the May accounts payable report found what appeared to be an inappropriate use of taxpayer money, they contacted the bank to



Bob Fort

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Still waiting for a solution

Dairy neighbors say Kempthorne hasn't kept his promise

By Julie Ponce
Times-News writer

FILER — In January 2002, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne visited Filer and promised people living near the Desert Rose Farms dairy that their days of suffering from severe odors were to be short-lived.

Now, as the nation's major news organizations are speculating daily that Kempthorne is the front-runner to head the Environmental Protection Agency, those who attended that private meeting question Kempthorne's ability to run the national agency. They say they're still waiting for Kempthorne to solve the comparatively small problem of dairy odor in their neighborhood.

"I have kind of an analogy I use to describe the past four years," said neighbor Ed Smith. "The first two years we were playing odor roulette: The revolver was loaded with 45-caliber bullets with six shots in the chamber — so there was no escaping. The third year the gun was loaded with .38-caliber bullets with five shots in the chamber, so we were getting a little better — a little less intense and a little less chance of getting hit. This year the gun is still loaded. We just don't know the caliber or the number of bullets."

But if the winter and the spring of 2003 are any indication of what to expect throughout the summer — which traditionally is the worst season for dairy odor — another neighbor of Desert Rose, Ginny Gunn, says the situation isn't looking good.

"Life is miserable out here. You don't know when it is going to hit you," Gunn said.

Gunn said when she met with the governor a year and a half ago, she believed his promise 100 percent.

"I was totally convinced he was going to help us," Gunn said.

Now she suspects she mistakenly let Kempthorne's renowned charisma get the best of her.

"He says the right things," she said.



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

The governor's spokesman, Mark Snider, disputed on Tuesday that there hasn't been much happen in the Desert Rose Farms neighborhood.

He noted that the state Department of Environmental Quality has its trailer to meas-

ure hydrogen sulfide there for the third time in a row. He also acknowledged the latest data indicate there are still times when the rotten-egg-smelling gas is a problem.

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Governor defends environmental record

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne defended his environmental record over 4.5 years in office Tuesday after attacks from envi-

ronmentalists spurred by speculation that he is being considered to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"Air and water quality has continually improved during my

administration," Kempthorne told reporters during the annual presentation of the state Lottery dividend. "The numbers are on our side."

Since his name began circulat-

ing as a possible successor to Christie Whitman at EPA, critics nationally have claimed that Idaho's air and water have gotten dirtier and environmental

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Attack kills six British soldiers in Iraq



British soldiers search an Iraqi car at a checkpoint in Amara, 238 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday. Attackers fired on British forces in southern Iraq Tuesday, killing six.

Violence rocks usually calm southern region

The Associated Press

BAHGDAD, Iraq — Six British soldiers were killed and eight wounded in southern Iraq in a series of attacks on coalition forces Tuesday that marked one of the deadliest days since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

The casualties were a shock to British troops occupying the largely Shiite south, which until now had been essentially free of the daily hit-and-run attacks plaguing American soldiers in central and western Iraq. British troops have felt so secure they have been patrolling the country's second-largest city, Basra, without flak jackets or helmets.

The U.S. military said insurgents had increased their attacks on American and British troops 25 over a 24-hour period, includ-

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ing a firefight in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, that killed three Iraqis and wounded an American soldier.

The violence fueled concerns that Iraq is descending into a guerrilla war despite U.S. insistence that resistance is local, not centrally organized.

The British casualties occurred in the town of Majar al-Kabir, about 180 miles southeast of Baghdad and just south of the city of Amarah.

Defense Secretary Geoffrey Hoon told Parliament in London that the British soldiers — military police on a mission to train Iraqi

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TV lags in depicting Hispanic population

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Hispanics are the nation's largest and fastest-growing minority, their buying power is increasing, yet they remain barely visible on the major broadcast networks, according to a study released Tuesday.

Hispanic characters received only 3 percent of screen time in fall 2002 programs on the six major networks, according to the study by the University of California, Los Angeles.

Hispanics make up 13.5 percent of the U.S. population.

Whites received 81 percent of screen time and blacks 15 percent, the study said — both disproportionate to their population.

"There's no question that the last place you'd know Latinos are the largest minority is by watching television," said Lisa Navarrete of the National Council of La Raza advocacy group in Washington, D.C.

"It's a measure of how ineffective prime-time television is of what's really going on in America and what America looks like," she said.

The network figures announced for fall 2002 reflect scant improvement, said Alex Nogales, head of the National Hispanic Media Coalition in Los Angeles.

Two Hispanic-themed sitcoms, "The Oranges" and "Luis," are set to debut, joining the successful "George Lopez." But other shows like "Kingsman" and "Greetings From Tucson" are off the air.

Lopez's show begins its third season this fall on ABC, which said it's committed to mirroring the diversity of the American public.

"We're proud of what the show represents to millions of our viewers," said ABC spokesman Kevin Brockman. "Audiences have embraced this unique take on family life because it's honest, it's relatable and it's funny."

Spanish-language television doesn't make up for Hispanics' exclusion from the dominant networks, Nogales said. "America

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Diversity on TV

A study measured the screen time of characters, by ethnicity and race, in prime-time comedies and dramas on six networks — ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, UPN and WB. It found that Hispanics and Asians were underrepresented in relation to the overall population.

Percent of population	Percent of screen time
69.3% White	81.4%
13.4% Hispanic	2.7%
12.7% Black	14.7%
4.0% Asian	1.3%

NOTE: White population figure includes non-Hispanic only.

SOURCES: University of California, Los Angeles; U.S. Census Bureau

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Pleasant temperatures, light winds and mostly sunny skies. Highs in the middle 70s

Tonight: Mostly clear skies and tranquil. Lows upper 40s

Tomorrow: A little warmer than normal with sunny skies and dry conditions. Highs lower 80s

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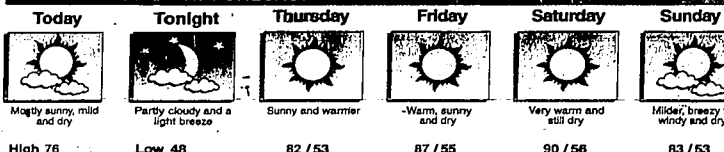
Today: Mild, mostly sunny and dry. Highs in the middle 70s

Tonight: Mostly clear skies and a very light breeze. Lows upper 40s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Tomorrow: A little warmer with sunny skies and dry conditions. Highs lower 80s

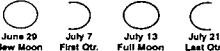
TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST



ALTMAN - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset		Pollen Count	
Yesterday's High	71	Yesterday's Low	40	0.00"	Yesterday's High	65%	5 p.m. Yesterday	20:00 H	Today	Sunrise: 6:01 AM	Sunset: 8:19 PM
Yesterday's Low	40	Month to Date	0.21"	Yesterday's Low	12%				Thursday	Sunrise: 6:02 AM	Sunset: 8:19 PM
Normal High/Low	80/50	Avg. Month to Date	0.83"	Today's Forecast High	62%				Friday	Sunrise: 6:03 AM	Sunset: 8:19 PM
Record High	97 in 1988	Water Year to Date	7.70"	Today's Forecast Low	22%				Saturday	Sunrise: 6:03 AM	Sunset: 8:19 PM
Record Low	38 in 1997	Water Year to Date	9.24"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30							

Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset



REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	Hi 76	Lo 48	Hi 82
Idaho Falls	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 80
Meridian	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 80
Moscow	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 80
Shoshone	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 80
Twin Falls	Hi 76	Lo 48	Hi 82
Walla Walla	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 80
Wendover	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 80
Yellowstone	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 80

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Atlanta	Hi 82	Lo 50	Hi 84
Boston	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
Chicago	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
Denver	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
Houston	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
Los Angeles	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
Memphis	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
Minneapolis	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
New York	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
San Francisco	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
Seattle	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76
Washington	Hi 74	Lo 46	Hi 76

WORLD FORECAST

	Today	Tomorrow
London	Hi 74 Lo 46	Hi 76 Lo 48
Paris	70 71	70 72
Amsterdam	68 75	68 75
Rome	65 75	65 75
Tokyo	74 85	73 86
Sydney	74 85	73 86
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NATION

Bush wants \$3B for Pakistan aid

President vows to nab bin Laden, Saddam

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - President Bush said Tuesday he will ask Congress for more than \$3 billion in aid for Pakistan, a staunch ally in Washington's war on terrorism.

Half the money is earmarked for military aid, but Bush said Pakistan would not be getting the F-16 fighter jets it has sought for 13 years. The rest of the aid package is intended to strengthen Pakistan's infrastructure, health and education systems to try to address the poverty that the Bush administration now sees as one of the root causes of terrorism.

The invitation for Musharraf to visit Bush at his retreat in the mountains at Camp David, Md., was a reward for Pakistan's help during and after the Afghanistan war. Bush praised Musharraf, a general who seized power in a 1999 coup, as "a courageous leader and a friend of the United States." He lauded Musharraf's commitment "to build a modern Pakistan that is tolerant and prosperous."

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Bush added, Pakistan has apprehended more than 500 members of al-Qaida and the Taliban.



Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, with his wife, Soobia, salutes after finishing his joint news conference with President Bush Tuesday at Camp David in Maryland.

"So slowly but surely, we're dismantling the networks," Bush said. "And we'll continue on the hunt; it doesn't matter how long it takes."

Asked about the fact that the forces of both Osama bin Laden and Saddam remain unknown, Bush said, "There's more than two principles at large. ... There are others around, too. And we're just on the hunt." Bush said it could take days, months or years before the United

States and its allies complete the search for terrorist leaders. "And we'll find them. It's only a matter of time," he said.

Musharraf said that the search for bin Laden and other terrorists had prompted Pakistan to enter "treacherous" tribal areas along the Afghan border where no central government has ventured in over a century.

"Now, whether Osama bin

Laden is here or across the border, your guess, sir, is as good as mine," Musharraf told reporters, adding that he was confident that the Pakistani military eventually would be able to find any al-Qaida members hiding there.

Musharraf later told ABC's Nightline that he would be willing in principle to provide 6,000 to 8,000 soldiers for duty in Iraq.

Musharraf said he had not expected to get the F-16s, whose sale has long been blocked by Congress because of Pakistan's development of nuclear weapons.

The United States has been anxious to sell India its Arrow anti-missile systems, which were jointly developed with the United States. Pakistan opposes both sales.

The \$3.12 billion aid package, spread over five years, dwarfs the \$1 billion the United States gave Pakistan after the Sept. 11 attacks. The U.S. official said the flow of aid will be contingent on Pakistan's cooperation in three key areas: the war on terrorism, a commitment not to spread nuclear weapons capabilities to other nations - including North Korea - and progress toward democracy.

Shuttle panel releases detailed description of craft's breakup

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Investigators Tuesday painted the most detailed picture to date of the breakup of the space shuttle Columbia, pinpointing the eighth panel on the left wing as the site where a deadly breach had allowed superheated air to flow in, and tracing how, within seconds, the wing broke off at that spot.

Reconstructing the chain of events based on analysis of the wreckage as well as the grim footprint of its recovery sites across Texas, investigation board member Roger Tetrault said that, as the spacecraft spun out of control on Feb. 1 at speeds above 12,000 mph, the vertical rail section tore off, followed by the right wing. All seven astronauts aboard the Columbia died.

"After almost five months of painstaking investigation, the members said they have reached general agreement on their long-standing hypothesis - that a suit-

case-size chunk of foam caused the breach when it struck the wing at liftoff on Jan. 16.

Tetrault said the evidence points strongly to panel No. 8 - out of 22 reinforced carbon heat-shield panels on the leading edge - as the approximate location of the breach. He said for the first time that it also adds up to a "pretty compelling story that in fact the foam is the most probable cause of the shuttle accident."

Members of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board presented the scenario with more certainty than ever at a briefing in Washington Tuesday. It is based on multiple lines of evidence, from shuttle wreckage, onboard sensor data, videos, photographs, radar and other visual aids, as well as new data from tests.

Retired Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., the board's chairman, had said that all the evidence must line up like the holes in Swiss cheese before the scenario could be accepted.

Drones spotted bin Laden prior to 9-11 attacks, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) - Though Predator drones spotted Osama bin Laden as many as three times in late 2000, the Bush administration did not fly the unmanned planes over Afghanistan during its first eight months and was still refining a plan to use one armed with missiles to kill the al-Qaida leader when Sept. 11 unfolded, current and former U.S. officials say.

The military successfully tested an armed Predator throughout the first half of 2001, and top administration officials discussed such a mission at a White House meeting just one week before the suicide attacks. But they failed to resolve a debate over whether the CIA or Pentagon should operate the armed Predators and whether the missiles would be sufficiently lethal, officials told the AP.

The months-long disappearance in 2001 of U.S. Predators from the skies over Afghanistan is discussed in classified sections of Congress's report into pre-Sept. 11 intelligence failures and is expected to be examined by an independent commission appointed by the president and Congress, officials said.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, the CIA put the armed drones into the sky within days - and they soon played an important role in one of the early successes of the war on terror.

In November 2001, an armed drone helped confirm a high-level al-Qaida meeting in Kabul, Afghanistan, and joined in an attack that killed bin Laden's military chief Mohammed Atef, according to officials familiar with the attack.

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Two missing students turn up dead

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - Rescue workers found the bodies of two missing American students in a river on Monday, days after they lost their way in Puerto Rico's dense northern forests.

The bodies of Colin Mike Ewers, 21, of Bloomington, Minn., and Christopher Reilly, 24, of Miami, Fla., were found trapped between several rocks in the Tanana River, police - spokeswoman Wanda Vazquez said.

Ewers studied at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and Reilly at the New College of Florida in Sarasota, Vazquez said. Police said earlier the men were from the University of Akron in Ohio.

Both were taking part in a 10-week astronomy program to gather data from the world's premier radio telescope at Arecibo, 45 miles west of the capital, San Juan, police said.

The students had been missing since Saturday, when they trekked into the woods after visiting the telescope. The river, with rough rapids, is surrounded by thick brush and steep cliffs.

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Advocates: Library filters could keep data from poor, minorities

NEW YORK (AP) — A pregnant teenager who uses the computers at her library to get onto the Internet might find some sites that discuss abortion blocked.

Or a student researching gay rights for a high school assignment might miss some fine print in the information he finds online at his school or the library.

Monday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling endorsing anti-porn filters for computers at public libraries could hurt efforts to equalize access to the Internet among Americans, advocates say.

They say minorities and poor people, who are more likely to log on solely at libraries, could be hindered by filters that block out material on abortion, gay rights and a host of other topics besides porn.

It is yet another obstacle for low-income Americans to having the same kind of access and the same kind of information resources and awareness that their more well-to-do peers have," said Andy Carvin, senior associate at the Benton Foundation, a Washington organization that studies Internet access.

Under the law, libraries must block pornography or else lose certain federal technology grants. But the available software filters make mistakes and often block legitimate sites.

Many librarians plan to reject federal funding to keep unfiltered access, but poorer communities cannot afford to do so, said Judith Klug of the American Library Association. And in poorer communities, she said, where Americans must depend on libraries for Internet access.

According to the Commerce Department, 10 percent of Internet users get access through a library. Blacks and Hispanics



People use computers to access the Internet Tuesday at the Boston Public Library in Boston.

are more likely than whites and Asians to be in that group.

Thirteen percent of white users of library computers have no Internet access at home, work or school, compared with 16 percent of Hispanics and 19 percent of blacks. And the lower the household income, the more likely a person is to depend on the library for Internet access.

Klug said the filtering law puts librarians in "a position of punishing people who are poor." Acknowledging the flaws but saying librarians can unblock filters upon a user's request.

A study from the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit research organization on health care, found that at the least-aggressive

levels, filtering software blocked only 1 percent of health sites surveyed and 9 percent of sites specifically on sexual health.

Some library patrons say they do not mind asking a librarian to unblock sites when mistakes are made. But 31-year-old Wanda Lago, who lives in a poor Boston neighborhood and has no other Internet access, said: "It would be embarrassing to have to go up and tell them what you're looking at, even if it is for research purposes."

Library officials say unblocking sites would be labor-intensive and divert their computing staffs from such tasks as teaching senior citizens how to get online and children how to research.

Court's ruling will be felt beyond college campuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's endorsement of affirmative action this week brought sighs of relief from institutions as different as West Point, Yale and General Motors.

Current or former leaders at all three had urged the high court to consider how race and racial preferences work in the real world.

The 5-4 ruling acknowledges that, "in a society like our own ... race unfortunately still matters," as Justice Sandra Day O'Connor put it.

The court's most significant civil rights statement in years will affect walks of life beyond the college campuses that Monday's rulings directly addressed, lawyers said Tuesday.

"This decision is not confined merely to the halls of academia but rather is intended to show the court's support for the breadth of affirmative action in the workplace, in the corporate boardroom, the military academies and throughout other institutions in American life," said Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

At the same time, the court did not signal a new willingness to support broadly preferential treatment for racial minorities. Its limited, cautious rationale is unlikely to undermine previous rulings that rejected race-based preferences in college scholarships, construction contracts and other arenas, lawyers said.

"It only directly reaches situations where the state is acting as an employer or operator of a university," said Andrew Koppelman, a constitutional law professor at Northwestern University and author of "Antidiscrimination Law

and Social Equality." "But people can give the words of the Supreme Court whatever persuasive authority they like. If the Supreme Court says affirmative action is a good thing ... that might influence your thinking."

The court didn't quite say affirmative action is a good thing, but made clear that it has a place in society for now.

Ruling in two cases covering affirmative action programs at the University of Michigan, the court upheld the use of race as one among many factors that public, tax-supported colleges and graduate schools may use to select their students. A majority of justices said a diverse campus is valuable enough to justify flexible admission programs that give qualified minorities an edge in competition with white applicants.

As with many major Supreme Court rulings, the full implications may take awhile to sort out. It is not clear, for instance, how many colleges or universities will have to retool their admission policies, or whether schools might resurrect preferential programs that were shelved while administrators awaited the high court ruling.

In the meantime, lawyers, educators, business leaders and others

are reading the rulings closely.

Yale Law School Professor William Eskridge Jr. said most public and private law schools have policies similar to the one the court upheld Monday. He said the ruling probably won't make it easier for minorities to get into law school.

A ruling the other way could have returned elite campuses to nearly all-white status, numerous outside groups told the court this year.

O'Connor's majority opinion in the more significant of the two cases Monday refers to studies about race and minority achievement, and to friend-of-the-court filings from big business and a long list of retired generals and civilian military leaders.

The ruling "recognizes what we've always recognized—the need for a diverse group of people both in education and in the workforce," said Edd Snyder, spokesman for General Motors Corp. GM's brief reminded the court that global companies want talented and qualified employees who can market products to diverse customers around the world and at home. Universities are the training ground for those employees, GM and other major U.S. corporations said.

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police — were apparently killed in a police station in the town.

Earlier, a British army spokesman in Basra said the soldiers were killed by Iraqi fire.

Elsewhere in the same town, a "large number" of Iraqi gunmen opened fire on a British patrol Tuesday with rocket-propelled grenades, heavy machine guns and rifles, Hoon said. The British returned fire, and one soldier was wounded in the fight.

A rapid reaction force, including Semtex light tanks and a Chinook CH-47 helicopter, came to help the ground troops but also came under fire, Hoon said. Seven people on board the helicopter were wounded, three of them seriously, the government said.

Hoon said commanders were investigating whether the deaths and the ambush were connected.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, extended condolences to the families of the dead soldiers. "These losses are a reminder that Iraq remains a dangerous place," Myers said at the Pentagon. "But we must continue to stand firm."

It was the deadliest day for coalition forces since May 19, when six U.S. Marines died, most in a helicopter crash and a vehicle accident.

The deadliest single attack on coalition forces came on March 23, the early days of the U.S.-led invasion, when Iraqis opened fire on a U.S. Army maintenance convoy near the southern town of Nasiriyah, killing 11 soldiers.

At least 18 U.S. soldiers have been killed in Iraqi attacks since May 1, when major combat was declared over. Most of the attacks have occurred in the belt of central and western Iraq dominated by Sunni Muslims, Saddam's strongest supporters.

Saddam loyalists, Sunnis and ex-army soldiers are suspected in the attacks. The Shiite-dominated south has been largely peaceful since the regime's fall. The Muslim sect was long repressed by Saddam and rose up in some areas as coalition forces invaded the country in March. Shiites have since assumed leadership roles in many regions and moved to restore order.

Thus the British have not seen major violence for weeks. "It's normally very quiet down here," said British Army Lt. Col. Ronnie McCourt, in Basra. "We've been here nearly two months now and this is the first time people have been deliberately, consciously shooting at us."

Forty-two British troops have died — 19 in accidents — since the war began March 20. Britain had suffered no confirmed combat deaths since April 6.

In other attacks Monday and Tuesday, Iraqi insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades at U.S. troops in at least three towns in western Iraq. In Baghdad, guerrillas fired a grenade near the headquarters of the U.S. administration, causing no injuries.

Late Monday, insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the mayor's office in Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad.

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EDITORIAL

Only one way to protest forest fees: Don't pay

Three cheerful owl-hoots for the Ketchum and Hailey city councils. They've taken a stand against odious admission fees in the Sawtooth National Forest.

Other Idaho elected officials should join them. Especially our congressional delegation.

We'll suggest the next step a little later. Keep reading.

The Sawtooth forest has required parking permits at select trailheads for the past several years, as part of a national fee program. Banners across Ketchum and Hailey's main streets have exhorted hikers to buy the permits.

No longer. Both towns recently banned the banners. Hurray.

We've said this before, and we'll say it again: If you're planning to visit the Sawtooth, don't buy a permit. If the Forest Service writes you a parking ticket, don't pay the fine.

Promoting civil disobedience is an unusual position for this newspaper. But this fee program is both insulting and dishonest.

In general, the basic idea of user fees is perfectly legitimate. There's nothing wrong with asking specific users of specific services to help pay specific costs.

But these fees aren't like that. The Forest Service wants you to pay for the mere privilege of walking in your own national forest — a forest that you already support with your taxes.

Further, this pay-to-pod program relies on insidiously circular logic. The Forest Service brags that the fee program is experimental. It's designed to see whether people will pay. Yet they also say the fees are mandatory.

In other words, they force you to pay. And when you pay, they count you as a supporter. That's the kind of coercive democracy you'd find in Castro's Cuba. No wonder the Forest Service can smugly assert that the fees are widely accepted.

The banner bans in Ketchum and Hailey are a noble gesture.

But they're no match for the political and bureaucratic steamroller behind these fees. Unless we want permanent turnstiles in our woods, Idahoans should unite in forceful opposition.

That includes our congressional delegation — especially U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, whose waffling

on this issue is a continuing disappointment.

So we have a suggestion for Hailey's Scott Phillips, the Forest Service retiree who is gamely fighting the fees. How about organizing a "Cosm' Fee Party?"

One Saturday this summer, invite Idaho taxpayers to the trailheads for a relaxing protest hike. Pass out buttons that say, "I already paid."

Invite elected officials from all levels of government. Schedule it during the congressional recess, so our senators and representatives can take part. If a dignitary doesn't want to risk a fine, he can hitch a ride to the trailhead.

But remember this: Nobody has ever been prosecuted for not having a permit. Not one person. That's because federal lawyers have bigger fish to fry than backwoods parking tickets.

That means the fee program is toothless. Idahoans are free to register their opposition by not paying.

If enough of us do that, maybe Congress and the Forest Service will get the message.



Supreme Court battle begins

It would greatly disappoint the warring armies of interest groups in Washington, but there is a way out of such a debilitating battle, with all its ominous implications for the independence and reputation of the judiciary, if key players at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue are willing to show some flexibility.

The path around such a knock-down, drag-out fight has been opened by Democratic senators who have urged President Bush to "consult" with Capitol Hill before deciding his choice for the high court.

No one knows when there may be a vacancy to fill, but with the current term coming to an end, speculation is rife that Chief Justice William Rehnquist or Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, both in their 70s, may be ready to retire.

In anticipation of that possibility, Sen. Patrick Leahy, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, has written to Bush urging him to engage "in meaningful consultation with members of the Senate, including those in the other Democratic party, before deciding on nominees."

Leahy's proposal was quickly endorsed by Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, who wrote the president that "should you be willing to convene a meeting of Senate leaders from both parties to begin a bipartisan process of consultation... we believe it is not necessary to have a divisive confirmation fight over a Supreme Court appointment."

The White House has given mixed signals in response to this overture — a seeming brush-off from press secretary Ari Fleischer, followed by a more conciliatory but relatively non-committal response from presidential counsel Alberto Gonzales.

The Republicans have reason for skepticism. Daschle and



DAVID S. BRODER

Leahy have organized filibusters against two Bush appointees to the circuit courts.

Democratic presidential hopefuls John Kerry and Joseph Lieberman are threatening similar tactics against a Supreme Court choice they find objectionable.

But if Democrats are sincere, the door has not been closed to advance consultation. And one important Senate Republican, Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, has provided both precedent and endorsement for such a process.

Hatch wrote in his recent memoir, "Square Peg," that he had counseled President Clinton to avoid a nominee who would face "a tough political battle" for confirmation.

What is more, Hatch said, he had, at Clinton's invitation, suggested both Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg as people who could be easily confirmed — the very people Clinton later named.

In a CSpan interview on June 17, Hatch repeated that "I was sure the president would discuss with me whom he recommended Breyer and Ginsburg to the president." And he lent his support to Leahy's suggestion.

Speaking of Bush, Hatch said: "I'm sure the president will discuss whoever he wants to put on the court with Senator Leahy and others as well — that's just the way he is. He's a good man. I think it would be wise for him to do it, too."

But Hatch immediately added a disclaimer that suggests just how delicate this process may be. Referring to his Democratic colleagues, he said, "They want to pick the nominees. I don't blame them for that; it's just

that's not the way the Constitution reads, that's not the way it should be implemented and frankly, no self-respecting president is going to say we'll let you pick them."

Leahy's friends insist that he is not trying to bend the Constitution or usurp Bush's powers. But one sentence in his June 11 letter to the president leaves open that interpretation: "I stand ready to work with you to help select a nominee or nominees to the Supreme Court behind which all Americans and all senators can unite."

The Constitution makes it explicit that it is the president "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, (who) shall appoint... judges of the Supreme Court." It is the president's power, not one he can share or delegate. But the word "advice" is significant, clearly suggesting discussion prior to the selection.

Fleischer, in a rather offhand manner, dismissed the discussion as "idle chit-chat," since no one knows when or if a vacancy will occur, and implied that the senators were suggesting "that the Constitution be altered."

The next day, after meeting with Leahy, Gonzales wrote the senator that Fleischer "did not foreclose the possibility that senators might be consulted."

Leahy has declined to discuss his meeting with Gonzales, clearly hoping to keep the tenuous talks going. It will be difficult. Conservative groups are putting heavy pressure on Bush to pick one of their favorites for the high court and liberal groups are at least as rabid to block any such nominee.

But the country — and the court itself — would be well served by the selection of a consensus candidate, and consultation is the obvious way to identify one.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

Court waffles on affirmative action ruling

The problem with trying to have it both ways is that you often can't. The Supreme Court tried to have it both ways in its 5-4 decision Monday, ruling that minority students who apply for university admission may be given an edge, but it limited how large a role race can play in a university's selection of students.

The case involved the University of Michigan and a point system it has used to give minorities an advantage over those who meet the standards for admission. The court approved a separate program, used at the university's law school, which gives race less prominence in the admissions decision-making process.

Whether race is less or more prominent, its use in a benefit (affirmative action) or detriment (discrimination) stands alone, no matter the intended purpose, violates the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which says, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privilege or immunities of citizens of the United States... nor (shall any state) deny to any person within jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Unless the Supreme Court is prepared to state that the 14th Amendment does not mean what says, then it is in clear violation of the Constitution to grant any preference that discriminates against citizens who have no access to such a preference.

In the part of the case that gave race less prominence in law school admissions at the University of Michigan, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor claimed the Constitution "does not prohibit the law school's narrowly tailored use of race in admissions decisions to further a compelling interest in obtaining the educational benefits that flow from a diverse student body" (emphasis mine). This is not a constitutional argument. It is an invented one. The obligation of a university is to teach and the privilege of its students is to learn. There is not a single word in the Constitution about educating citizens of the United States, nor is there anything about diversity as a "compelling interest" of the government.

If universities want to boost minority enrollment, for whatever reason, the place to begin is in the primary and secondary schools. Improved lower schools would ensure that minority (and majority) kids learn their subjects and qualify for admission based on merit instead of relying on an system designed to excuse underachievement.

We don't apply affirmative action in professional sports where minorities have been disproportionately to their numbers in society. That's because of their skills. If skills are paramount in sports, why should they also not be paramount in education? But everyone can be a professional athlete, but everyone can learn.

While the court's decision directly affects admissions only at public, tax-supported institutions, it is likely to have a ripple effect. Expect the ruling to influence private colleges and universities, as well as government and business.

For the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to be equal and to protect everyone, only a person who can prove he or she was discriminated against should be able to petition government for redress of grievances. Treating race as a factor — even a small factor — in giving minorities advantages in college admission is still discrimination, and it is unconstitutional, even if a bare majority of Supreme Court justices say otherwise.



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LETTERS

Judge's decision led to teenager's ordeal

Once again, I am amazed and appalled.
I have to wonder how long the people of Grouse County are going to allow Kevin Cassidy to continue to terrorize and endanger children.
He should have been removed from office when he bullied his way into the high school and used his position to interrogate several students for personal reasons, but now he has become a danger to us all.

He released a defendant back into society and as a result, a young girl was kidnapped, raped and terrorized. Because of Cassidy's actions, a tragedy occurred that didn't have to. A child was damaged and a family left to deal with the consequences.
I wonder how the man sleeps at night.
It's time for the voters in Grouse County to rid themselves of Mr. Cassidy. If he was elected, he can be recalled; if he was appointed, he can be removed from this position. God help our children and us if this

menace remains in a position of authority.
SHERRY DRUMMOND
Twin Falls
Restore Main Avenue to its old arrangement
I've got a suggestion for those who want to bring the public back to Main Avenue. Knock out the junk they installed a generation ago and restore Main Avenue, Twin Falls, to a place where one can park his car and go shopping.
Although the trees and perks are nice, the obstacle course they

created is a disgrace to those who created it. I wondered at the time they tore up the street if they knew what they were doing.
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the businesses downtown.
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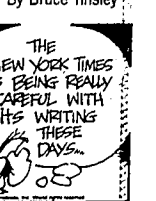
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Kempthorne panel recommends major education system changes

BOISE (AP) — A proposal to create separate governing boards for public and higher education was overwhelming recommended on Tuesday by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's special citizen task force on government efficiency.

The panel also called for a public vote on stripping the state constitution of the ban on charging tuition to attend state colleges and universities.

The dramatic changes would need to be approved by the Legislature and voters.

Former state Sen. and Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs said the proposals will create "a monumental debate, which will last for years."

But retired U.S. Sen. James McClure, a member of the task force's education subcommittee, said higher education needs a separate governing board to focus more attention on it. He said state policymakers in recent years have short-changed post-secondary education in the rush to show their commitment for kindergarten through high school.

He said that proposition and

another calling for education policymakers to consider adopting a so-called one-university system for the state possibly the only way "to debate whether Idahoans value post-secondary education as they should."

"Post-secondary education is absolutely essential if many of our young people are going to progress and remain in Idaho," McClure told the task force.

The recommendation was toned down from a draft considered in early May that called for adoption of the one-university system and created a firestorm in the education community.

In the interim, Northwest Nazarene University President Richard Hagood said the subcommittee could not come to a consensus that different administrative system like one-university, would be preferable to the existing system. But Hagood said the plan to put higher education under a separate board would improve access for Idaho residents while increasing operational efficiencies for a system that has suffered significant

state budget cuts the past two years.

The task force acknowledged that the plan would face stiff opposition from loyalists to the individual institutions.

The task force also recommended centralization of some operations of the public school districts, but members emphasized that the proposal did not call for actual district consolidation.

"It might be time to look at consolidation of the basic services like payroll, purchasing," Culebras farmer Bill Flory said. "This is not an assault, frontal or side, on tax districts, school districts."

The panel recommended raising the state's beer and wine taxes and dedicating the cash to dealing with the fallout from substance abuse. State lawmakers rejected increases in both taxes earlier this year.

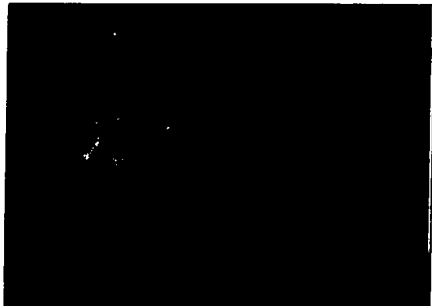
And it called for dramatically increasing the money the state commits each year to economic development from \$150,000 to \$1.5 million, tapping that cash if necessary for incentives to lure business to the state.

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Kelley Lodmell and her attorney look at an aerial photograph of the Snake River area behind the Idaho Falls Power Plant in her preliminary hearing June 10 in Idaho Falls.

Feds file kidnapping charge in toddler case

BOISE (AP) — Federal kidnapping charges were filed Tuesday against a Utah woman with a history of mental illness accused of drowning her 19-month-old granddaughter in the Snake River.

Kelley Jean Lodmell will appear Thursday before U.S. Magistrate Samuel Alba in Salt Lake City. She also is charged by the state of Idaho with first-degree murder and kidnapping of Acacia Patience Bishop. She had been scheduled for arraignment on the state charges on Wednesday.

Acacia was taken from her great-grandparents' Salt Lake County home May 25 and believed drowned the next day in the Snake River in Idaho Falls.

Lodmell had been limited to supervised visits but apparently took the child while the great-grandparents — Lodmell's parents — were briefly gone from the room. The child's disappearance prompted a nationwide Amber Alert.

Lodmell and the child spent the night in an Idaho Falls motel.

Shortly before noon on May 26, a soakingwet Lodmell told power plant employee Kelly Shaw that

her granddaughter was in the river. He immediately shut off the flow of water into the plant's power turbines, but days of searching have yielded no sign of the child.

"We're still running boat searches a couple of times a week, but there's nothing on the body. It's been cut back," Idaho Falls Police Sgt. Steve Hunt said Tuesday.

Lodmell talked with police for hours, her story reportedly changing over time. But based on the interviews and other evidence, investigators concluded she had attempted a murder-suicide.

Officers later found Acacia's shoes, pacifier, one adult shoe and two stockings on the river bank.

In a June 10 preliminary hearing in Idaho Falls, Magistrate Ralph Savage determined there was sufficient evidence to bind Lodmell, 38, over for trial in 7th District Court.

Paul Warner, U.S. Attorney in Utah, said his office decided to pursue the federal kidnapping charges after speaking with Bonneville County Prosecutor Dane Watkins Jr. The federal process will allow prosecutors to seek a full mental evaluation at a federal facility.

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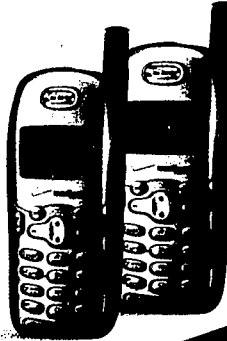
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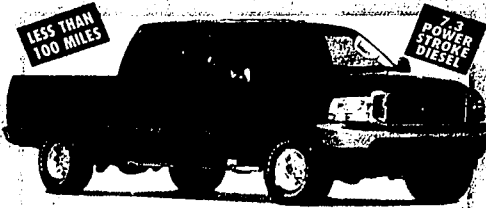
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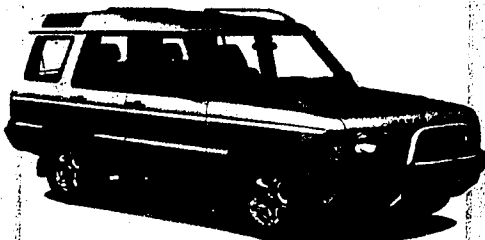
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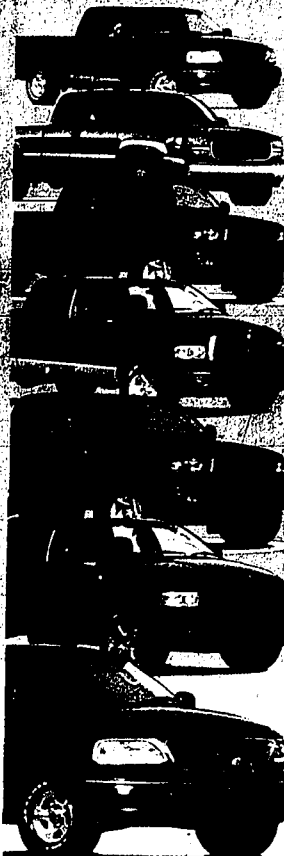
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Nebraska teen dies

Jerome-area crash

JEROME — A Nebraska teenager was killed Tuesday in a collision with a commercial truck at a rural intersection, the Idaho State Police reported.

Brittany Powell, 15, of Nebraska City, the fatal victim, was a passenger in a pickup driven by Garrett Poulgnot, 17, of Buhl, who apparently ran the stop sign at Jerome.

The pickup struck a commercial truck driven by John Golcochea, 26, of Buhl, an employee with Lee Schwab's. The two were wearing seat belts, ISP said. Powell was ejected from the vehicle. Poulgnot was in critical condition and flown by helicopter to a Boise hospital. Golcochea was treated and released from a Twin Falls hospital.

Owyhee County gets added
to drought emergency list

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has added Owyhee County to the list of Idaho counties suffering from drought emergencies.

Water inflows to Owyhee Reservoir are only at 30 percent average, and the county is one of the most drought-affected in the state, officials said.

Under the declaration, irrigators in the county can work with the Idaho Department of Water Resources to secure temporary water rights and make modifications to existing water rights.

Owyhee is the 14th of the state's 44 counties to receive a drought declaration. The others are Bingham, Blaine, Bonnevill, Butte, Caribou, Cassia, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Lincoln, Madison, Oneida and Power Counties.

Sun Valley ranch sells
at auction for \$770,000

SUN VALLEY — Wild Horse Creek Ranch sold Tuesday for \$770,000 in an auction managed by J.P. King Auction Co. of Gadsden, Ala.

Purchasing the ranch was Glen Milliman of Seattle, who said he plans to use it as a personal retreat while making it available for visitors and special events.

The auction was held in the main game room of the lodge and attracted five registered bidders from Idaho, Illinois and Washington.

The recreational ranch has been owned for the past 20 years by Bill Shields, president of Shields Bag & Printing Co. and Rainier Plastics, both headquartered in Yakima, Wash. Shields said he decided to sell the ranch because his business and other interests leave too little time to enjoy the property.

Over the years, Wild Horse Creek Ranch has been used for corporate outings, weddings, reunions and other gatherings, as well as a place for hunting or dude ranch experiences. Shields also added corrals, a lighted riding arena and a barn with tack and storage areas.

J.P. King is the nation's largest auctioneer of homes, mansions, land, condominiums and other premier properties.

Ketch'em Alive musical
series kicks off today

KETCHUM — The Fourth Annual Ketch'em Alive series will begin today with the local bluegrass group Slow Children Playing and the Boise bluegrass group Pat John and the Three Slims.

The series features local and imported musical groups playing from 7 to 10 p.m. at Forest Service Park, a block west of Main Street. It will run through August.

Concert attendees are welcome to bring picnics or partake of gourmet salads, pastas, buffalo burgers, wine and beer offered by vendors.

Tonight, John Nemeth and the Boaks, a blues band from Boise, will perform at 8:30 p.m. An opening act starts at 7.

Subsequent headline acts will be Straight Up on July 2, Quetzal on July 9, The Toast Points on July 16, Newcomers Home on July 23, Hamsella on July 30, Paradigm on Aug. 6, the Randy Roberts Band on Aug. 13 and Breach on Aug. 20.

The concerts are sponsored by the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce and the city of Ketchum.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

Hansen woman sentenced in beating

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 19-year-old Hansen woman described by prosecutors as a jealous lesbian lover was sentenced Tuesday to 20 years in prison.

But District Judge Nathan Higer suspended the sentence, instead ordering a six-month evaluation period before sentencing Christina A. Rovig in connection with the severe beating of a Twin Falls woman.

During sentencing Tuesday morning, a prosecutor said Rovig and her lover, Tiffany Rose Brave, 20, of Boulder, Colo., left a romantic rival to die in the desert after beating her with a hammer and flashlight.

A Twin Falls jury convicted Rovig on

Judge suspends 20-year sentence,
orders six-month evaluation

charges of aggravated battery and second-degree kidnapping earlier this year.

Twin Falls County Senior Deputy Prosecutor Jill Sweezy asked for a 15- to 25-year prison sentence for Rovig, while private defense attorney Michael Wood said three to seven years was appropriate.

However, Higer essentially ordered a six-month evaluation period before sentencing Rovig. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis said.

After Rovig completes a six-month rider

program at a women's prison in Pocatello, Higer or another judge will then sentence her, Loebis said.

"(Rovig) is pleased, and her family is pleased that she has this opportunity for further evaluation," Wood said. "Still, the ultimate sentence, whether the penitentiary or probation, has yet to be decided."

During sentencing, Wood called a psychiatrist to the stand to testify. Dr. Kayne Kishiyama said he was 60 to 70 percent certain that Rovig suffers from bipolar affective

disorder. Kishiyama said the disorder causes mood swings including euphoria and aggression.

"Untreated, the prognosis is poor," he said. "It tends to get worse with more severe mood swings."

Wood said Rovig needed treatment, and to put her in prison would only make her condition worse.

"The state asks you to throw away a 19-year-old," he said. "Such a sentence is disregarding her life."

However, Sweezy said a lengthy prison sentence was needed.

"Rovig hasn't taken responsibility for her act and has shown no remorse," she said.

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DREAM BUILDERS



Bud Compher heads to the kitchen to get more tools to work on the master bedroom, as his wife, Carolyn, washes the shower stall in the other bathroom of their home in Filer on Monday. The Comphers are one of 10 families in a program sponsored by Mercy Housing and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Families work off 30 percent of the cost of their homes by working on the homes themselves.

Home ownership goal becomes reality

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Leanne Orr has never had a bad experience as a renter, but the houses she has lived in could never really be called home.

"You're always limited by what the owner will allow," she said. "Building and owning a house has been a dream."

That dream is about to become a three-bedroom, two-bath reality for this single mother raising three boys.

Last August, they joined other families in a ground-breaking ceremony that has progressed to the completion of 10 new homes in the Golden Spur Subdivision in Filer.

"Being a mom with children, and giving them something like this, is great," Orr said.

The project was made possible with assistance from a self-help program administered by Mercy Housing of Idaho.

Mercy Housing is a nonprofit organization that helps applicants with good credit and incomes of

Come celebrate

The public is invited to a housewarming event today at the new Golden Spur Subdivision, located in the west end of Filer.

To get there from U.S. Highway 30, turn north on Stevens then west on Midway. The subdivision is located immediately following The Church of Latter-day Saints.

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Mercy Housing of Idaho is planning to build a Buhl project next year and is looking for qualified applicants. Contact Mercy Housing Project Assistant Julie Galtreth at 420-6030 or jgaltreth@mercyhousing.com.

less than \$33,900 qualify for rural development construction loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The loans average around \$76,000 with interest rates as low

as 1 percent. Mercy Housing will make the down payment and there are no closing costs until the houses are completed.

This is all done with the stipulation that families help each other with construction and contribute a minimum of 35 supervised labor hours each week.

Participants, most of whom had no construction experience, chose from several different floor plans and were responsible for laying foundation, framing walls and roofing.

"We worked in an assembly-line situation, and after three or four times, you get pretty good at doing things," Lark Wiggins said. "It's an incredible experience because we put in our own sweat equity."

Jobs such as plumbing, electrical and heating were contracted out to specialists.

"Contractors would come out and be amazed at the quality of construction, and that's a feather in our cap," said homeowner Bud Compher. "Ten houses in 10 months is kind of amazing."

"It's an incredible experience because we put in our own sweat equity."

— Lark Wiggins, new homeowner

Working on each home and eating meals together has allowed a sense of extended family to emerge.

"It's nice to know your neighbors and that you can trust them," Wiggins said. "You can say, 'Can you watch my house?' or, 'I need to borrow your lawn mower.'"

The families would like to share what they have accomplished with the community. An open house will be held today, beginning at noon in the Golden Spur Subdivision.

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Judge sets aside agreement over road

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — A 2-year-old agreement that ended litigation between Elko County and the federal government over a disputed dirt road and a threatened fish has been set aside by a federal judge after it was challenged by environmentalists.

Lawyers for Elko County, the Justice Department and the conservation groups are trying to determine how the order affects the effort to rebuild South Canyon Road in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest near Jarbridge.

"Until we figure out what it means, we don't know whether to be concerned or not," Kristin McQuay, Elko County chief civil

deputy district attorney, said Tuesday.

At issue is the legality of the Forest Service giving Elko County a right of way to the road that has been at the center of a dispute since a flood washed it out in 1995. Federal officials have blocked county efforts to rebuild the road over concerns the work might damage the habitat of the threatened bull trout in the Jarbridge River.

The land-use battle spawned the Shovel Brigade, a citizen effort to rebuild the road in defiance of federal authorities.

from concluding the federal government had disclaimed ownership to the road.

But Hagen said the appeal of the agreement by The Wilderness Society and Utah-based Great Old Broads for Wilderness produced evidence that suggests otherwise.

"The United States insisted that it had disclaimed any property interest in the South Canyon Road via the settlement agreement," the judge wrote. "This position sharply contrasts with the Forest Service's historical stance regarding its ownership of the road and runs counter to considerable evidence before the court, including the settlement agreement itself."

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Official: Businesses need
more random drug testingBy Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The war against drugs requires more random drug testing in the Magic Valley's work places, the regional Health and Welfare director said Tuesday.

"Eighty five percent of the people who use drugs work. We need to push for more drug-free work places with random testing," John Hathaway, director of the Twin Falls office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, told a grassroots group of businesses and government agencies Tuesday.

"And in schools, extra-curricular activities could be tied to remaining drug-free and random testing."

The group meeting Tuesday, Partners Against Drugs, organized recently through the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, Office of Community Development. The group met Tuesday to discuss the issue of reducing illegal drug use.

Hathaway suggested scholarships could be tied to kids completing drug-free, with colleges matching the scholarship amount. Once kids get to college, the college

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State files
complaint
against
Blaine
coronerBy Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILLEY — Idaho's attorney general has filed a complaint against Blaine County Coroner Russell Mikel for failing to complete death certificates involving at least five cases.

But Mikel on Tuesday said he misunderstood regulations requiring completed death certificates within 15 days of a person's death and also didn't realize he could be fined repeatedly on single violations.

"I thought I had as much time as needed," Mikel told The Times-News. "Fifteen days to complete paperwork" is not tenable. Some lab work takes longer. I've never run into this (15-day) rule before.

"I plan to protest (the fines). I don't believe I owe it," he said.

Deputy Attorney General Courtney Cartwright said Mikel has ignored letters from the state Department of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Health Statistics and Vital Statistics demanding complete death certificate information as far back as 2001.

Fines have ranged from \$25 to \$45 a day, according to copies of letters to Mikel from state health officials obtained by The Times-News.

At the same time, Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Thomas said the dispute with the coroner points up that Idaho's system of elected coroners is "outdated," and the Legislature needs to study continuing to medical examiners. He contended it would involve major budgeting costs.

Blaine County's coroner owns Wood River Chapel, a mortuary and funeral home. Other county coroners likewise are not necessarily medical practitioners.

The deputy attorney general said Mikel is the only coroner he has filed a complaint against. The complaint not only demands payment of the \$7,400 in accumulated fines, but also asks a court to order Mikel to complete his work on the death certificates and pay the state's attorney costs.

Death certificates for five people are involved, according to correspondence. In each case, the state has sent Mikel three letters demanding completion of his paperwork.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Craig meets with top Pentagon official

Planes aren't heading to Boise yet; senator 'has more arrows in his quiver'

By Chris Collins
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, at the Pentagon on Tuesday he would actively look into ways to send four more C-130 aircraft to the Coween Field Air National Guard base in Boise, a Craig spokesman said.

Craig had held up a slow of Air Force nominations for higher rank while trying to pressure the

Pentagon into keeping what he says was a years-old pledge to expand the guard facility. Craig released his Senate hold on the nomination of 18 officers last week — the final group that had been ensnared in a dispute that at one time held up more than 200 officers, according to reports.

But while the commitment was promising, Craig's spokesman, Will Hart, cautioned that the standoff was still unresolved and the Pentagon did not agree to provide the Boise base the four additional C-130 cargo planes.

A spokesman for the Air Force recently declined to comment on whether such a pledge was made, but the meeting with Wolfowitz

signaled that the Department of Defense was at least ready to talk, and find a political resolution to a problem that threatened to alienate a key military supporter.

Hart said the state spent nearly \$45 million in upgrades and expansions to the Boise base in anticipation that the Pentagon would deliver the planes. He said "undisputed" promise was made in 1996 that the planes would eventually arrive, Hart said.

Craig's attempt at securing the four planes by placing holds on the Air Force officers has drawn nationwide media coverage and caught the attention of the White House.

However, Craig's hold on the

promotions did not achieve its goals immediately, and his spokesman said he planned to move on to other tactics.

"Senator Craig has more arrows in his quiver," Hart said. "No matter what happens to these planes, it is not something that Senator Craig is going to let up on. We have to keep all our options open."

The spokesman said that Craig's intention was never to go after planes that have already been designated for other bases, but rather to draw from the new cargo planes being constructed each year.

"It's now just a question of finding planes for our base," Hart said.

Filer Fun Days swing open summer at 'fairground' this weekend

The Times-News

FILER — The city will celebrate Filer Fun Days on Friday through Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

Here's the weekend's schedule:

- Friday
- 5-8 p.m. — A community buffalo barbecue will include a burger or steak, fries, cole slaw and a drink for \$1 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under. The event is sponsored by the Filer Kiwanis. There also will be bingo.

- Saturday
- 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. — A pancake breakfast will be served for \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 12 and under. The menu also includes eggs, hash browns, sausage and coffee.
- 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. — A craft and yard sale.
- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Bingo.
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Concessions and children's activities.
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — The parade starts lining up at the fairgrounds and follows Main Street.

The theme is "A Small Town with a Big Heart."

- 12 to 2 p.m. — Classic car show.
- 1 to 6 p.m. — Free state activities.
- 1 to 5 p.m. — Horseshoe tournament.
- 3 p.m. — The Chicken Drop, near the caboose.
- 3 to 7 p.m. — Fish fry for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under, featuring trout, baked potato and cole slaw.
- 6 to 8 p.m. — Lypsynching on Main Street.
- 7 to 9 p.m. — A free Christian concert featuring The Continentals — XP3 at the free stage.

- 8 p.m. to midnight — Renegade will play at a street dance at the Moon Bar on Main Street.
- 10:30 a.m. to noon — Community church service sponsored by the Filer Ministerial Association.
- 12 to 2 p.m. — A spaghetti lunch will be served by the Filer Police Reserves.

For more information, call Lori Bergama at 543-2352.

Northern counties report more cases of viral meningitis

LEWISTON (AP) — Twelve more confirmed cases of viral meningitis have been reported in the valley, bringing the total to 37 in Nez Perce and Asotin, Wash., counties.

Since the outbreak began in mid-May, some residents have reported symptoms of fever, severe headache, stiff neck, sensitivity to bright lights, drowsiness or confusion, nausea and vomiting.

"The virus is in the valley, and some people are getting seriously ill, but we do not know where their exposure is coming from," said Donna Anderson, epidemiologist with the Central District Health Department.

"Anyone ill with symptoms of meningitis should call their health care provider," she said. "They should not attend work, school or child care if they are ill."

The viral form of meningitis, which is less severe than the dangerous bacterial meningitis, is caused by an infection with one of several types of viruses. The two may have similar symptoms.

Meningitis involves inflammation of the tissues that cover the brain and spinal cord. Viral meningitis is serious, but rarely fatal in people with normal immune systems.

Usually, the symptoms last from 7 to 10 days, and the person recovers completely. Most different viruses can cause viral meningitis. Most cases are spread through coughing, sneezing and oral-fecal contamination.

Health officials say the best way to prevent the spread of viral meningitis is frequent and thorough hand washing and to avoid sharing utensils and drinking containers.

"Good personal hygiene practices will prevent many illnesses in your life," Anderson said.

No bacterial meningitis cases have been reported in the area this year, Anderson said.

Boise schools to start pilot program for gifted students

BOISE (AP) — A pilot program for gifted elementary students will begin in the fall.

About 100 students from Boise and 12 from Meridian are expected to take part in the classes from second through sixth grade.

The gifted students are usually defined as scoring in the top 2 percent on intelligence and achievement tests. The Boise program is in addition to one that opened last fall for students with an IQ of 145 or higher.

The new program will not mean increased costs to the districts. An additional teacher will be hired with state funding.

Until now, most gifted students in the Boise and Meridian districts have attended special classes for a half or full day once a week. Boise educators want to expand that to keep those children challenged.

Many gifted students do not show the academic growth they are capable of because they do not receive the attention they need, said Jo Henderson, Boise gifted students coordinator.

Idaho's pioneering drug courts rank high nationally

The Times-News and
The Associated Press

BOISE — The state's two original drug courts have been rated among the most successful in the nation, according to a new study.

Of 105 drug courts surveyed nationwide, only five were rated successful, and they included the courts in Kootenai and Ada counties, the report by University of Cincinnati criminal justice researchers Shelley Johnson Listwan and Edward Latessa found.

The 5th Judicial District Drug Court in the Magic Valley just produced its first group of 13 graduates in February, so it was not included in the study. The local program got under way in May 2001, with District Judge Monte Carson at the presiding judge.

The researchers' survey found that overall 20 percent of those successfully completing Idaho's two original drug court programs were arrested, and only 8 percent were picked up on new drug charges. In Kootenai County, most of the participants were involved with methamphetamines, considered the toughest drug to kick.

The recidivism rate for those who failed to complete the program was 60 percent. Those never given a chance to participate in the program had a re-arrest rate of 53 percent.

"We think we are doing the right thing," said Kootenai County Magistrate Eugene Marano, who has run the county's drug court almost since its inception in 1998. It was the state's first.

"I've been a drug court judge longer than any other judge in the state, and the only thing that keeps me coming back is doing the graduates," Marano said. "I've graduated 70 now."

The program, meant to take pressure off the state's crowded prison system, offers first-time nonviolent drug offenders the chance to have their convictions reduced to misdemeanors and probation. In exchange, participants undergo intensive counseling, submit to testing and home searches and are required to work and attend either Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous.

"Despite many challenges and reduced resources, drug courts remain a positive and cost-effective effort," according to the report.

The state's budget crisis forced reductions in general tax support for the program. Court officials used federal grants to fill some of the gap, and the Legislature this year slipped a 2 percent surcharge on line-of-business taxes to generate an estimated \$1.5 million for drug courts and family court services.

A total of 30 drug courts were in operation by the close of 2002. Thirteen were started during the year. More than 600 offenders were being supervised, 62 percent more than at the end of 2001.

The state has also used the drug court framework in two other areas.

A mental health court was set up last August in Madison County, offering even more intense supervision than drug courts for criminal defendants diagnosed with persistent mental illness.

And a family violence court was set up in Ada County so that one judge familiar with the field and services available presides over all those cases and divorce, child custody or other related cases that might stem from the original case.

Boise's two original drug courts

turned over \$20.5 million in profits to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Tuesday, \$2 million more than originally anticipated and just short of a record.

But Lottery Director Roger Simmons stopped short of citing the performance as an indicator that the state's sluggish economy is rebounding and people have more disposable income.

"There have been a number of things," Simmons said. "We obviously have had some fairly large Powerball jackpots. We've also had some decent marketing."

The payout, split evenly between the state and the lottery, was a public school building project, fell short of the \$20.6 million record dividend paid in 1999.

Simmons said another \$1.5 million will be deposited into the Lottery fund next week, but officials decided not to delay the dividend just to incorporate that cash to break the record.

It is also the first time in several years that lottery officials have not had to borrow against future profits to maintain the dividend.

Ticket sales from last July through this month totaled a record \$96.7 million, up \$4.1 million from the previous year.

The presentation was made at Boise's North Junior High School, the district's second-oldest school building and one that will undergo hundreds of thousands of dollars of improvements because of this year's check.

The Lottery money got caught up in budget crisis politics earlier this year when lawmakers for the first time included the anticipated payout to schools — \$1 million less than they will actually receive — in the public education budget.

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BURLEY



Syntha Ann Rast

Syntha Ann Rast, 84, of Burley, died Monday, June 23, 2003, at Burley Care Center. She was born September 24, 1918, in Nesque, Michigan, the daughter of Pauline E. and Laura Rast. She was married to Paul Rast, who died in 1998. She was a member of the Gooding Lutheran Church, where she was active in the choir and served as a pianist. She was also a member of the Gooding Lutheran Church, where she was active in the choir and served as a pianist. She was also a member of the Gooding Lutheran Church, where she was active in the choir and served as a pianist.

Syntha was a licensed practical nurse and worked at St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome prior to moving to Burley, where she was employed at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital until retirement. She later moved to Burley where she has since resided.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, ceramics, and playing bingo and pinocle. Syntha was an excellent cook and especially enjoyed cooking for company.

She is survived by her children, Beverly (Bill) Tolson of Florida, George (Judy) Rast of Paul, Idaho, and Christina (Tim) Ledolter of Mica, Washington, one brother, Bud Eugene Rast, and nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Christian Rast, two brothers, and two sisters.

At Syntha's request she will be cremated. Urn placement and burial services will take place at a later date. Paul Rast.

Arrangements are in the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1355 East 16th Street, Burley.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.

Sandra Nisson Curtis

Sandra Nisson Curtis, passed away in San Jose, California, on June 21, 2003.

Sandra was born in Downey, Idaho, to Elven Howard and Alton Hixon on March 2, 1936. Sandra was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed cooking, counting cross-stitch and church service.

Sandra is survived by her devoted husband, 50 years, Gale Blaine Curtis, of San Jose, her children, Steven Curtis and wife Sherry, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, her grandchildren, Spencer, Sara, Emily, Curtis, Mark, Kennon, Kevin and Anne, her sister Vickie Eastley and husband Lois and her brother Elven Nisson and his wife Janice.

Her son Kenneth Taylor Curtis preceded Sandra in death in 1987.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, June 26, 2003, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4977 San Felipe Road, San Jose. Burial will take place Saturday, June 28, 2003, at 11 a.m. at Deco Cemetery, Deco, Idaho. Arrangements will be under the direction of Durling-Fischer Mortuaries, Garden Chapel, 471 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, (408) 998-2274. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sandra's name to the Temporal Neutropia Association, 2801 S.W. Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608.

SERVICES

Lorraine Marie Kissinger of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Roy N. Hondo of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., Burley; burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Linda Gill Nolevinko of Buhl, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Castleford school gymnasium (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

George C. Palusz of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls; interment will follow at the Filer Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Cody Ty Gold of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell United Methodist Church of Latter-day Saints; interment will be in the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Chapel, Gooding).

Loella Valentine of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Jeffery Herbert Bennett (Strickland) of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome; visitation will be held one hour before the service at the funeral home; interment to follow in the Wendell Cemetery.

Ray Huntington Flavel of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m.

Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; viewing from 6-8 p.m. today (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

George Francis Mattix of Gooding, graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Cleo 'Clem/Slim' Smith of Paul, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Farnsworth Chapel, 707 E. St. Rupert (Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Edna Rains of Boise, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls; entombment will follow the service at the Swan Lake Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until the time of the service Thursday at Reynolds Chapel.

Richard 'Dick' Harper of Burley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Johnny T. Hurrell of Jerome and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Twin Falls Cemetery, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Ruth Elizabeth Finch of Jerome, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. F, Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Howard E. Adkins of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Nampa. Inurnment will be held at a later time.

Reba V. Jarman Egbert MURTAUGH — Reba V. Jarman Egbert, 79, of Burley died Tuesday, June 23, 2003, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28, 2003, at the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The viewing will be held from 4-8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary with family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m. and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Ruth Marie Johnson NAMP — Ruth Marie Johnson, 92, of Nampa died Tuesday, June 23, 2003, at a local care center.

Cremation was under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Service in

DEATH NOTICES

Ray E. Seal HALLEY — Ray E. Seal, 76, of Halley died Monday, June 23, 2003, while working cattle east of Smiley Creek in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wood River Chapel, Halley.

Ruth Marie Johnson NAMP — Ruth Marie Johnson, 92, of Nampa died Tuesday, June 23, 2003, at a local care center.

Cremation was under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Service in

Salmon River slide show is tonight

KETCHUM — A slide show featuring scenes along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River will be presented at 7:30 p.m. today at the Ketchum Theater.

The show is the work of Matt Leidecker, who took the photographs for the coffee-table book "Impassable Canyon."

The event is designed to benefit Idaho Rivers United and the Environmental Resource Center.

Shooting victim is former Rupert resident
ENNIS, Mont. — One of the men shot by a ranch hand June 14 outside a bar was a Rupert native.

Valley in brief

Mathew Ortega, 22, was one of six men wounded in the shooting. Ortega moved with his parents to Ennis about five years ago, his great-grandmother said. One man was killed in the incident.

The suspect has been identified as George H. Davis, 22, also of Ennis.

Ortega was released from Eastern Idaho Falls Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls Friday, his great-grandmother Glenice Stevenson of Burley said Tuesday.

Ortega was shot in the abdomen. One lung was collapsed by the bullet and his spleen was damaged enough that doctors removed it, Stevenson said.

"He seems to be doing well," she said. "They did surgery and repaired everything they could. It will take a while for him to recover, but he'll be OK."

Stevenson said Ortega and the other men outside the bar spoke casually with the shooter before the incident.

Ortega is the son of Andy and Chris Ortega of Ennis. His grandmother Myrna Craner lives in Rupert and his grandparents Manuel and Elsie Ortega live in Heyburn.

Burley man changes plea in drug case

RUPERT — A Burley man has changed his plea in connection with a May drug incident at a Heyburn motel.

Hector Rodriguez pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine. Fifth District Judge John Melanson accepted the guilty plea in proceedings in Minidoka County District Court.

Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Rick Bollar agreed to dismiss the charge of drug trafficking in methamphetamine against Rodriguez in exchange for the guilty plea to the possession with intent to deliver charge.

Rodriguez, 22, remains in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center on a hold imposed by the U.S. Border Patrol. A presentence investigation was ordered by Melanson. Rodriguez is scheduled to be sentenced by Melanson on Aug. 11.

Bollar plans to recommend a five-year fixed prison sentence for Rodriguez, but to ask that Rodriguez be deported to Mexico where he would be on supervised probation for five years. Rodriguez would not be allowed in the United States while on probation. Should he violate that condition of his probation, Rodriguez would be sent to prison for the five years on the drug charge and another five years for the felony probation violation.

Rupert gets award for water system work

RUPERT — The Association of Idaho Cities awarded the city of Rupert a city achievement award for water system improvements. A plaque was presented to Rupert officials during a Friday dinner at the AIC annual conference in Coeur d'Alene.

The water project involved finding a new source of water to combine with two existing wells to improve water distribution and to provide adequate fire flows in the south part of the city. Storage capacity was doubled with the addition of a one million gallon storage tank and the system was "inverted from gravity to pressurized."

The \$3.75 million project was paid for by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, Rural Development and the Idaho Water Resources Board.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

Job Service offers training classes in Burley

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Participants are needed for the "youth on the brink of success" job training offered through the Mini-Cassia Job Service this summer.

Job Service Consultant Lisa Michalek described the six-week program as an opportunity for people between the ages of 18 and 21 to become more employable and to improve their job-seeking skills.

The program is geared mostly at young people who dropped out of high school and have since found it tough to get a job because they didn't finish high school, Michalek said. Many also have children, which can pose problems finding day care if the parent finds a job.

Certain eligibility guidelines must be met.

Participants must be classified as low income and must be ready to seek employment. Consideration is given to participants who are high school dropouts, have a learning disability or possess a low skill level which may prevent them from performing some types of jobs.

Participants are paid minimum wage during the six-week training session.

"We treat it like a job," Michalek said. "They must be on time." If a student can't find a babysitter or will be late or sick, the student must contact the program advisor, just as he or she would contact a boss on the job site.

"The attendance policy is just like any employer would have," she said.

Part of the class involves tours to some area companies where students meet with human resources department managers to

hear about qualities employers look for in job candidates. Tips on filling out job applications and preparing resumes are also offered.

Students receive hands-on training, much of which is geared to increase math and reading skills, Michalek said. They also study first aid, nutrition and budgeting.

A professional trainer spends time with the students.

Employees from the College of Southern Idaho teach a section on job-hunting using the Internet and teach students how to prepare a resume.

Placement assistance is provided at the end of the course. In the previous five years of offering the training, 85 percent of the students who complete the class have found a job.

"We know the placement rate will be

more difficult this year because of the economic situation," Michalek said.

Participants with children can receive assistance paying for day care while the parent is in the training program.

"We try to get them on their feet," Michalek said.

Job Service personnel have received national recognition for this program, Michalek said. While Job Service offers other similar training programs, "There's nothing else really like this in the state," she said.

To enroll, people should pick up an application form at the Job Service office at 127 W. Fifth St. N. in Burley or call Michalek at 678-5518, Ext. 3107. The deadline to apply for a spot in the class is July 7. The class is limited to 20 students. Classes begin July 7 and end Aug. 15.

Rupert council struggles with sewer fees

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The City Council struggled with the idea of increasing sewer rates Tuesday.

At the Times-News' deadline, no decision had been made.

New rates could be \$28 or \$32 per month per residence, effective July 1. The current rate is \$21.50, raised from \$17.86 in November.

Commercial and industrial rates would go up as well, using the \$28 or \$32 base rate as a cost for a user unit, then computing how many units are sent into the sewer system by a user. Biological oxygen demand, flow and total suspended solids would also be taken into consideration for industrial and commercial users.

Councilmen, especially Layne Rutschke, struggled with the fact rates were raised in November. Rutschke said he was having a hard time agreeing to raise rates 50 percent in less than a year.

The increase to \$21.50 was set to be just one step of many until the rate reached roughly \$32, said Rick Noll, of Forgeson & Associates. The city's sewer rate needs to be near \$32 to help pay for a new sewer plant.

The more money the city can set aside now, the better funding package the city can put together when it comes time to build, and that time is coming, Noll said. Higher rates now will save money later.

"You need to start setting it aside yesterday," Noll said.

City Administrator Roger Bagley reiterated the city has a plan with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to replace the existing overloaded sewer plant. The clock is ticking on that plan; elements must be in place according to a timeline in that plan.

Noll said having rates near \$32 is essential in getting grants and other financial help. Those with help to give want to see the city is trying to gather money itself.

Dave Brown, representing Kraft Foods, read a statement asking that any rate changes be postponed until July, so Kraft officials can evaluate and understand the impacts the rate changes may have on the plant.

Low utility costs drew the plant to Rupert. If they rise, company officials want to know how that will affect the company, and the local plant, which is already running at a historic low, Brown said.

Bagley said postponing a rate change may not be wise. "I'm not sure we can afford that much of a delay," he said.

Noll agreed and said the need for a new plant, and higher rates to pay for it, won't be going away.

"Waiting three weeks won't change much," Noll said. "In fact, it won't change anything."

The cost to run the new plant will fluctuate with the load. Noll assured representatives of Kraft and Idahoan Foods that if they become more efficient and produce less BOD or other component of waste, their total bill would be less proportionately.

Part of Brown's letter said the new rates unfairly burden industry.

Noll and Gary Ashby also reported Tuesday on the large amount of BOD which is coming to the plant unaccounted for. Forty percent of that "phantom BOD" has been accounted for now and the costs of treating it will be allocated to those who are producing it, Noll said.

Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at shaney@magicvalley.com.

Sentence

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Rovig also blamed Brave for the assault, Sweeney said. Rovig has a criminal history including trespassing, driving under the influence, custodial interference, probation violation and others, she said.

Wood said Rovig could be treated with medication in prison if further diagnosis concludes she suffers from bipolar disorder.

Rovig's behavior will be monitored in prison, where educational opportunities are available, Loeb said. A progress report will be written after six months, he said.

Depending on the report, a judge will then sentence Rovig, Wood said.

As it stands, the suspended judgment against Rovig calls for 20 years in prison with five years, fixed and 15 indeterminate, according to a judgment of conviction. In addition, Rovig was ordered to pay \$7,579.16 in restitution. She also has a 60-day civil fine and other charges. Rovig, a 31-year-old, pleaded guilty to second-degree

kidnapping and aggravated battery. Brave is scheduled for sentencing on Monday, according to court records.

The recent charges against Rovig and Brave stem from allegations made by Christine Marie Smith of Twin Falls. Smith told investigators that in October 2002, Rovig and Brave held her against her will and beat her, according to an affidavit written by Kimberly Foster, police officer B. Foster and filed with court documents.

According to court records, Rovig and Brave were romantically involved, but Rovig became jealous after Brave met Smith in jail.

"Essentially, this was a crime done out of jealousy," Sweeney said during sentencing.

Wood said prosecutors characterized Rovig and Brave as lovers and that jealousy was the motive. However, the evidence didn't support those claims, he said.

Smith told officers she was later taken somewhere outside Hansen, beaten again and then abandoned by Rovig and Brave, according to the affidavit.

Threatened owner may close off summit

MOSCOW (AP) — Mark Solomon says it took a gun pointed at his head for him to consider barring recreation on his mountain property.

Solomon, a landowner on the summit of Moscow Mountain, has tried to maintain a positive attitude and allow recreation on his land. He has had his tires slashed, his property stolen and his vehicles shot up.

But he said he is having second thoughts after two men in a truck drove over the hood of his Subaru and pointed a gun at his head Saturday morning.

"They've crossed the line," he said. "If their purpose is keeping

the mountain open, they're going about it the wrong way, and all of their friends and buddies need to understand that, too."

Solomon plans to petition the Friends of Moscow Mountain to close the hill off from motorized vehicles if the suspects are not caught.

Friends of Moscow Mountain is a coalition of people ranging from mountain landowners to recreationists.

"We're taking this very seriously," said Daria Buckley with the Latah County Sheriff's Office. She said the suspects could be charged with assault, theft and malicious injury.



Members of the so-called 'shovel brigade' clear debris from South Canyon Road beside the Jarbridge Rhyolite Jarbridge, Nev., in October 1999. A settlement that gave Elko County ownership of this road in a national forest has been stayed by a federal judge after environmentalists challenged the agreement to determine its effect on the ongoing dispute over South Canyon Road and the threatened bull trout.

ty would pay to rebuild the road, and the Forest Service would pay for environmental studies to determine if the project's feasibility.

The conservation groups opposed the deal that was hashed out behind closed doors, claiming it gave too much control over the road to Elko County and set a dangerous precedent for resolving public land disputes throughout

the West.

In May 2001, Hagen denied the groups' motions to intervene, agreeing with government lawyers who argued such a move could undo the settlement.

Hagen's decision, however, was overturned by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which sent the case back and led to the latest ruling.

State funds are available for up to \$50,000 to host a local anti-drug conference. Highway said funds could be made available to fund up to 25 people to attend such anti-drug conferences or summits.

The group the group needs to figure out how to go to the public. George Brown, general manager of KMTV, suggested public service messages personalizing problems associated with drug use.



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Wildfire gobbles up more homes

Firefighters save some areas they thought would be totally lost

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A wildfire destroyed more than 345 buildings, mostly homes, as it roared through a mountaintop vacation hamlet, according to a detailed estimate of the damage released Tuesday.

The new number increased the damage estimate, which was put at more than 250 homes immediately after the Aspen fire swept across Summerhaven on Thursday.

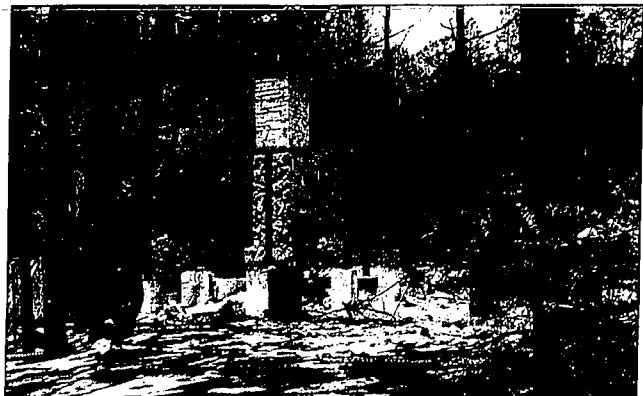
Local officials also said 191 homes were still standing. But although the new estimate was based on more detailed counts by the local fire district and homeowners' association, it still doesn't account for all the homes on the mountain. There were more than 600 homes on the mountain before the fire.

The damage estimates were released as Laura Humphrey, the commander of the team battling the blaze, said crews held a line protecting cabins, homes, campgrounds and an observatory southeast of Summerhaven.

"We managed to hold it all day today," said Humphrey. "We're really tickled with that."

Humphrey had said earlier that the feared fire might be lost. Firefighters repeatedly repelled flames in the area but high winds made the work difficult.

Firefighters also set fires north of Summerhaven to strengthen lines there. Crews used bulldozers



The charred remains of a cabin destroyed by wildfires is seen in Summerhaven, Ariz., Monday.

to dig a firebreak connecting roads, natural barriers and an area that already was burned over last year. Those lines are intended to stop the fire at its head.

The Mount Lemmon blaze has charred about 25,000 acres on the mountain but is now 25 percent contained. More than 1,200 firefighters and support personnel had been deployed.

The fire swept through pine trees ravaged by years of drought

and a beetle infestation Thursday, wreaking havoc atop 9,157-foot Mount Lemmon before heading down the north side. No homes have been lost since Saturday.

The community of Summerhaven had about 100 year-round residents but its population grows during the summer and weekends as Tucson residents drive up the mountain to escape the desert heat.

Michael Anderson, a real

estate investor who lives in Tucson, said his four-story retreat in Summerhaven was burned to the ground. Still, he plans to rebuild.

"In southern Arizona, there are 2,500 square miles of desert, and there's one square mile of privately owned land in the mountains," Anderson said. "And those of us who were fortunate enough to own homes up there had a piece of heaven."

Riverton, Wyo., marveled at the intensity of such a storm so late in the season.

"It's a great storm that has come down, a really cold system," he said. "It's a nice deep cold pocket."

Several areas of northwest and north-central Wyoming had picked up 3-4 inches of snow. More was expected by Wednesday morning.

"It's an odd pattern to have such a deep (low-pressure) trough in the West," McDonald said. "Usually at this time of year we're dealing with high pressure, a strong ridge over the West."

Snowstorm surprises Wyoming, Montana tourists

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Summer may have arrived a few days earlier, but it didn't seem like it Tuesday to visitors and residents in the mountain country along the Wyoming-Montana border after heavy, wet snow closed a major pass and chilled the desire for camping among summer tourists.

"It's been really a miserable day," said Rand Herzberg, ranger for the Red Lodge, Mont.-based Beartooth Ranger District of the Custer National Forest. "It's not what we'd expect."

Beartooth Pass, at the 10,940-

foot elevation east of Yellowstone National Park, was closed Monday night and most of Tuesday because of drifts up to 18 inches deep, blocking a key route to the park and causing a 140-mile detour.

"It sure throws a wrench in some people's travel plans," Herzberg said. "Many folks who come here are really unsuspecting that this could happen in June or July. They come into our office pretty shocked."

Picnic tables at 6,500-foot elevation and higher were blanketed with snow as visitors hastily

rearranged vacation plans.

About 3 inches of snow had fallen by Tuesday afternoon at the South Fork Mountain Lodge at the 7,800-foot level of the Big Horn Mountains in north-central Wyoming.

"It's not stopping," said Casper Collins, who works at the resort. "We've had a lot of people stopping in. Most of them are campers and most are just trying to get out of the snow. Their tents were all snowed in."

Brett McDonald, a National Weather Service meteorologist in

state's coroners have formed an association to set standards and to lobby the Legislature against eliminating their jobs.

Mikel has been Blaine County's elected coroner for 18 years and says he originates 15 to 25 death certificates each year, as well as signs another 75 to 85 death certificates originated by attending physicians.

Of Idaho's 44 coroners, Mikel is the sixth-highest paid at \$20,000 a year, with Ada County first at \$56,056 a year, followed by Canyon County's coroner, \$54,787; Nez Perce County, \$25,746; Kootenai County, \$24,034 and Bannock County, \$20,059. Camas County is the lowest paid at \$795 per year.

Blaine County Commission Chairman Denis Wright also weighed in on the dispute. "I hate to guess how many people have called various (commissioners) asking for help" with the uncompleted death certificates.

As for the \$7,800 in fines levied against Mikel, Wright said wryly, "I can tell you who will not pay the fine," presumably meaning Blaine County.

But late Tuesday, Thomas had no doubt the state would proceed with its complaint against Mikel. The case will be heard by Magistrate Judge Robert Eljee at a time yet to be scheduled.

The prosecutor said that if the fines exceed \$10,000, then Mikel faces criminal charges of negligence.

Thomas said the Blaine County prosecutor's office would not defend Mikel, who has been advised to obtain his own attorney, Thomas said. If Eljee sees any conflict in hearing a case against an elected county officer such as Mikel, the prosecutor said Judge Mark Ingram of Lincoln County might be requested to sit on the case.

Mikel is "difficult to talk to" and has been unresponsive, the prosecutor said. Thomas said his understanding is that Mikel claims he has not received proper information from other agencies about the deceased. But Thomas said he's not aware of what information Mikel claims is missing.

When told of Thomas' opinion that Idaho needs medical examiners not coroners, Mikel said the

Coroner

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Without death certificates, surviving kin — many of whom are "upset," Thomas said — cannot settle estates. The Blaine County prosecutor said that one case involves an 80-year-old woman who is prevented from collecting insurance.

The deceased in all five cases have been buried or cremated.

Representative of allegations against Mikel is the case of a man who died on Aug. 16, 2001 in Blaine County. Two months later on Oct. 31, 2001, Mikel was notified he hadn't completed paperwork. A follow-up letter was sent by the state to Mikel on Jan. 10, 2002, according to the complaint filed by the attorney general.

Warnings continued to be sent to Mikel as late as May 30, 2003 — 21 months after the man's death.

Mikel said he talked with the deputy attorney general on Tuesday and said Cartwright seemed "sympathetic" to Mikel's arguments. Cartwright could not be reached as of late Tuesday for confirmation about their conversation or his reaction to Mikel's explanations.

Promoters unveil private monorail system in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Fireworks, confetti and balloons swirled as promoters of a private monorail system rolled out one of the cars Tuesday that they hope will carry 55,000 passengers a day between the Las Vegas Convention Center and hotel-casinos.

"Viva Las Vegas" blared as a curtain dropped to reveal a bus-sized car painted black and green with a Monster Energy Drink logo.

"This is as cool as it gets," said Mayor Oscar Goodman, who was escorted by showgirls to a stage. He predicted the four-mile-long monorail "will redefine Las Vegas as we presently know it."

Project managers are calling the privately funded public transit project the first of its kind in the United States.

They are selling advertisers display space on the nine trains and seven stations, and say the system can break even with fares averaging \$2.50 per trip from 20 million passengers a year.

Another sponsor — Motorola Inc. — signed on to sponsor a second train, at \$1 million a year for at least three years, officials said Tuesday.

"We thought it was a natural fit," Lea Faso, spokeswoman for the cell phone maker, said from Plantation, Fla. "There are a number of conventions and activities (in Las Vegas) that are related to our business users."

John Haycock, chairman of Las Vegas Monorail Co., the nonprofit builder and system operator, said the project was on time and under budget. The first passengers could be boarding trains Jan. 20, he said. Single-trip fares are expected to be \$3, with passes and discounts for repeat riders and conventioners.

"At \$3 a trip, it'll be the cheapest way to get around Las Vegas," said Cam Walker, chief executive of Transit Systems Management, the company that will run the monorail.

A similar cab ride between the two end stations — at the MGM Grand and Sahara hotel-casinos — costs at least \$16 and can take 15 to 30 minutes or more, depending on traffic. A \$2 bus ride can take much longer.

Las Vegas gets about 35 million visitors a year, including 5 million convention delegates, according to the Las Vegas Convention and

Visitors Authority.

If the system carries only delegates to and from the Convention Center, it will pay for itself, Walker said.

System promoters hope the ride draws curious tourists and becomes as popular as the monorail at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif.

"The monorail is an attraction," said Patrick Pharris, of Promethian Partners, sales agent for the train and station advertising contracts. "It's a ride that will attract people, not just for transportation."



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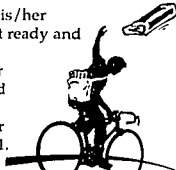
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Teen should be wary of giving girlfriend's baby his name

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old son, "Jeff," has a 17-year-old girlfriend, "Connie," who is pregnant - but not with his child. Jeff has decided he will sign the birth certificate to give the baby our last name. (The real father wants nothing to do with Connie or the baby.)

I have no say in this matter. Her parents know all about the pregnancy, but not see it as a problem. In fact, they have decided not to tell other family members that my son isn't the father.

When I try to warn Jeff about what he's getting into, he cuts me off and says, "It'll all be OK, Mom." Abby, my son is making a lifetime financial commitment and can't begin to appreciate the whole picture. He assumes that Connie's folks will "take care of everything."

I am at my wit's end. Any advice you can offer would be deeply appreciated.

-FRANTIC IN IDAHO

DEAR FRANTIC: Take your son to an attorney immediately. Let the lawyer explain what Jeff's obligations will be if he abets this deception. Your son appears to be idealistic and romantic. However, he should not declare paternity for a child that is not his. It's unfair to the child - and lets the biological father off the hook.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old girl and have a problem with my parents. When I was younger, I could talk to them about anything.

Avoid eating yellow, white berries; beware of red

There exists an entity called the U.S. Air Force Survival School. It advises: Avoid all yellow berries. Avoid all white berries. And don't get over-confident about red berries, either; half of them are poisonous.

Robert Foster in 1959 held his breath under water for 13 minutes 42.5 seconds. In a swimming pool in San Rafael, Calif. In attendance were a timer, a first-aid specialist, a physician, but no psychiatrist.

That renowned Philadelphia



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

and everything. They respected my decisions and supported me whenever they could - until I reached junior high.

At that time, I noticed that I liked girls more than boys. When I told my mom and dad, they dismissed it and said it was just a phase. It wasn't.

I secretly dated one girl in ninth grade to find out if that's where my feelings were headed. Then I "came out" to my friends. They were cool about it and supported me 100 percent. I didn't have the guts to tell my folks until I was in the 10th grade.

They exploded. Mom cried for hours. Dad kicked me out for a week. My parents have had no trust whatsoever in me ever since. We don't talk like we used to - and whenever the subject of my sexual orientation comes up, my parents call me a slut, among other things. I've moved out three times, but I always go back because I don't have enough money to make it on my own.

I'm now dating a wonderful young woman and it's getting serious. I don't dare tell my parents because I'm afraid of their reac-

tion. Please help, Abby. I need your advice.

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DEAR DESPERATE: I am sorry you are not getting the support you need from your family. They need to understand that sexual orientation is not a choice. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) could offer them some much-needed insight and support. They can call the organization at (202) 467-8180; write to 1726 M St. NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036; or go online to the Web site at www.pflag.org.

I have a different resource for YOU. Please contact The Trevor Project. It's a 24-hour toll-free hotline that promotes tolerance and provides support to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered youth.

The Trevor Helpline crisis line is the only 24-hour, 365-day toll-free line solely dedicated to counseling gay and questioning youth. Trained counselors are always there to help, and they welcome calls from any teen who is having problems relating to his or her sexual orientation - whether the person is struggling with self-doubt, peer pressure, lack of acceptance, rejection by family members and/or friends - or having thoughts of suicide.

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tary man to serve as a five-star general in two different branches of the service?

A. William "Hap" Arnold. Army and Air force.

Q. Didn't the Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortes die broke?

A. Hardly. He wound up as the richest man in all of Spanish America before he took it back to Spain to retire. Incidentally, you know the Colombian drug city Medellin? It was named after Spain's Medellin where Cortes was born.

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Section C

Crawling with crawfish

Mountain Home holds fishy festival for the Fourth

By Steve Turner
Times-News correspondent

MOUNTAIN HOME - Something fishy is going on in Mountain Home, and the fish involved isn't often on the dinner table.

In celebration of the Fourth of July, area residents are holding a crawfish festival. The menu consists of Boiled Crawfish with Potatoes and Corn, Crawfish Etoufee, Crawfish Bisque, Crawfish Pie - and beer.

This will not be the first time that Louisiana-born Henry Commenia will help host a crawfish festival.

"I was taught to catch, cook and eat crawfish at age 7," he said, "and then it

First Annual Crawfish Festival

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was for a survival meal."

Commenia says that different people like different things and, in Louisiana, everyone likes crawfish.

"We're always looking to add something to the state of Idaho, to satisfy the different tastes of people," he explained.

Some of the proceeds from the festival will go to the Blind Foundation of Mountain Home, Commenia said.

"We're always looking to add something to the state of Idaho, to satisfy the different tastes of people."

- Henry Commenia,
who will help host the event

BRETT FAVRE'S CRAWFISH ETOUFE

This is a southern specialty from Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre and his wife, Deanna.

1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine
2 green bell peppers, chopped
2-3 ribs celery, chopped
1 large onion, chopped
3-4 cans cream of mushroom soup, 10 3/4 ounces each
1 pound crawfish tails
2 cans diced tomatoes with green chiles, 10 ounces each, undrained
Cooked white rice in large pot or cast-iron Dutch oven, melt margarine and

saute peppers, celery and onion. Add soup and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, 20 to 30 minutes. Add crawfish tails and cook 30 to 40 minutes more. Add tomatoes and their liquid and stir to blend completely. Serve over rice in individual serving bowls. Makes about 4 servings.

-Taken from the "NFL Family Cookbook," published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel 10/15/97
These crawfish recipes are from Recipe Source, on the Internet.

CRAWFISH PIE

1 1/2 pounds cooked crawfish meat (8-10 pounds live crawfish)
4 tablespoons butter
2 cups onion, chopped
1 cup scallions, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1/2 cup bell pepper, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup unsifted flour
1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
1 medium jalapeno pepper, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon white pepper, or to taste
1 9-inch pie crust buttered

Boil crawfish in unseasoned water. Save as much of the fat as possible while peeling them. Melt butter in a large skillet. Saute onions, scallions, celery, bell pepper and garlic over moderate heat. Stir frequently with a wooden spoon until vegetables become soft, about five minutes. Add flour and mix well.

Remove from heat and stir in the crawfish and fat. Add salt and peppers according to taste. Pour into a 9-inch pie crust and bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.



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Personal chefs make living well easier for the rich and famous

By Linda Gluck
The Hartford Courant

Oprah Winfrey wrote a cookbook with her former private chef Rosie Daley, who made sure that the talk-show host's refrigerator was always stocked with delectable yet calorie-conscious foods.

Before she turned to the chocolate business and founded Sweet Bliss, Renee Shane traveled the globe for eight years as the private chef to designer Ralph Lauren. Joseph Sponzo feeds rock star Sting and his family daily.

For the rich and famous, hiring a chef is as necessary as having a chauffeur, masseuse and housekeeper. Working stiffs juggling home, family and jobs on less than a superstar's salary, still face the same question every evening: What will we have for dinner?

There is something in between employing a full-time cook and grabbing takeout. "We solve the problem of what's for dinner," says Anita Carpeno, owner of Anita Cooks, a personal-chef



service in East Hartford, Conn. Where a private chef is on call

every day, a personal chef shows up at a client's house bearing

ingredients, kitchenware and storage containers and spends

the day preparing meals to last a week or more.

Throughout the country, the personal-chef industry is expanding, says David MacKay, who, with his wife, Susan Titcomb-MacKay, started the United States Personal Chefs Association in 1992.

Since then, the group has trained about 5,500 personal chefs who operate their own businesses. A second group, the American Personal Chef Association, has trained about 3,000 individuals since it was founded in 1996.

Once a personal chef has a sense of the client's tastes, she will prepare a list of menus for approval. The customer also decides how frequently the chef will come to the home to prepare meals.

Some want meals prepared for five weeknights. Others may use a couple of meals a week to round out a routine of eating out and cooking in.

The chef uses the client's kitchen but brings all necessary utensils and shops before head-

ing out to the home.

Donna Leibin, owner of the Healthy Chef in West Hartford, Conn., visits her regular clients twice a week.

"I'm a proponent of vegetables and salads and fish, and you can't do fish ahead," says Leibin, who attended the Connecticut Culinary Institute and has worked in restaurants.

A weekly visit producing four to five meals can cost \$200 to \$300.

"Some people are shocked" at the price, Leibin said. "I ask them what they eat, and they eat pizza, take-out, Chinese and still go to the grocery store. You pay people to mow your lawn and to clean your house. How much is your time worth?"

To find a personal chef for hire or learn more about the personal-chef industry, call the United States Personal Chef Association at (800) 995-2138 (Website: www.uspca.com) or the American Personal Chef Association at (800) 644-8389 (Website: www.personalchef.com).

FOOD & HOME

Kelley Garden peaches
will still be coming soon

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Two orchards of Kelley Garden peaches were killed this year, but plenty of bushes remain "alive and well." Richard Kelley, owner of the Kelley Garden Center and Landscaping Service, said chemicals incorrectly sprayed on the two orchards caused the damage, but the peaches in orchards that weren't affected will be available for sale at the center starting Aug. 1.

He also said the center's eagerly

awaited cherry crop is being sold now, along with some apricots.

Pears will be added Aug. 21, along with nectarines on Aug. 1 and apples Sept. 1. The center, at 2223 Addison Ave. E., is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day of the summer season except July 4. Kelley's orchard, where visitors may bring their picnic and pick their own produce, is open noon to 6 p.m. every day. It's on the Snake River Canyon, 10 miles west of Costco and six miles north.

Cool off with a shrimp salad

By Renee Enna
Chicago Tribune

Warm weather cravings lean toward lighter, fresher fare. This main dish salad is easy to assemble, and the major preparation time is devoted to the salad dressing. To go with the breadsticks, make a homemade herb butter: In a food processor, combine 1 stick softened butter with 1 teaspoon dried herb of choice (or 2-3 teaspoons fresh chopped herb). Press into ramekins or form into logs; cover and chill.

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Juice of 1 lime
1 tablespoon honey
2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
2 teaspoons minced fresh tarragon or 1 teaspoon dried
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
1/4 teaspoon red pepper or to taste
Freshly ground black pepper
1 bag (9 ounces) pre-cut mixed salad greens
16 cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
1 green bell pepper, sliced
3 green onions, diced
20 large shrimp, cooked
Whisk together mayonnaise,

orange and lime juices, honey and vinegar in small bowl until blended. Add tarragon, salt and peppers to taste. Combine lettuce, tomatoes, bell pepper and green onions in large salad bowl. Top with shrimp. Toss with the dressing.

Nutrition information per serving: 190 calories, 22 percent of calories from fat, 4.8 g fat, 0.2 g saturated fat, 55 mg cholesterol, 31 g carbohydrates, 8 g protein, 945 mg sodium, 3.7 g fiber

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Make a tepee with climbing plants

Let's have a little fun in the garden. How about we build a tepee?

Gather up five long bamboo or wooden poles (hint: this would be a good place to recycle old limbs you pruned out of the trees this spring) and some twine. Space your poles equally around a circle and tie them together at the top, forming the tepee's foundation. Roust the kids out from in front of the television and take them outside to admire your construction work.

Let the kids decide what will be planted at the base of each pole. Young children will certainly enjoy planting pole beans in the afternoon, and listening to you read "Jack and the Beanstalk" before bed that evening.

How about sweet peas? Canary vine? Use your imagination: Anything that climbs quickly will work. Even sunflowers can be trained to lean over the tepee poles.

Assign the children all watering chores. They may decide not to wait for their tepee to be enclosed - while they're out



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watering they may want to begin decorating right away. An old piece of carpet scrap works as a floor while keeping weeds out. Or a large piece of cardboard might do. In no time at all, the tepee playhouse will grow into a favorite shady spot the kids will use all summer long.

DEAR CATHY: We have a little problem. We have mushrooms popping up all over our yard. Do you have any suggestions? It is kind of annoying. We had this problem last year and thought it would go away by now. Thanks for your help.

-SHROOMS
DEAR SHROOMS: Mushrooms are fungi. That doesn't sound terribly appetizing if you happen to be biting into a pizza, but there you are. This fungus is not edible,

not particularly pretty, not good for much of anything, actually. It's just a pest that sprouts into mushrooms and is always out there, waiting for an opportunity to pop up.

Mushrooms in the lawn are almost always a sign of high organic matter in the soil. There might be old tree roots rotting under the grass. Or maybe somebody got carried away with the manure a couple of years in a row. That, combined with a good water source, and they're off and running. So to speak.

Don't fertilize the lawn this year. Cut back on water. Water

your lawn deeply, less frequently. Get in the habit of watering only about every 10 days during moderate summer temperatures, probably every four to six days when it is very hot. And then, water only in the early morning. Let it dry out between deep soakings. You will have a healthier lawn with deeper roots and less of a mushroom-friendly environment.

Thanks for writing.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: cattwo@pmt.org

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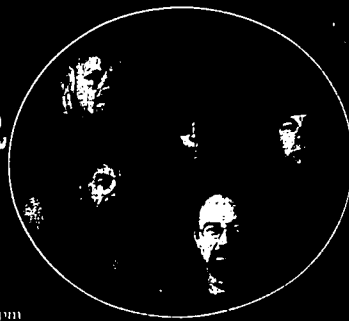
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Celebrate summer with shortcake

Fruit, cream transform biscuits into dessert

By Cathy Thomas
The Orange County Register

Biting into a spoonful of shortcake is like getting a taste of summer sunshine. Drifts of fresh summer berries and whipped cream envelop rich, sweet biscuits, which soak up the juicy juices. Liquid mixtures of sugar and the juice of the ripe fruit tint the biscuits' insides, filling them with flavor and weaving softness into tiny crevices.

No wonder the shortcake has endured for more than a century as a classic American treat. The contrasts in texture, flavor and color make them irresistible summertime desserts.

Teaming shortcake with fruit and whipped cream is sophisticated, yet homey. Contrasts in texture, flavor and color make shortcakes irresistible.

Strawberry shortcake says simplicity and freshness. They're a classic pairing of cake, cream and fruit," says Regan Daley, Toronto-based pastry chef and award-winning author of "In the Sweet Kitchen." "It's a very mouthful, there are different complementary textures, tastes and temperatures."

RICH OLD-FASHIONED STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

Yield: 6 servings
Shortcake:
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar, plus 1 tablespoon for sprinkling
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, cold, cut into pieces
1 large egg
1/4 cup whole milk
5 tablespoons heavy whipping cream, plus about 1 tablespoon for brushing shortcakes
Berries:
2 quarts fresh ripe strawberries, hulled
3-4 tablespoons sugar, depending on sweetness of berries
Chantilly Cream (recipe follows)

2 cups heavy whipping cream
1/2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a small heavy baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside. Prepare shortcakes: In medium bowl, sift flour, 1/4 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir with fork to blend. Using pastry cutter or two knives, cut butter into dry

ingredients until largest pieces are no larger than fat peas. If butter seems to be getting warm, pop bowl into refrigerator a few minutes to firm up butter. In small bowl, lightly beat egg; stir in milk and 5 tablespoons cream. Add (all at once) to flour mixture. Use finger to incorporate wet ingredients into dry. Dough will be very sticky, but don't overwork. Once dry ingredients are evenly moistened, turn dough out onto lightly floured board. Gently pat into rough 7-inch square about 3/4-inch thick. (This is where the expression "Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake" came from.) Use 3-inch biscuit cutter or cookie cutter or overturned glass to cut 4 rounds, dipping cutter or glass rim in flour before each cut. Transfer rounds to baking sheet, spacing them 2 inches apart. Repeat scraps together. Cut 1 or 2 more rounds and repeat this if necessary. You should end up with 6 rounds.

Brush tops with reserved cream and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon sugar. Bake in middle of oven 14-18 minutes, or until tops are tinged with golden brown and crisp. Cool on baking sheet set on wire rack at least 10 minutes before splitting and filling. They're best eaten as soon after baking as possible, but can be made several hours ahead of time and re-warmed in moderate oven for a few minutes before assembling. While shortcakes are baking, prepare strawberries. Cut 1 quart of strawberries in half and set aside. Cut remaining quart of strawberries into rough pieces and sprinkle with 3-4 tablespoons sugar, stirring to coat. Let fruit sit at least 20 minutes, or up to 1 hour, at room temperature. Just before serving, use fork or an old-fashioned potato masher to lightly crush the chopped berries (with sugar), leaving some chunky pieces, but creating a rough berry sauce.

Prepare Chantilly Cream: In large bowl of electric mixer, combine 2 cups cream and 2 tablespoons sugar; beat until soft peaks form. Add vanilla and beat until cream is in billowy mounds. Refrigerate until needed, up to 1 hour (cream can be prepared several hours ahead, but may need to be rewhipped slightly before serving).

Assemble shortcakes: Split shortcakes in half horizontally and place bottom portion on each of 6 dessert plates. Spoon some of crushed berries over top, including runny juices. Scoop generous portion of Chantilly Cream over crushed berries and top with handful of halved strawberries. Place shortcake top over whole gorgeous pile and serve at once.

Variations: Lemon-Poppyseed

Shortcakes with Blackberries: Add 2 teaspoons tightly packed, finely grated lemon zest (colored part of peel) and 1 1/2 tablespoons poppyseeds to shortcake dough just after egg-milk mixture has been added. Substitute blackberries for strawberries, if desired, increasing sugar to 5 tablespoons.

Cardamom Shortcakes with Strawberries and Lemon Cream: Add 1 teaspoon ground cardamom to flour mixture before adding butter. Omit vanilla extract from Chantilly Cream and substitute 2 tightly packed teaspoons grated lemon zest.

—Source: "In the Sweet Kitchen," by Regan Daley

GINGER-SHORTCAKE WITH MANGOS AND STRAWBERRIES

Yield: 6 servings
Shortcakes:
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch-thick pieces
1/3 cup roughly chopped crystallized ginger
3/4 cup chilled buttermilk
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 large, ripe mangos, seeded, peeled, cubed
1/2 pound strawberries, hulled and sliced
8 ounces low-fat vanilla yogurt, stirred

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line large baking sheet with parchment paper. In large bowl or food processor, pulse flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt to combine. Add butter pieces and pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Transfer to mixing bowl and stir in center and pour in buttermilk and egg; mix with fork just until mixture is moistened (do not overwork dough).

With a 1/3-cup measure, scoop dough from bowl and drop onto prepared baking sheet, setting each 2 inches apart (do not flatten dough). You should have 6 portions. Bake in middle of oven about 20 minutes.

Remove from oven and transfer with a spatula to baking rack to cool. In medium bowl, combine strawberries and mangos; gently toss to combine.

Assemble: Split each shortcake. Place bottom halves on dessert plates. Top evenly with fruit. Top with yogurt, then remaining shortcake tops. Serve immediately.

—Source: Tori Ritchie, www.foodnetwork.com

PEACH AND BLUEBERRY WITH CARDAMOM SHORTCAKES

Yield: 12 servings
Cardamom shortcakes:
3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup (packed) golden brown sugar
3 3/4 teaspoons baking powder
2 1/4 teaspoons ground cardamom
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) chilled unsalted butter, cut into 5-inch pieces
3 large eggs
About 1/2 cup chilled buttermilk
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/2 tablespoons melted butter

Sugar for sprinkling:
Filling:
8 medium, ripe peaches (about 2 1/2 pounds), peeled, pitted, sliced
4 cups fresh blueberries
3/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon cardamom
1 cup sour cream
1 cup heavy whipping cream

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, cardamom, baking soda and salt in food processor. Pulse to combine. Add butter and pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Transfer to large bowl. Beat eggs in glass 4-cup measuring cup. Add enough buttermilk to equal 9 ounces (1 cup plus 2 tablespoons). Add vanilla. Using fork, mix buttermilk mixture until dry ingredients just until dough binds together. Gently push dough together on dry, floured work surface. Divide dough into 3 equal portions. Form one dough piece into ball and flatten to 1-inch-thick round. Cut into 4 wedges. Transfer to prepared baking sheet, spacing evenly. Repeat forming and cutting with remaining 2 dough pieces. Brush with melted butter; sprinkle with sugar. Bake until just firm to touch and beginning to brown, about 15 minutes. Transfer to cooling rack. Combine peaches, blueberries, sugar, vanilla and cardamom in large bowl. Mix to combine. Let stand until juices form, stirring occasionally, at least 20 minutes. In separate bowl, place sour cream. Gradually mix in cream.

Assemble: Split warm shortcakes in half. Place bottoms in shallow bowls. Spoon fruit mixture over. Top each with large spoonful of sour cream mixture. Cover with top half of shortcake and another spoonful of sour cream mixture. Serve immediately.

Select well-formed, plump fresh apricots

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

APRICOTS: Two main varieties are produced commercially, Castlebrite and Patterson, according to the California Fresh Apricot Council. As many as 10 other varieties are grown, but some are available for only a week or 10 days. Colors, size and even aroma depend on the variety. When buying fresh apricots, select plump, well-formed fruit. Ripen in a paper bag with an apple or banana. Apricot's sweet-tart flavor complements desserts, salads, sauces and entrees. For recipes, visit www.californiaapricot.com.

THE COLD TRUTH: If you love tomatoes, don't be cold-hearted. Desert Glory, which grows and distributes NatureSweet cherry tomatoes, has launched a marketing campaign to advise consumers not to store tomatoes in the refrigerator.


"People think they're preserving their tomatoes by putting them in the fridge until they want to add tomatoes to salads or sandwiches," said Dave Shafer, of NatureSweet Tomatoes. "By then, refrigeration can actually result in premature softening, increased decay and a less-flavorful tomato."

The company writes "Do not refrigerate" and "Store at room temperature" on its labels. For more information, visit www.naturesweettomatoes.com.

Tidbits for Cooks

INSIDE-OUT TREATS: Kraft Foods has turned its Oreo cookies inside out with its new Oh! Oreos. The new cookies feature golden wafers on the outside and chocolate on the inside. They are available in grocery stores and discount centers nationwide for a suggested retail price of \$3.79 per package. Don't worry. The familiar Oreos, with chocolate on the outside and vanilla cream on the inside, are still available.

NEW BLENDS: Just in time for barbecue season, Arlo Mist has introduced blender drinks made with wine. Arlo Mist Wine Blenders come in strawberry, blackberry and peach flavors. Just add ice and pour into the blender for a drink that is a cross between a wine cooler and a frozen cocktail, containing the same 6 percent alcohol level as Arlo Mist's fruit wines. The blenders are available in liquor stores for a suggested retail price of \$11.99 for a 1.5-liter bottle that makes 16 servings.



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Could the traditional, sit-down family breakfast make a comeback? Several recent surveys seem to indicate that Americans are ready. One study shows that more than two-thirds of parents wish they spent more time doing things with their family, such as scheduled family meals, and had more time to sit and talk with their kids.

QUICK DROP SAUSAGE BISCUITS

1/4 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons water
1 cup Hungry Jack Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix (Just Add Water)
1/2 package (4.8 ounces) Jimmy Dean Fresh Taste Fast! Precooked Pork Sausage Links (6 links), thawed, coarsely chopped

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Grease cookie sheet. In small bowl, combine sour cream and water; blend well. Add pancake mix and sausage pieces; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Drop dough by tablespoons onto greased cookie sheet.
2. Bake at 400 F for 10 to 14 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm. 6 biscuits.

FUN PANCAKE TOPPINGS

Fun toppings can turn leftover pancakes into quick, delicious treats for breakfast any day of the week. Just reheat these extra pancakes in the microwave for a few seconds and top them in one of the following ways:

- **Apple Strudel Cakes:** Mix 3 tablespoons apple pie filling, 1 tablespoon raisins or dried cranberries and a dash of cinnamon for each pancake. Heat. Serve warm fruit over pancakes.
- **Banana Split Cakes:** Top pancakes with sliced bananas and strawberry jam. Garnish with whipped topping, nuts and a cherry.
- **Lemon Cakes:** Spread pancakes with pineapple or apricot preserves; top with toasted coconut.

PEACHY OVEN PANCAKE

2 teaspoons margarine or butter
1/4 cup Hungry Jack Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix (Just Add Water)
3/4 cup water
2 tablespoons sugar
1 egg
1 can (15 1/4 ounces) sliced peaches, well drained, coarsely chopped

TOPPING:
1 cup sliced strawberries
2 (3 1/2-ounce) containers vanilla pudding

1. Heat oven to 375 F. Generously grease 9-inch pie pan with margarine. In medium bowl, combine all remaining pancake ingredients except peaches; beat



To please everyone in the family, try, clockwise from left: Quick Drop Sausage Biscuits, Maple Sausage Apple Braid and Peachy Oat Pancakes.

with wire whisk or low speed on electric mixer until smooth. Fold in peaches. Pour batter into greased pie pan.

2. Bake at 375 F for 22 to 30 minutes or until golden brown and center springs back when touched lightly.

TIP: If desired, use favorite fresh or canned fruits, drained, in place of strawberries.

PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE WRAP-UPS

2 cups Hungry Jack Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix (Just Add Water)
1 (9.6-ounce) package Jimmy Dean Fresh Taste Fast! Precooked Pork Sausage Links
1/2 cup each of your child's favorite jellies and jams (grape jelly, strawberry jam)
1/2 cup Hungry Jack microwave ready regular syrup
1/2 cup honey

1. Prepare pancakes and sausage links according to package directions.
2. Roll one pancake around each sausage link to create pigs-in-blanket.
3. Pour jellies and jams, syrup and honey into individual bowls

(small serving bowls) or cups to create dipping sauces for each family member. 8 servings

WEEKEND BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

4 1/2 cups day-old bread, cubed
2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
10 eggs, slightly beaten
2 (12-ounce) cans evaporated milk
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
Fresh ground pepper to taste
1 (12- or 16-ounce) package Jimmy Dean Fresh Breakfast Sausage (cooked, crumbled and drained)
1/2 cup mushrooms, sliced, optional
1/2 cup tomatoes, chopped, optional

1. Place bread in well-buttered 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese.
2. In medium bowl, combine eggs, evaporated milk, mustard, salt, onion powder and pepper. Pour mixture evenly over bread and cheese. Sprinkle sausage and optional ingredients over top. Cover and chill overnight or for 2 hours.
3. Heat oven to 325 F. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Tent with foil if top begins to brown too quickly. 6 servings.

MAPLE SAUSAGE APPLE BRAID

1 package (16 ounces) Jimmy Dean Fresh Breakfast Sausage, Maple flavor
1/4 cup Hungry Jack microwave ready regular syrup
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup sliced green onions
1 1/2 cups dry herb stuffing mix
2 large Granny Smith apples, peeled and diced
1 (17 1/4-ounce) package package frozen puff pastry sheets, thawed
2 egg whites, beaten
1 tablespoon water
4 tablespoons sesame seeds

1. Heat oven to 400 F. In large bowl, combine sausage, syrup, eggs, green onions, apples and stuffing mix. Set aside.
2. Roll out each pastry to an 18-by-12-inch rectangle. Place pastrys on large, ungreased cookie sheets. Spoon half sausage mixture down center of each pastry.
3. Make 3-inch cuts at 1-inch intervals on sides of pastries. Fold one strip at a time, alternating sides, until the filling is enclosed. Fold both ends under to seal. Beat egg whites and water together; brush mixture over braids. Sprinkle with sesame seeds.
4. Bake at 400 F for 25 to 30 minutes or until brown, rotating pans halfway through baking. 8 servings; makes 2 braids.

Add hot peppers to Swiss steak

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

There's nothing Swiss about Swiss steak. The thin, pounded, braised beef probably was named for "swissing," a British term for running cloth through rollers to smooth it, according to foodreference.com. In the "American Century Cookbook: The Most Popular Recipes of the 20th Century," Jean Anderson reports that the first recipe she found for Swiss steak appeared in 1915 and was "nothing more than browned, inch-thick beef round baked in water with bottled onion extract." The dish evolved to a much more flavorful and interesting entree.

Consider adding fresh hot peppers to this recipe for a little bite. Other vegetables such as sliced mushrooms can be sauteed and added, too. If you don't have a meat-tenderizing mallet, buy cube steak as a shortcut.

OLD-FASHIONED SWISS STEAK
2 pounds top round steak, about 3/4-inch thick
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3 tablespoons bacon drippings or vegetable oil
2 garlic cloves, minced

Cook's corner

1 large onion, chopped
4 carrots, peeled and sliced into thin rounds
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1 (16-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
1/2 cup beef broth
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Trim fat from meat and pound with a meat-tenderizing mallet until it is about 1/4-inch thick. Cut into 8 portions. Mix the flour with the salt and pepper and dredge the meat generously, pressing the flour into the meat. Heat the bacon drippings or oil in a Dutch oven or large, deep skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the steak quickly on each side. Remove from the pan. Add the garlic, onion, carrots, celery and green pepper to the pan; saute 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes, broth and Worcestershire. Stir well, scraping up browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Return meat to pan, submerging it in the liquid. Cover tightly and bake 2 hours, until meat is very tender. Serve with mashed potatoes. Makes 8 servings.

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This delicious oyster dish tempts the tongue

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Mildred S. Rodeffer of Dandridge, Tenn., wrote: "Some time ago, the Pirate's House in Savannah, Ga., served a dish called Savannah Oysters, which was absolutely delicious. I would love to have this recipe."

SAVANNAH OYSTERS

2 dozen oysters in the shell or 1 pint oysters, drained
Rock salt, approximately 1 1/2 cups

TOPPING:
1 bell pepper
2 ribs celery
1/2 pound raw bacon
1 (2-ounce) jar pimientos
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon Tabasco

Chop everything (except oysters and rock salt) fine in a food processor. Process until topping is well-blended and holds together. Preheat oven to broil. Lay oysters on the half shell on a bed of rock salt on a metal baking sheet with sides. Cover each oyster with 1 tablespoon topping. Or place sev-

eral oysters in individual scallop shells or metal crab shells. Spread a layer of topping over oysters and place on rock salt. Broil 4 to 5 inches from heat until topping is browned and bubbling, 10 to 12 minutes. Drain off any grease. Serve immediately. Serves 12 as an appetizer.

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This diet is all in the family Fourth of July stirs up memories of ice cream

By Candy Sagon
The Washington Post

People seem to expect food writers to be hefty — which is why those of us who are not got asked the same question a lot: "How do you stay so thin?"

Family Circle food director Peggy Katalinich, a 30-year veteran of food writing, used to hear that question too. And then two years ago, people stopped asking. Her once-trim size-8 figure had been slowly expanding to a 10 and then to a 12 and then to a 14. Yeah, it will.

Meanwhile, the members of her test kitchen staff at the popular women's magazine had their own clothing problems. Pants suddenly too tight. Skirts with mysteriously shrinking waistbands. The "skinny clothes" section of everyone's closets was getting bigger, but no one was talking about it.

Finally, one day as Katalinich and five staffers sat around tasting various versions of a pizza recipe, test kitchen staffer Michael Tyrrell grumbled about having to punch new holes in his belt. That's all it took. The whole group began confessing: They all had been piling on the pounds. They all needed to go on a diet. But how? Every day they had to test and taste recipes — sometimes 10 a day, Katalinich noted. Plus they ate out, cooked meals for family and friends, got invited to parties — "you know, life," Katalinich said.

In a gutsy move, they decided to test up publicly. They would ask former test kitchen co-worker and New York dietitian Susan McQuillan to devise a weight-loss plan for the group. They would follow it for 15 weeks from September to January (including the diet-sabotaging holiday weeks), and they would write about the results — good or bad — for the May issue of the magazine.

"We were all a little skeptical that the diet would work," admits family food editor Diane Mogleveer, who wanted to drop 10 pounds.

Fifteen weeks later Mogleveer had lost 16 pounds and dropped two dress sizes. Katalinich had dropped nearly 30 pounds. Everyone had either met or lost more than their original goal. In fact, the diet plan proved so successful, Katalinich decided to turn it into a book.

The Family Circle "Eat What You Love & Lose" diet book contains before-and-after photos of each member of the group, plus down-to-earth diet menus and tips and about 250 typically reliable Family Circle recipes. What it doesn't contain are any earth-shaking weight-loss tricks. In fact, McQuillan's advice was simple: It's all about the calories.

Each day's menu provided an average 1,500 calories, including 300 calories for snacks like frozen fruit bars, pretzels, even Hershey's kisses. On days that the group was testing recipes, they would skip the snacks and use those calories for tastings.

Once they were comfortable with the breakfasts, lunches and dinners McQuillan had created, they could mix and match meals (have dinner for lunch, for example, or a favorite diet breakfast more than once a week) or substitute comparable recipes (now included in the book). If they hit a slowdown for a couple of weeks, they could eliminate a snack, but a better solution, she told them, would be to increase their exercise. Take longer walks, add 10 more minutes on the treadmill, do some light weight lifting, she suggested.

McQuillan also helped the group come up with substitutes for particularly high-calorie temptations.



At Family Circle magazine, members of the test kitchen staff decided to diet. Their weight-loss plan worked. Clockwise from middle: Peggy Katalinich (with pizza), Julie Miltenberger, Althea Needham, Donna Meadow, Michael Tyrrell and Diane Mogleveer.

tations. And every Monday, the group had a weigh-in.

The ubiquitous boneless, skinless chicken breasts got a crunchily, low-fat coating.

'FRIED' CHICKEN

4 to 6 servings
Nonstick cooking spray oil
1/2 cup low-fat plain yogurt
1 tablespoon spray brown or Dijon-style mustard
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (1 1/2 pounds total), each cut into quarters, lengthwise
1 1/2 cups packaged corn bread stuffing, crushed
1 teaspoon dried thyme
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Coat a baking sheet with the spray. In a large bowl, combine the yogurt, mustard, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Set aside. Pat the chicken dry. Add it to the yogurt mixture and turn to coat. Set aside. In a pie plate or shallow dish, combine the stuffing and thyme. Working with 1 piece at a time, remove the chicken from the yogurt mixture and shake to allow any excess to drip off. Dip it into the crumbs and roll to coat all sides, pressing the crumbs so they stick. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet and lightly coat the top side of the chicken with cooking spray. Bake for about 20 minutes, until the pieces are golden brown. (If crispier chicken is desired, after baking, increase the oven temperature to broil for about 3 minutes.)

Per serving (based on 6): 157 calories, 20 gm protein, 13 gm carbohydrates, 2 gm fat, 44 mg cholesterol, trace saturated fat, 430 mg sodium, 1 gm dietary fiber

A nutty crust, semisweet chocolate and fresh berries are good for you.

VERY BERRY TART

8 servings
1/4 cup (about 1 ounce) halved pecans

3/4 cup flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon low-fat (1 percent) milk
2 ounces semisweet chocolate
6 strawberries, hulled and halved lengthwise
1/2 cup blueberries
1 cup raspberries
2 tablespoons strawberry jelly
1 teaspoon water

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. In a food processor, pulse the pecans until ground. Add the flour, sugar and salt and pulse to combine. With the processor running, add the oil and pulse until incorporated. Add the milk and pulse until mixture is the consistency of cookie crumbs. Press the mixture over the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch tart pan with a removable bottom. Bake the crust for about 7 minutes, until lightly colored. Transfer the pan to a wire rack to cool. Place the chocolate in a glass measuring cup and melt it by placing the cup either in a microwave oven or in a saucepan of gently simmering water. Carefully remove the cup from the oven or pan and, using a rubber spatula, spread the melted chocolate evenly over the bottom of the cooled tart shell. Arrange the strawberries, cut-side down, in a small saucepan over medium heat, melt the jelly and water. Brush the glaze over the berries and set aside until set, about 5 minutes.

Per serving: 183 calories, 2 gm protein, 24 gm carbohydrates, 10 gm fat, trace cholesterol, 2 gm saturated fat, 77 mg sodium, 3 gm dietary fiber

The Fourth of July conjures up images of watermelon, corn on the cob, homemade ice cream and fireworks outdoors.

I grew up on a small farm in Treasure Valley near the Oregon border. Even in those days, firecrackers and explosive aerial fireworks were not available in Idaho, but were sold in Oregon.

Normally, my dad was a very conservative fellow. But every year, he would make a trek to Oregon a week or two before the Fourth and buy firecrackers, bottle rockets and Roman candles for the adults and big kids and a few fountains and some sparklers for the little kids.

Relatives would bring fried chicken, potato salad, cake and other picnic treats to the farm for the holiday festivities. We were far enough from town and the nearest neighbor that nobody complained about the noise, and we were able to shoot off fireworks to our hearts' content.

Ice cream was always made in the back yard on the lawn in a hand-crank ice-cream freezer. Mom would mix up the ice cream, pour it into the tank portion of the freezer and seal it up. Dad would fill the outer portion with ice and salt. Everyone took a turn on the crank and in a while — it seemed like forever — the crank got hard to turn and the ice cream was done.

The little kids got to lick the dasher when the freezer was opened. It was a special privilege. I remember how jealous I felt when a younger cousin was given the dasher. I was no longer the chosen one. I wished she had stayed home that day.

The aunts, uncles and cousins would line up to get a sample of the ice cream. It was usually just vanilla, but that didn't matter. It was delicious.

Electric ice-cream freezers are on the market today. These eliminate the need to turn the crank by hand. It makes it easier, but I wonder if some of the magic isn't lost in the efficiency I know the long, drawn-out anticipation is eliminated. That was half the fun.

FREEZING ICE CREAM: Carefully pour the ice-cream mixture into the freezer can. (If the mixture is cooked, cool it first.) Fill can 2/3 full. Fit can into freezer. If using an electric freezer, follow manufacturers' directions. Adjust the dasher and cover, pack crushed ice and rock salt around the freezer can, using 6 parts ice to 1 part salt. Turn dasher slowly till the ice partially melts and forms a brine. Add more ice to maintain the ice level. Turn handle constantly till the crank turns hard. Remove ice to below lid of freezer can; remove the lid and dasher. To ripen ice cream: plug the opening in the lid, cover the can with several thicknesses of waxed paper or foil for a tight fit; replace the lid. Pack more ice and salt (4 parts ice to 1 part salt) around the can to fill the freezer. Cover the freezer with a heavy cloth or some newspapers. Let ice cream ripen for about 4 hours.



VALLEY COOKING
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Note: Be sure to use rock salt. The granulated salt melts too fast, and it is nearly impossible to get a cold enough temperature to freeze the ice cream with granulated table salt.

VANILLA ICE CREAM

In a mixing bowl beat 4 eggs till light. Add 2 1/2 cups sugar gradually, beating till thick. Add 7 cups milk, 3 cups whipping cream, 2 1/2 tablespoons vanilla and 1/2 teaspoon salt Mix well. Freeze in ice cream freezer according to directions. Makes 1 gallon.

COFFEE ICE CREAM: Make vanilla ice cream but use only 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla and add 1 1/2 teaspoons instant coffee.

FRUIT-FLAVORED ICE CREAM: To make your favorite fruit ice cream, mash 1 1/2 to 2 cups of your favorite fruit (very ripe) and add it to the vanilla ice cream recipe before it goes into the freezer. Peach, apricot, cherry and berry are all good choices.

CHOCOLATE ALMOND ICE CREAM

1 cup sugar
1/2 envelope unflavored gelatin (1 1/2 teaspoons)
3 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate or 6 ounces semisweet chocolate pieces
4 cups light cream
1 slightly beaten egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
Dash salt
3/4 cup slivered almonds, toasted

Combine sugar and unflavored gelatin. Add chocolate and half the cream. Stir mixture over low

heat until the gelatin dissolves and chocolate melts. Slowly stir in a small amount of the hot mixture into the beaten eggs; mix well. Return to hot mixture. Cook stirring constantly till mixture thickens slightly, about 1 minute. Chill thoroughly. Add remaining cream, vanilla, salt and almond. Freeze as directed till ice cream is firm. Makes 1 1/2 quarts.

CARAMEL PECAN ICE CREAM

Caramel Pecan Ice Cream, makes 2 quarts.

In a heavy skillet melt 1 cup sugar slowly over low heat till golden brown. Remove from heat; gradually stir in 1 1/2 cups boiling water. Cool thoroughly. Beat 4 eggs till they are light, beating in 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt.

Stir in the cooled, caramelized sugar, 2 1/3-ounce cans evaporated milk (3 1/2 cups) and 2 teaspoons vanilla. Freeze in ice-cream freezer according to directions for about 30 minutes. Add 1/2 cup pecans (toasted and chopped) and freeze for five minutes more. Let ice cream ripen before serving.

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Potato salad doesn't need many calories

By Elaine Maggio
Knight Ridder News Service

I'm going to lighten up a recipe that is supposed to be a take-off of the KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) potato salad just in time for all those Fourth of July picnics and barbecues. If you want to embellish the recipe with sun-dried tomatoes, kalamati olives, etc. go right ahead. I like to use Best Foods regular mayo, but a lot less of it (try 75 percent less). I replace the lost mayo with a nice, neutral-tasting fat free sour cream (Naturally Yours in the cream and white cowhide container). The other trick is adding some flavor to the dressing to give a little extra kick - a little extra sweet pickle relish, onion, celery, and pimientos, for example.

LIGHT (MOCK KFC) POTATO SALAD

Original recipe contains about

Recipe doctor

319 calories, 22 grams of fat (3.3 grams saturated fat), and 16 mg cholesterol.
Makes 8 servings
2 pounds russet potatoes (about 5 cups diced)
1/4 cup mayonnaise
3/4 cup fat free sour cream
2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
4 teaspoons sugar
1 tablespoon finely minced white onion
2 teaspoons prepared mustard (add 1 more teaspoon if desired)
1 teaspoon vinegar
1 tablespoon finely minced celery
1 1/2 teaspoons diced pimientos
1 tablespoons finely shredded or chopped carrot
1/4 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Dash salt (add more to taste)

1. Lightly peel potatoes (you don't have to get all of the skin off) then chop them into bite-size pieces and boil in 6 cups of boiling, salted water for 7-10 minutes. The potato chunks should be tender, yet slightly tough in the middle when done.
Drain and rinse potatoes with cold water.

2. In a medium bowl, combine remaining ingredients and whisk until smooth.
3. Pour drained potatoes into a large bowl and pour dressing over the potatoes. Gently toss until well combined. Cover and chill for at least 4 hours (overnight is best).

Per serving: 194 calories, 4 g protein, 32 g carbohydrate, 5.7 g fat (9 g saturated fat, 1.6 g monounsaturated fat, 3 g polyunsaturated fat), 4 mg cholesterol, 2 g fiber, 140 mg sodium. Calories from fat: 26 percent.

Tostadas make quick, delicious meal

By Renee Schettler
The Washington Post

Move over tacos. Tostadas are every bit as simple, variable and family-friendly. They're also much less messy and can be custom built for any picky eaters at the table. The lime and oil marinade gives quick flavor to chicken breasts - and goes particularly well with an ice-cold margarita or cerveza.

GRILLED CHICKEN TOSTADAS

4 servings
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (1 1/2 pounds)
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional for brushing
1 teaspoon coarse salt, or to taste
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more to taste
8 corn tortillas

2 red onions, sliced into 1/2-inch-thick rounds

Chopped lettuce, sliced tomatoes, diced avocado, fresh cilantro and sour cream

Adjust the oven rack to the middle position and preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Pat the chicken dry. Place the chicken between 2 sheets of wax paper or plastic wrap and, using your hand, a skillet or a rolling pin, gently flatten it to an even thickness of about 1/2 inch. Transfer the chicken to a resealable plastic bag, add the lime juice, oil, salt and pepper and seal the bag. Shake to combine and refrigerate. Meanwhile, place the tortillas on a baking sheet, brush the top of each with oil and season with salt. Bake until crisp and lightly golden, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from the

oven; set aside. Heat a grill or place a grill pan over medium-high heat. Transfer the chicken to the grill or pan, discarding the marinade, and grill, turning once, until cooked, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to a cutting board and set aside for about 3 minutes. Brush both sides of the onion slices with oil and grill until softened and lightly browned, about 3 minutes per side. Slice the chicken lengthwise into strips. Transfer the tortillas to individual plates, and serve the chicken, onions and garnishes on a platter.

Per serving (without garnishes): 315 calories, 29 gm protein, 29 gm carbohydrates, 9 gm fat, 64 mg cholesterol, 1 gm saturated fat, 445 mg sodium, 4 gm dietary fiber.

-Adapted from the June issue of Martha Stewart Living

Old American meat loaf recipe dates back to 1700s

By Jim Coleman
and Candace Hagan
Philadelphia Daily News

One of the oldest American meat loaf recipes dates back to the early 1700s, from the Moravian culture outside Salem, Mass. I'm going to share a different style of meat loaf with you but feel free to change the recipe to suit your taste. If you want to remove the yogurt sauce altogether and top your meat loaf with a tomato sauce (or ketchup, if you want to really go American), feel free. Also, you could use regular ground meat instead of veal and turkey.

ISLAND HOME MEAT LOAF

1 tablespoon olive oil
3/4 cup chopped onions
1/4 cup chopped celery
1 tablespoon red curry paste
2 tablespoons water
1/2 cup shredded zucchini
1 8-ounce container plain yogurt
1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon sugar
3/4 pound ground turkey meat
3/4 pound ground veal

1/8 teaspoon dried thyme
1/8 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup shredded zucchini
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
2 large eggs
Salt and white pepper to taste
Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onions and celery and cook 3 to 4 minutes until lightly browned. Remove the skillet from the heat. Thoroughly stir in the curry paste and water. Cool. For the yogurt sauce, combine 1/2 cup zucchini, yogurt, the tablespoon of finely chopped onion, 1/2 teaspoon of salt and the sugar in a medium bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Combine the turkey, veal, thyme, basil, Parmesan cheese, 1 cup of zucchini, bread crumbs, eggs, salt and white pepper, and the reserved onion mixture in a large bowl until just mixed. Line a 13-by-9-inch pan with foil. Lightly coat the lined bottom with vegetable cooking spray. Shape the meat mixture into an 8-by-4-inch loaf in the center of the prepared pan. Bake 50 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees. Remove the meat loaf.

These steak kabobs have crunch, spiciness

By Linda Gassenholmer
The Miami Herald

These steak kabobs get their crunch and spiciness from unexpected sources - peanuts and hot pepper jelly. To make this a quick and easy grilled dinner, ask the butcher to cut the beef into cubes for kabobs. Mushrooms, red bell pepper and corn on-the-cob complete the meal. Look for super-sweet corn in your store's produce department. It's up to three times sweeter than traditional varieties and will stay sweet for at least a week in the refrigerator. It also cooks faster. Meat and vegetables take different amounts of time to cook, so I thread the meat onto one skewer and the vegetables onto another.

PEANUT-CRUSTED BEEF WITH VEGETABLE KABOBS

3/4 pound beef sirloin steak, fat removed and cut into 1 1/2- to 2-inch cubes
3 tablespoons chopped pepper jam or jelly (divided use)
2 tablespoons crushed, dry-masted peanuts
2 cups red or green bell pepper,

cut into 1-inch pieces
2 cups baby bella or other mushrooms
3 medium ears super-sweet corn, husked

Preheat grill to medium heat. Place 2 tablespoons jam in a bowl and stir until smooth. Toss meat in jam and then roll it in chopped peanuts. Thread meat onto 2 skewers.

Place bell pepper and mushrooms in a bowl and microwave on high 2 minutes. Thread onto 2 skewers. Spray with olive oil. Place corn on a large piece of foil and spread remaining jam on corn. Close foil to seal the corn. Grill meat 5 minutes; turn and grill another 3 minutes for rare, 5 minutes for medium rare. At the same time, place corn and vegetables on the grill and cook 10 minutes, turning once. Makes 2 servings.

Per serving: 680 calories (31 percent from fat), 23.6 g fat (8.6 g saturated), 140 mg cholesterol, 66 g protein, 61.3 g carbohydrate, 4.3 g fiber, 158 mg sodium.

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FOOD & HOME

These tarts will tickle any palate

By Amanda Smear
The Baltimore Sun

On their first date, New Yorker writer Tad Friend and his future wife, New York Times food reporter Amanda Hesser, are as different as potato and po-tah-to. Hesser habitually dines at New York City's swankiest establishments with other food lovers with uncompromisingly sophisticated palates. Friend chooses a locale for their first date that Hesser describes as, "the Manhattan equivalent of an Outback Steakhouse." In "Cooking for Mr. Latte," Hesser writes about episodes from her life as they relate to meals and the people with whom she dined. Here's a recipe.

PEACH TART

1 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour (measured using the dip-and-sweep method) and more, if needed

3/4 teaspoon medium to coarse sea salt or kosher salt (divided use)

3/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons milk

1/2 teaspoon almond extract
2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter

5 ripe peaches, peeled, pitted and thickly sliced (about 6 slices per peach)
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In an 8-inch square (or similarly sized) pan, stir together 1 1/2 cups flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon sugar. Stirring enables the salt and sugar to sift the flour, so you needn't sift it in advance. In a small bowl, whisk together the oil, milk and almond extract. Pour this mixture into the flour mixture and mix gently with a fork, just enough to dampen; do not overwork it. Then, use your hands to pat out the dough so it covers the bottom of the pan, pushing it up the sides to a height of about 3/4 inch. This will be easy if you pat firmly and confidently, but not if you curl your fingertips into the dough. It should be about 1/8-inch thick all around; trim and discard excess dough. In a bowl, combine 3/4 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt and the butter. (If the fruit is especially juicy, add a little extra flour.) Using your fingers, pinch the butter into the

dry ingredients until crumbly, with a mixture of fine granules and tiny pebbles. Arrange the peaches in rows over the pastry; they should fit snugly. Sprinkle the pebbly butter mixture over top (it will seem like a lot). Bake for 35 to 45 minutes, until shiny, thick bubbles begin enveloping the fruit and the crust is a nut brown. Cool on a rack. Serve warm or room temperature, preferably with generous dollops of creme fraiche whipped cream. Makes one 8-inch tart to serve 6, with a little left over for breakfast.

Creme Fraiche Whipped Cream:

1 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

1/2 cup creme fraiche
Whip the heavy cream until it begins to thicken. Sprinkle the confectioners' sugar and continue to beat the cream until it makes a soft, lazy peak. Fold or gently whisk in the creme fraiche. Dollop on everything! Makes 2 cups.

—Adapted from Nancy Silverton of La Brea Bakery in Los Angeles

Mint, chocolate can't miss

By Laura H. Ehret
The Dallas Morning News

Before long now, the lovely little mint plant will overgrow the yard, not unlike a marauding green conquistador bent on claiming everything in its path. Take advantage of all that green, fresh flavor to add a kick to chocolate sauce — courtesy Heidi Marie Vukovic, chocolatier, pastry chef, owner of Chocolate Harmony and co-owner of Cakes on Call in Houston. Vukovic advises using a high-quality chocolate; she prefers Valrhona. Then smother coffee ice cream or luscious summer berries with a cape of your minty chocolate.

SUMMER MINT CHOCOLATE SAUCE

1 3/4 cups half-and-half
1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup firmly packed mint, bruised
12 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
4 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped

In a saucepan heat the half-and-half and sugar to a boil while stirring. Remove from heat and add the bruised mint and cover to infuse for 10 minutes. Put both chocolates in a medium bowl. Reheat till the half-and-half mixture until it comes to a boil, remove from heat and pour through a strainer over the chocolate. Stir completely till the chocolate has melted. Pour the hot sauce into clean 1/2-pint jars. Store chocolate sauce in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks. Serve sauce warm over ice cream or fresh berries. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

MINT CHOCOLATE SAUCE

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Family permeates high school rodeo

POCATELLO - It strikes the first-time observer the moment you walk through the gates. Young kids everywhere mostly doing something instead of wandering around in circles. Could this be a high school sporting event? It is, but one that differs from most.

While family is important in any sport, especially to its teenage athletes, it seems to play an even bigger role in high school rodeo.

The sport is more informal and it's not just the blue jeans. Take basketball for instance. Most coaches distance themselves from the parents, keeping them in the stands as much as possible and not directly involved with the team. In contrast, parents and family



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Joe Paisley

are directly involved in rodeo. Flier cowgirl Megan Lewis' parents are very much involved. Her mother, Susie, is the Sixth District secretary and was one of the members of the statistics crew at the 2003 Idaho High School Finals Rodeo. Her Dad, Bill, ran the tractor that raked and leveled the dirt in the Bannock County Fairgrounds arena.

Lewis and her family are only one example. The cowgirl agreed that such involvement is typical though.

"It's a very family oriented sport," Lewis said.

The involvement ranges from grandfather to grandchild.

"You're never too young or too old to rodeo," Lewis said.

The sport also makes more of an effort to get the whole family involved.

The kids obviously take advantage, judging from the dozen or so who constantly hovered around the steer roping dummy, practicing their roping.

Now, there's nothing new about little brothers and sisters mimicking their older siblings. Consider how quickly the wrestling mats full of youngsters in between rounds or how many converge on these half-time free-throw contests.

Rodeo demands more direct involvement and more commitment from the whole family than most sports.

The family has to commit more money as well. In addition to the rural lifestyle, it takes more than a pair of shoes and a hoop to compete in high school rodeo. Most have more than one horse to compete in different events. Each event takes a different kind of training and the interaction between cowboy and horse is often all the difference.

High school rodeo athletes become part of a small community quickly.

"You get to know everyone," Lewis said. "It's an individual sport instead of a team one, like basketball or volleyball."

Unlike basketball tournaments, when the arena is deserted between rounds, the fairgrounds were kept busy with a volleyball tournament between districts. After Friday night's performances, the third annual Cowboy Prom kept the kids together as opposed to scattering to their respective motels.

That effort to keep them together makes for a tight-knit community.

Lewis, who faltered during her final breakaway roping run and missed out on nationals, appreciates the skill required to succeed in this special sport. As disappointed as she was about not advancing, she seemed just as genuinely happy for friends who qualified. She mentioned goat tying champion Marissa Black of Meridian and Black's parents.

"I'm thrilled for her," Lewis said. "They are amazing people. There's so many other great families. You'd fill all of them."

While there are outstanding individuals to be found in any sport, rodeo also has its share.

Centered around these individuals are the families that make up a tight-knit community. A good community to be part of, judging from a weekend's observations.

Times-News sportswriter Joe Paisley attended the final two days of the high school state rodeo last weekend. Call him at 735-3230 or send him e-mail at jpaisley@timesnews.com.

Beach, CSI remain at odds

Coach says he should know plans by Monday

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The writing's on the wall for Guy Beach.

The College of Southern Idaho is refusing to give its men's basketball coach any guarantees for a future relationship beyond next season.

In effect, CSI is telling Beach it's willing to part ways. Even if that means sacrificing the upcoming season.

Beach returned from a so-



Guy Beach

called "recruiting visit" this weekend to Fresno State buoyant and optimistic about joining the Bulldogs as the lead men's basketball assistant under high school friend and head coach Ray Lopes, whose home he stayed at on his trip.

Beach insists the job is his if he says yes.

"Ray gave me some time to think about it," Beach said. "But not too long."

Especially with the July recruiting period just around the corner for NCAA Division I teams, which have about two weeks to see potential players at an assortment of all-star and team camps.

Beach said ongoing negotiations aren't as forthcoming between himself, CSI athletic director Jeff Duggan and college President Jerry Meyerhoeffer, who is in Moscow for State Board of Education meetings this week.

The stickler - Beach wants an agreement through at least the 2004-05 season, although athletic department employees, Duggan included, all sign one-year contracts.

"He (Duggan) pretty much said it's not going to happen about the following year," Beach said.

Duggan wouldn't discuss any details of the negotiations only to say Beach's original three-year agreement, which is a series of three, one-year contracts, will be honored this season if Beach so chooses.

The coming season's contract, which ends June 30, remains unsigned.

"Basically all of us have one-year contracts," Duggan said.

"This will be his third year (and) it's his option for him to leave. We committed to him for three years so we are committed to that

part."

As to the future?

"We're leaving our options open," Duggan said.

Whether a deal can be hammered out with CSI this week is uncertain. One thing is for certain, Beach said he will decide his next move after meeting face-to-face with Meyerhoeffer on Monday.

"I got attached to the kid, and it's not really easy to tell the (team) it's a business and I got to go, see ya," Beach said. "But I'll probably decide when I meet with the president on Monday."

Beach said it's not about money. He makes \$70,000 in his

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Cowboys break out the brooms

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Minico leftfielder Greg Christensen makes a diving attempt to field a ball hit by Twin Falls' Drew Bernhard. Christensen came up just short on the play as did the Spartans in the doubleheader swept by the Cowboys B-1 and 9-0 Tuesday night at Warburton Field.

Lott stifles Minico lineup as Twin Falls tramples Spartans

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Success seems to have a way of following J.D. Lott.

"That's a good thing," Lott said through a big smile Tuesday after guiding the American Legion AA Twin Falls Cowboys to an 8-1 Area C victory over Minico



at Warburton Field. Twin Falls completed the doubleheader sweep with a 9-0 victory in the second game, which didn't count

in area standings.

Lott, who pitched games 1 and 3 for Jerome to lead the Tigers to the Class 4A state championship this spring, put on a clinic Tuesday as to why his teams have been so successful. He struck out eight and walked just two for the Cowboys while moving to 4-0 on the season and lowering his ERA

to 2.41 on the season.

It didn't start out so well for the soon-to-be Teasdale Valley Community College hurler as he allowed both of his walks against the first four Minico batters he faced, with Spartan leadoff hitter Kreg Shew walking and scoring on a single by Kasey Bradburn.

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Serena Slam begins with 6-3, 6-3 triumph

Agassi opens with four-set tussle

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England - Serena Williams regained her Grand Slam grin Tuesday.

Eager to put Paris in the past, Williams began her bid for a second consecutive Wimbledon title by beating fellow American Jill Craybas 6-3, 6-3.

The match was the first for Williams since her 33-match Grand Slam winning streak ended with a loss in the French Open semifinals to eventual champion Justine Henin-Hardenne. French fans cheered Williams' mistakes and booed her after the defeat.

Nearly three weeks later, she was able to joke about her tearful reaction.

"My eyes were watering - correction," she said with a laugh.

Williams said the show of emotion at Paris may have won her more fans.

"I was a little upset for a few days when I was at home, hitting the practice court immediately off the plane and swinging in my sleep," she said. "But everyone seemed to have seen the match



Defending champion Serena Williams returns to Jill Craybas during their first round match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Tuesday.

Tuesday at Wimbledon

A brief look at what happened Tuesday on the second day at Wimbledon:
Attendance - 41,929. This is a record for the second day of the tournament.
Last year on the second day it was 40,995.
Seeded winners - Men: No. 2. Andre Agassi; No. 3. Juan Carlos Ferrero; No. 6. David Nalbandian; No. 10. Tim Henman; No. 11. Jiri Novak.
Seeded winners - Women: No. 1. Serena Williams; No. 2. Justine Henin-Hardenne; No. 8. Jennifer Capriati; No. 10. Anastasia Myskina; No. 11. Jelena Dokic; No. 14. Elena Dementieva; No. 15. Elena Dementieva.
Seeded losers (top 16) - Men: No. 7. Guillermo Coria; No. 14. Xavier Malisse.
Seeded losers (top 16) - Women: None.

Once-sickly child becomes softball star

By Steve Wiateln
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - When she was born, her parents feared she might not survive. When she had asthma as a child, they worried about her running up the stairs.

On Monday, her proud father watched as UCLA softball star Natasha Watley was honored as the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

"Wow!" Watley blurted as she accepted the big, silver Honda-Broderick Cup that has gone to the best in college women sports for 27 years. Ann Meyers, Nancy Lieberman, Tracy Caulkins, Cheryl Miller, Jackie Joyner, Lisa Fernandez and Mia Hamm are among the past winners. And now a woman who spent the first two weeks of her life on a respirator in intensive care. Wow, indeed.

"She's been a fighter from day one," her father, Edwin, said.

There are athletes to whom everything is given - the genes, the connections, all the breaks.

There are those who struggle constantly, carving out careers against all odds.

Natasha Watley, of Irvine, Calif., is somewhere in between, blessed with talent, committed to hard work, thankful for all the good fortune that has come her way.

Sports run in her family. Her mother, who couldn't come to the award ceremony because she had to work, played tennis and ran track in the Bahamas. Her father was a good athlete in high school with a couple of famous second cousins, former NBA players Willis Reed and Orlando Woolridge.

She overcame the asthma, took her father's advice to switch from right-handed power hitter to left-handed slapper, and made herself into that rare player who can start rallies with her bat and her feet and break open games with the long ball.

A senior shortstop, Watley batted .440 in the Women's College World Series as UCLA won the NCAA championship. For the season, she hit .481 with 10 homers, scored 64 runs and stole 35 bases. She had more than 100 hits in a season for the third time and a career batting average of .450, seventh best in NCAA history.

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Major League Baseball

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AMERICAN LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
New York	45	30	.600	-	2-82	W-1	20-17	25-13	9-5			
Boston	42	32	.569	2	2-64	W-2	24-11	19-21	8-6			
Toronto	44	33	.571	2	2-73	L-1	20-16	24-17	9-6			
Baltimore	34	40	.459	10.5	2-46	W-1	17-19	17-21	5-10			
Tampa Bay	25	50	.333	20	2-8	L-1	14-22	11-28	2-13			
Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
Kansas City	39	34	.534	-	7-3	W-2	20-15	19-19	8-6			
Minnesota	40	35	.533	-	2-8	L-1	18-18	22-17	8-7			
Chicago	36	40	.474	4	2-64	W-1	21-17	15-23	6-7			
Cleveland	30	44	.405	9.5	4-6	L-1	16-19	14-25	4-11			
Detroit	18	56	.243	21.5	2-28	L-4	6-29	12-27	4-11			
West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
Seattle	49	25	.662	-	2-64	L-1	23-15	26-10	9-6			
Oakland	44	31	.587	5.5	2-82	L-1	18-18	16-20	8-7			
Anaheim	36	37	.493	12.5	3-7	W-1	18-15	18-22	8-7			
Texas	28	47	.373	21.5	2-28	W-1	17-22	11-25	2-13			
NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
Atlanta	49	25	.662	-	5-5	W-1	27-10	22-15	8-4			
Montreal	43	34	.558	-	4-6	W-2	28-9	17-21	7-8			
Philadelphia	39	34	.534	9.5	5-5	L-1	23-16	16-18	5-6			
Florida	39	39	.500	12	7-3	W-5	23-18	16-21	8-4			
New York	33	41	.446	16	2-46	L-4	16-19	17-22	5-6			
Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
Chicago	41	34	.547	-	2-55	W-2	20-17	21-17	8-7			
Houston	41	35	.539	5	4-6	L-1	23-14	18-21	10-5			
St. Louis	39	35	.527	1.5	4-6	L-1	23-14	16-21	8-7			
Cincinnati	38	38	.500	4.5	2-46	L-3	21-19	15-19	6-3			
Pittsburgh	31	43	.419	9.5	2-64	L-3	13-23	10-20	5-7			
Milwaukee	30	45	.400	11	2-46	L-2	15-27	15-18	4-5			
West Division												
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San Francisco	45	30	.600	-	4-6	W-1	22-13	23-17	8-7			
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Arizona	39	36	.520	6	8-2	W-6	22-18	17-18	7-4			
Colorado	40	38	.513	8.5	2-46	W-3	20-13	11-25	9-3			
San Diego	25	53	.321	21.5	5-5	L-1	14-26	11-27	6-9			
2nd game was a win												
AMERICAN LEAGUE												
Tuesday's Games												
Boston 10, Detroit 1												
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 1												
Texas 7, Oakland 6												
Seattle at Anaheim, late												
Today's Games												
Baltimore (Ponson 9-4) at Toronto (Liddle 10-4), 5:05 p.m.												
Detroit (Maroth 2-11) at Boston (Burke 5-3), 5:05 p.m.												
Kansas City (Snyder 1-4) at Cleveland (B Anderson 4-8), 5:05 p.m.												
N.Y. Yankees (Snyder 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Lincecum 4-1), 5:05 p.m.												
Oakland (Haines 1-1) at Texas (Thompson 4-9), 6:05 p.m.												
Chicago White Sox (Garland 5-6) at Minnesota (Mays 8-4), 6:05 p.m.												
Seattle (Moyer 10-4) at Anaheim (Ria Ortiz 8-3), 8:05 p.m.												
NATIONAL LEAGUE												
Tuesday's Late Games												
Arizona 7, Houston 6												
San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 2, 11 innings												
Tuesday's Games												
Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 4												
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3												
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 1												
Colorado at San Diego, late												
Today's Games												
Pittsburgh (Wells 2-3) at Montreal (Vazquez 6-5), 11:05 a.m.												
Milwaukee (Shirts 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Perez 8-3), 12:20 p.m.												
Houston (Wiley 5-7) at Arizona (Dessens 4-4), 4:05 p.m.												
Philadelphia (Padilla 5-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 6-6), 5:05 p.m.												
Cincinnati (Wilson 5-4) at St. Louis (Monsie 7-5), 5:05 p.m.												
Florida (Redman 5-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 5-1), 5:10 p.m.												
Colorado (Elarton 3-3) at San Diego (Ol Perez 2-3), 8:05 p.m.												
Los Angeles (Nomo 8-6) at San Francisco (Moss 7-5), 8:15 p.m.												

Rangers snap eight-game losing skid

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Carl Everett hit a three-run homer and Mario Ramos earned his first major league victory as the Texas Rangers halted an eight-game losing streak by holding off the Oakland Athletics 7-6 Tuesday night.

Earlier in the day, the Rangers reached agreement to trade two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez to Montreal — but his attorney, Jeff Moorad, said the slugger "in all likelihood" would reject the deal.

Expos general manager Omar Minaya, who has a long history with Gonzalez, was to meet with the slugger Wednesday in Texas.

Gonzalez has 72 hours to exercise his no-trade clause. His window of decision begins at 8 a.m. MDT Wednesday. He did not appear in Tuesday night's game.

The A's rallied for four runs in the ninth before Ugueth Urbina got his 19th save.

Ramos (1-1) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings. He outpitched Mark Mulder (10-5).

Red Sox 10, Tigers 1

BOSTON — Nomar Garciaparra went 5-for-5 and Derek Lowe pitched eight strong innings to lead the Boston Red Sox over the Detroit Tigers.

Garciaparra singled five times and scored three runs before he was removed for a pinch-runner in the seventh. The only other time in his career he has had at least five hits in a game was Saturday, when he went 6-for-6 in a 13-inning game against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Kevin Millar matched a career high with four hits and five RBIs for Boston.

Lowe (8-3) won his fifth straight decision. Nate Cornejo (3-6) took the loss as Detroit dropped its fourth in a row.

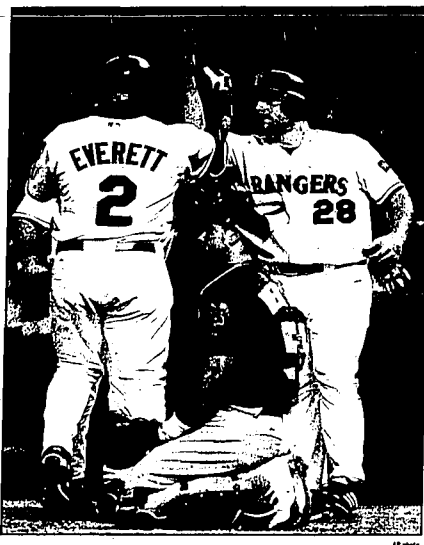
Yankees 10, Devil Rays 9

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Juan Rivera hit a three-run homer and Todd Zeile added an RBI double as the New York Yankees scored four times in the ninth inning to beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Jason Anderson (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth for his first major league victory. Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his 10th save in 11 opportunities as the Yankees won for just the second time in 28 tries when trailing after eight innings.

White Sox 2, Twins 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Esteban



Athletics catcher Ramon Hernandez kneels as Texas Rangers' Kevin Mench congratulates teammate Carl Everett after Everett's three-run homer in the eighth inning in Arlington, Texas, Tuesday.

Louisa pitched eight impressive innings to move into a tie for the major league lead in wins, and the Chicago White Sox beat the Minnesota Twins.

Louisa (11-2) allowed only one unearned run and six hits, striking out six and walking one. He joined Toronto's Roy Halladay and Colorado's Shawn Chacon as the only pitchers in the majors with 11 wins.

Royals 3, Indians 1

CLEVELAND — Chris George pitched out of trouble for most of his 5 2/3 innings and the Kansas City Royals won another game in the AL Central, beating the Cleveland Indians.

George (9-4), who is among the league leaders in wins despite a

6.18 ERA, allowed one run and seven hits to win his fourth straight start.

Orioles 6, Blue Jays 4

TORONTO — Jeff Conine and Tony Batista homered as the Baltimore Orioles ended an eight-game losing streak to the Toronto Blue Jays.

Carlos Delgado hit his AL-leading 23rd homer in the ninth inning for the Blue Jays. He leads the majors with 81 RBIs — the most ever by a Toronto player before the All-Star break.

Conine hit a two-run homer off Kelvin Escobar (5-4) in the fourth to cut Baltimore's deficit to 3-2. Escobar hit Conine on the left shoulder with a pitch in the sixth. Conine glared at Escobar as he

walked to first base, and plate umpire Ed Rapano warned both dugouts.

Baltimore starter Rick Helling (5-5) was the winner.

National League

Cubs 9, Brewers 1

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa hit two of the Cubs' six home runs for his first multihomer game of the season and 59th of his career as Chicago defeated the Milwaukee Brewers 9-1 Tuesday night.

Kerry Wood, Mark Grudzielanek and Alex Gonzalez hit back-to-back-to-back home runs in the sixth inning. Corey Patterson also homered for the Cubs.

Wood (7-5), pitched seven innings, scattering eight hits and allowed only one run.

Expos 6, Pirates 4

MONTREAL — Brad Wilkerson became the fifth Montreal player to hit for the cycle and the first since 1955, going 4-for-4 with four RBIs and leading the Expos over Pittsburgh.

The two-run homer followed Jose Vidro's RBI double, giving Wilkerson a career-high four RBIs for the fourth time.

Marlins 8, Mets 4

NEW YORK — Luis Castillo triggered a four-run sixth inning with a two-run homer and Mike Lowell drove in two more runs to help Florida.

Florida has won five in a row and is now 39-39, reaching the .500 mark for the first time since May 1.

Brad Penny (6-5) allowed four runs on seven hits, walking two and striking out six before leaving two batters into the seventh inning. He had been 0-7 in 10 appearances against the Mets, and 0-5 at Shea Stadium before Tuesday night.

Braves 5, Phillies 3

ATLANTA — Javy Lopez homered twice and Andrew Jones also went deep against former teammate Kevin Millwood as Atlanta defeated Philadelphia.

It was the sixth two-homer game of the season for Lopez. Millwood (8-6), traded from Atlanta to Philadelphia during the offseason, lost to his former team for the second time in less than a week.

Legion

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"I was startled at first," Lott said. "But I started to hit my spots and felt a lot better."

Twin Falls coach Tim Stademeir was a little scared as to how Lott would react coming off a 120-pitch complete game in the Leithridge, Alberta tournament won by Twin Falls over the weekend.

"He looked great," Stademeir said. "He started out slow but he really had no offspeed stuff working. He's been like that for us all season. He was just fantastic."

Minico coach Ben Frank walked away impressed.

"Once he got going, he really kept us guessing," he said. "He did a great job for them. But we also didn't do a good job in situations where we had chances."

Minico pitcher Brandon Colwell also was trying to rebound from a complete game outing for the Spartans (8-7 overall, 3-3 Area C).

Beach

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current position and will make a lot more if he departs for Fresno, which is building a new arena, has the Western Athletic Conference coach of the year in Lopes and hopes to escape further NCAA scrutiny that currently has the program on two years probation for a lack of "institutional control."

Beach cited his family, his team and a desire for job security for not already accepting the offer at Fresno.

"My family has a lot to do with it," Beach said. "My kids are in Nevada with their grandmother. They don't want to move again and I like it here. I like the team we're bringing in."

"I've heard a lot of different things about money. Some of the people think it's a money issue and that's not true," case. That has never been an issue. All I asked for was another year so I could

"I could see that he was tired right away," Frank said. "He was leaving his stuff up."

And the Cowboys (15-4, 4-1) jumped on the Spartans early, with Brandon Christiansen knocking in Mike Littleton in the first and Tim Mealer drawing a bases-loaded walk to score Steve Turner in the second as the Cowboys took a 2-1 lead.

A two-RBI single by Twin Falls catcher Brett Miller helped the Cowboys to a three-run fifth.

In 19 games, Miller has 32 RBIs from the leadoff spot, including a two-run home run in the second-game victory that Cody Hoverton followed with a solo shot. Miller went 3-for-4 in that second game to lead the Cowboys' cause while Nick Carr struck out 10 in five innings.

Christiansen doubled in a run and Turner scored him on a sacrifice fly as Twin Falls added three more runs in the sixth inning of that first game. Christiansen went 3-for-5 in the

coach my team another year. That's all I asked for."

In his two years at CSI, Beach has compiled at 52-12 record and is 103-25 overall as a head coach after going 51-13 with a region championship at Eastern Utah from 1995 to 1997.

Beach said next season's team has an excellent shot at returning to the national tournament. Sophomores Dante Sawyer and Aking Elting return and sophomore transfers Daniel Artest and former Syracuse freshman Mark Konecny are on the team as Class 3A Idaho player of the year Marc Christensen from Declo.

Throw-ins

Sophomani Sani? After withdrawing his name from Thursday's NBA draft, 6-foot-10 CSI sophomore-to-be Sani Ibrahim remains ambivalent about returning next season to

game two more RBIs to raise his season total to 31 RBIs.

"All year, high school and Legion, I've had a lot of support," Lott said. "That makes my job a lot easier."

Twin Falls pounded out 28 hits in the two games.

"That was something I really wanted to work with the team on. It was our approach at the plate," Stademeir said. "And we've been swinging the bats real well."

Game 1
Twin Falls 1

IS WIE THE NEXT TIGER WOODS?

13-year-old phenom will play in Idaho's Albertsons Boise Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

PALM COAST, Fla. — Tiger Woods found motivation from a tape he taped on his bedroom wall, a timeline of the golfing exploits by his idol Jack Nicklaus.

Michelle Wie's bedroom in Honolulu is decorated with all things Tiger.

She has press clippings from some of Woods' 44 victories around the world, eight of them majors. Plastered on the wall are pictures of his swing sequence, showing how much it has evolved over the years.

Asked whether she paid close attention to Woods when she first started playing golf, Wie answered as only a teenager can. "Sort of ... not really ... but I did," she said after her 1-up victory in the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, at 13 the youngest player to win any USGA title for grown-ups.

"My dad loved Tiger," Wie said. "My dad cut out pictures of his swing and pasted them up on my bedroom wall, so I guess I did follow him. It's funny, the transformations he went through. He was really skinny then, and now he's really muscly."

Wie can relate. In the last 18 months, she has topped out at 6 feet. She is lean and fit, and packs even more power behind drives that she hits as far as men twice her age. One drive measured 314 yards during a key stage in her 1-up victory at Ocean Hammock.

Wie isn't just a tower of power, either.

The most impressive swing Sunday came on the 135-yard 17th hole in the morning round, to a back-left pin tucked behind a bunker, with a breeze coming into her from the left. Instead of going with a full 9-iron, Wie hit a soft 7-iron to 12 feet.

Is the next Tiger Woods a girl? Maybe.

She hits prodigious drives and attracts enormous attention no matter where she plays — or with whom.

After playing a pro-am with Tim Herron two years ago at the Sony Open, a reporter approached Herron, one of the big hitters on tour, and immediately inquired about Wie.

"Nothing about me?" he said. "No. Happy New Year, good to see you, how are you playing? All you want to know is how far some 12-year-old girl is blowing it by me?"

Wie was the talk of the Nabisco Championship in March, shooting 66 to get into the final group with Annika Sorenstam and eventual winner Patricia Meunier-LeBeau in the LPGA's first major championship of the year.

Still five years away from being eligible for the LPGA Tour, all the stars know who she is and what kind of potential she brings.

Just that it was for Tiger.

The difference is how she plans to reach her destination.

Wie played three times on the



Michelle Wie, 13, follows through on her iron approach to the 7th green at Ocean Hammock Golf Club in Palm Coast, Fla., on the 25th hole of her championship match against Virada Nirapattipongporn, Sunday. Although Wie is still five years away from being eligible for the LPGA Tour, all the stars know who she is and what kind of potential she brings.

LPGA Tour last year at age 12, twice as a Monday qualifier, and never broke par or made a cut.

She already has made the cut in both her LPGA events this year, and will play twice more, including the ShopRite Classic this week.

Wie will play against the men on the Canadian Tour in August, and on the Nationwide Tour at the Albertsons Boise Open in September, three weeks after she starts her freshman year at Ponahua School.

She is getting loads of experience, but not many trophies.

"She's impressive," Sorenstam said in January, a few weeks after Wie tried to Monday qualify for the Sony Open, missing by six shots.

"It's fun once in a while, but you need to play with your peers. You want to win trophies when you're young."

Sorenstam figured that routine playing against pros — and rou-

tinely finishing back in the back — "can't be good for your confidence."

Wie's father sees it differently. B.J. Wie said his daughter gets tired of eating the same food, listening to the same music, watching the same kind of movies.

The same is true with golf. "Her personality is such that whenever she won a local tournament, she didn't want to defend," he said. "She always wants a new challenge. She wants to win more USGA events. Her focus is on the LPGA."

Woods was different.

By the time he was 13, he had won his age group in the prestigious Junior World four times. He won eight times at age 15, including his first U.S. Junior Amateur.

Woods didn't play on the PGA Tour until he was 16, missing the cut at the Nissan Open. In fact, Woods didn't make the cut in any professional tournament until he tied for 41st in the '95 Masters

when he was 19.

"It was all part of his father's plan."

"I didn't want him to get into a situation where he was physically overmatched," Earl Woods said. "I used the PGA events for him to get a feel for what was there. The objective was not to make a cut. The objective was to gain experience."

"And it worked."

Woods won 37 times as an amateur. He is the only player to win three straight U.S. Junior Amateurs, followed by three straight U.S. Amateurs.

"When Tiger turned pro, he didn't have to learn how to win," his father said. "He already knew. You don't learn that going in as an amateur playing a PGA Tour event."

Wie is taking a different path. No one is sure where it will lead, although one thing is certain.

Just like Tiger, everyone sees her coming.

Don't try to rewind your golf game in the wind

I didn't have any requests this week but as I look out the window and see another "breezy" day in southern Idaho, I thought some tips on playing in other than ideal conditions might be in order. The most important thing about playing in inclement weather is being prepared for the conditions.

If you are uncomfortable and don't want to be there, you are just wasting your time and money. Good wind and rainwear can be fairly expensive, but if your comfort is important then price should not be an issue.

Equipment plays a role in how your shots are affected by the wind. Stronger clubs, such as those with less loft, might be a factor if you are going to play in an area with a lot of wind. A ball with a lower launch angle might also be desirable.

On full shots remember that wind affects both the body and the ball to overcome this, I do two things for more effectiveness.

First, I widen my stance. This gives me a lower profile and a lower center of gravity, which provides a much more solid base so that I am not pushed out of balance during the golf swing.

Also, by gripping down on the shaft of the club I make the swing a little more compact and again keep the elements of the wind down. This is also a good thing to remember while putting; the wind has a tendency to move the putter blade offline. This is one of the main reasons that players who putt with long putters encounter problems with their strokes while playing in the wind.

The wind can also make a big difference with your short game around the green.



PRO TIPS
John Peterson

When going into the wind I will try to chip the ball with a less lofted club as opposed to pitching the ball with a pitching or sand wedge. If you have a shot with very little green to work with, use the wedge because you will have to fly the ball closer to the hole.

If the opposite is the case and you have the wind at your back, the more lofted club might be the answer — but it might take a little time at the chipping green to learn how to anticipate how the ball is going to react.

I have heard all kinds of tips such as: "If it's breezy, swing it easy" and many other sage tidbits of advice.

I think the best advice I ever heard was this — "If you are going into the wind, put your best swing on the ball and if you are going downwind, put your best swing on the ball."

Bottom line, don't let the wind affect your swing. I know it is hard to do sometimes but if you will just trust your swing and don't alter it for the wind the results will be much better.

John Peterson is the head PGA golf pro at Jerome Country Club. If you have a question about golf or a particular shot, e-mail him at jcp@fliercl.com.

Club notes

• Jerome CC hosts two-lady best ball today

JEROME — A two-lady best ball tournament will be contested at Jerome Country Club today. The cost is \$50 per team, which includes lunch.

There is a 10-stroke handicap allowance and the tournament will shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Cars are extra and need to be reserved ahead of time by calling 324-5281.

• Junior club hosts golf tourney for breast cancer

TWIN FALLS — The Junior Club of Magic Valley will host a golf tournament to benefit the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Breast Cancer Endowment Fund on Saturday at Jackpot Golf Club. The team entry fee for the two-person event is \$100, which includes green fees, cart and lunch. The tournament will have an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Both men and women are encouraged to register by calling Lesley Hollister at 736-4894 or Paula Bell at 731-0969.

• BSU booster club sponsors golf tourney July 14

JACKPOT, Nev. — The 2003 Broncos in Jackpot Golf Tournament is set for July 14 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Packages are available with travel from Boise along with a foursome entry fee of \$500, which includes breakfast, a gift package, drink tickets and lunch. Individual entries cost \$150 with the aforementioned perks.

There is a Twin Falls bus at a cost of \$20 a person available. There will be a cocktail reception at 7:30 p.m. July 13 at Cactus Pates along with a slot tournament. The fee for that evening is \$40. Proceeds benefit Bronco athletics.

To book a hotel room, call Keith at 342-0142.

• Jerome ladies play drop to par June 18

JEROME — The Jerome Ladies Golf Association played a game of drop to par June 18, where four holes were played and dropped to par with net scores the result.

First flight winners were Jamie Checketts and Kathy Hanchett; Glenda McGreer won the second flight and Brenda Bolton finished second, while Lynn Tidwell won the third flight with Lois Tidwell taking second.

Burley Am hits its approach

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Fireworks aplenty will be at the Burley Golf Course on the Saturday and Sunday of the Fourth of July weekend during the Sinclair/Kerbs Oil Burley Amateur championship July 5-6.

"It's grown every year since it's been here, starting in 1998," Burley professional Mike Williams said. "It started at about 80 people."

Last year, the field had about 180 golfers.

And the good news is Williams said the course is in the best shape he's ever seen it.

"I'm having longtime players come up and tell me it's the best it's been in at least 10 years," Williams said.

Last year, Terry Spackman fired a two-day 14n to beat Aaron Curtis by a stroke, while Jennifer Hedberg shot a 150 for a 10-stroke victory.

"We had a real strong field last year," Williams said. "We'll see what this year brings."

It's possible the field won't be quite as strong this year since the tournament is the week before the Men's State Amateur and some players might head up for a

practice round there in preparation. But the level of play should be plenty tough again with very little dropout.

The relatively short course favors an accurate iron player.

"We have smallish greens, so that's going to play to someone really accurate with their irons," Williams said. "It's not necessary that you hit real long. And, of course, it's going to come down to putting."

And Williams said that the greens are in excellent shape. "We're rolling as good as I've seen them," he said. "They're not going to be tricked up but because of their speed they are going to be challenging."

He said the greens are rolling at about an 11 on the stimp meter.

Cost is \$50 a person and includes lunch Saturday, trophies, two tee prizes closest to pins in all flights and \$3,000 added money. There is a net and gross payout.

Call Burley Golf Course at (208) 878-9807 for more information.

Times-News sportswriter Scott Thompson can be reached at stthompson@magicvalley.com or 677-4042, Ext. 639.

Singh wins Canadian Skins in a playoff

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ontario (AP) — Vijay Singh made a 3-foot birdie putt worth \$50,000 on the fourth playoff hole Tuesday and won the Telus Skins Game with a total of \$140,000 and six skins.

Ian Laggatt of Canada, who missed a 40-foot putt for birdie on the fourth extra hole, was second with five skins and \$95,000, while defending champion Sergio Garcia finished third with five skins and \$85,000. John Daly was fourth in the \$360,000 event with two skins and \$40,000.

Garcia, who missed an eagle putt that would have given him the championship, and Singh birdied the par-5 18th to force

the playoff.

The foursome played the 18th a second time with Daly, Singh and Leggatt all getting birdies. Garcia was eliminated with a par.

The threesome then all parred No. 1, a par-5. Daly was eliminated on the par-5 18th with a par while Singh and Leggatt each had a birdies.

In the skins format, each hole has a dollar value and the lowest score wins the "skin." If there's a tie, the money is carried over to the next hole.

Garcia led after Monday's first round with \$60,000, followed by Leggatt (\$35,000) and Singh (\$15,000). Daly was shut out on the first day.

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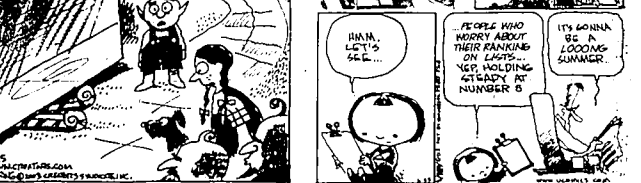
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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Saturn's restricting influences on the sun make you feel uncomfortable. If you're holding grudges and resentments, this is a good time to let them go. Taurus or Pisces featured

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): A needy friend seeks emotional support. Passion and affection are coming your way! There's planning for a sports event that could involve water.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Temptations you want to dodge prove hard to shake. The Venus-Pluto opposition in your sign today gives you an edge in netting advantages and luxuries.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Saturn is giving you a practical attitude that could be interpreted as cold and callous to people who do not know you. News from an organization or group involves financial ruins.

LFO (July 23-Aug. 22): You feel life is a bed of roses, and your future seems more clear. Affection and a sense of adventure encourage you to enjoy accolades from superiors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Venus and Pluto are inviting you

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to beautify your home and make repairs - or are you buying a new bookcase?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You feel powerless and puzzled. Venus, your ruler, helps you to get approval for a recreational project involving electronics, water, swimming pools, boats or the ocean.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There's news regarding partners or marriage. A friendly neighbor has unexpected input. Pluto, your ruler, and Venus in your house of money could provide a sudden windfall.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are invigorated with renewed energy and catch a glimpse of real power at work. A secret plan or financial scheme should be short-lived.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Neptune in your house of money makes riches run through your fingers like water. If you're an entrepreneur, there's success in cakes, perfumes, film or oil-based products.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your ideals run high and passionate. Venus in your house of romance could mastermind a chance encounter. Your home is your castle and a haven to protect at the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Powerful planetary influences are inspiring you. Pay attention, be open and go with the flow. Your usually passive nature may have to curb a rebellious streak.



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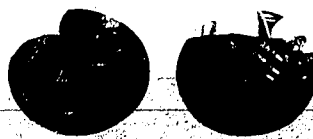
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SkyWest resumes Salt Lake City flight

TWIN FALLS — SkyWest Airlines this month resumed its full schedule of five daily round-trip flights between Twin Falls and Salt Lake City.

Utah-based SkyWest Airlines, which has served the Twin Falls airport continuously for 20 years, had suspended one daily round-trip during May but resumed it June 1, the airline said this week.

Flying under the Delta Connection banner with 30-passenger Embraer Brasilia 120 turboprop aircraft, SkyWest is the only commercial airline operating in Twin Falls.

Flights bound for Salt Lake City depart from Twin Falls at 6:35 a.m., 9:37 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8:05 p.m. Flights from Salt Lake arrive in Twin Falls at 9:18 a.m., 12:12 p.m., 4:18 p.m., 7:41 p.m. and 11:32 p.m.

SkyWest promotes the Twin Falls flights by touting Delta's system of connecting flights in Salt Lake, and free parking and short lines at the Twin Falls airport.

"It's easy to see why flying local makes sense," the company said in this week's statement.

Washington Federal shows quarterly dividend increase

JEROME — Seattle-based Washington Federal Inc. — parent of Washington Federal Savings — announced a 4.8 percent increase in its quarterly cash dividend to 22 cents per share from 21 cents.

The dividend will be payable July 18 to common stockholders of record July 7. It will be Washington Federal's 82nd consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

"We are pleased that the company's performance warrants another cash dividend increase. This is the 38th such increase since Washington Federal began publicly trading in 1982 and underscores our confidence in the company's future prospects," Chief Executive Officer Roy M. Whitehead said in a statement.

Ameristar Casinos lifts its quarterly financial forecast

JACKPOT, Nev. — Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. this week boosted its financial forecasts for the current quarter.

Among Ameristar's operations are a pair of Jackpot casino properties that are major Magic Valley employers. For the quarter that ends June 30, Ameristar now estimates it will post consolidated operating income of \$36.5 million to \$37.5 million (increased from its prior forecast of \$30 million to \$32 million); and diluted earnings per share of \$0.45 to \$0.47 cents (increased from prior estimates of 31 cents to 35 cents).

For the year ending Dec. 31, Ameristar raises its estimate for consolidated operating income to \$134 million to \$142 million, up from prior guidance of \$125.5 million to \$135.5 million. It forecasts for diluted earnings per share rose to \$1.53 to \$1.71, up from the prior estimate of \$1.35 to \$1.59.

U.S. Bank plans free seminar to discuss fraud

BURLEY — U.S. Bank will host a free seminar at 8 a.m. Friday at the Burley City Hall council room, at 1401 Overland Ave. in Burley.

The seminar will provide information on how to safeguard a business from check fraud, counterfeit money, fraudulent IDs and more.

Speaker Rob Burden has 22 years' experience as a criminal investigator in law enforcement, in which he advanced from patrolman to lieutenant in charge of investigation. He was a federal agent for nine years investigating interstate transportation of stolen property.

After a career in law enforcement, he joined U.S. Bank Corporate Security as a fraud investigator. As a unit manager, he supervises 54 fraud investigators throughout six states. He has addressed numerous conferences and seminars on bank robbery survival and check fraud in Oregon, Washington, Utah and Idaho.

Sign up for Friday's seminar by calling Sandra A. David at U.S. Bank at 676-3591. A free continental breakfast will be served.

Compiled from staff reports

T.F. chamber eyes long-term plans

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors in its half-year meeting Tuesday looked into the future.

"We spent quite a lot of time talking about long-term changes we are looking at implementing, including the way that we sell memberships," said Kent Just, chamber executive. "We put a task team together that is going to look at our dues structure."

Just said a task team will consider options in the length of the

membership, one year or multi-year, and how the chamber can conserve its funds.

"This is going to be about a three- or four-month look at how we do things," he said.

The chamber is having some success in signing up new members, adding 61 so far this year, Just said.

"We really want to reach 800," Just said.

Just said the chamber will use information gleaned from a survey of other chambers of commerce as it lays out its long-term strategies.

"There will likely be some

adjustment in the dues, the investment amount a member makes," Just said.

That could mean a slight increase this year, he said.

Other business for the chamber board Tuesday:

"The board discussed technology, including its computer system, Web site and communication with members."

Just said the chamber is looking at upgrading its computers

and that money might be used to upgrade computers in the

chamber offices, which now consist of five PCs and a server.

"Most everybody is in technology about where we are," he said, "but some are using the Internet for all their communications. We are not."

A second task team is assigned to look at the chamber's technology needs and should make some decisions this summer, he said.

The chamber has about \$10,000 in a technology fund.

"We just want to make sure we spend it wisely," Just said.

Some of that money might be used to upgrade computers in the

Burden of overqualification



Joan Allen mixes her brownies in the kitchen at Ms. Desserts June 18 in Baltimore, Md. Allen had lived a largely cushy, white-collar life, until new management at a mall ousted her as marketing director 11 years ago. Never married, and without children, Allen decided to gamble. Instead of seeking another regular job, she cobbled together a series of projects — a process she now says helped her "inner person" burst out. She recently turned a family recipe into a brownie-making business, Chocolate Goddess.

Unemployed Baby Boomers encounter difficult job search

By Brian Bergstein
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Mary Jones Pelt got the bad news a year ago. She had worked in accounts receivable at Board's Head Provisions Co. Inc. for 17 years, but the maker of luncheon meats was moving from Brooklyn to Sarasota, Fla.

She decided to stay with her family — and found discouragement at every turn. Some potential employers say she's overqualified; others offer half what she made at Board's Head. Unemployment benefits have run out, and Pelt, 44, worries she might end up taking a low-paying job in a supermarket alongside her 17-year-old daughter.

"I didn't think at this stage of my life I'd be making decisions like this," Pelt said. "I thought I'd be making plans for my retirement."

With nationwide unemployment at 6.1 percent in May, America has plenty of such stories of disappointment and anguish. But Pelt's experience illustrates the particular cruel joblessness inflicts on baby boomers, the more than 70 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964.

Many are hunting for work for the first time in decades, but are limited in their flexibility to move and pressured to provide for their children or elderly parents. Meanwhile, employers often can find someone younger for less money.

"The unemployment numbers tell part of the story," said Leslie B. Prager, senior partner in the Prager-Bernstein Group, a career service in New York. "What many individuals are having to do is take a stop-gap job, possibly a job that would make them underemployed, while they wait for a job that's more like what they were doing before."

The unemployment rate for 45- to 54-year-olds was 4.1 percent in the first quarter, up from 2.4 percent three years earlier, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That marked a steeper increase than the overall jump in that time, to 5.8 percent from 4.0 percent.

The effects can be seen at the New York City Workforce Career Center in Manhattan, a federally funded job training and counseling office jointly run by the city and state. Based in Harlem, the center's staff works with everyone from Ph.D. holders to laborers who need computer training, networking advice and help writing resumes.

Counselor Susan Banks tells boomers to make sure their resumes highlight ways they helped their previous employers save money or bring in new revenue. She also helps get their computer skills as up-to-date as possible to make them more competitive with younger job applicants.

"You're seeing people who have been in their jobs 15, 16, 20 years, who did things a certain way — they were in a routine," Banks said. "That's not good enough anymore."

As boomers rework their resumes, some remove long-ago experience and the dates when they got their degrees to avoid giving away their ages to employers who might care. Sometimes they make even more discouraging changes.

Atheen Dickson, another counselor at the Harlem center, recently advised a woman in her 40s who has a master's in business administration and had been making \$85,000 in an executive position. Unable to find anything

Call estimate was for earnings of \$1.65 per share.

During the past year, the company said it has bought back \$761 million of its stock, reduced debt by \$325 million to a total of \$7.96 billion and invested \$2 billion in capital projects. During the first quarter, Kroger opened, expanded, relocated or bought 23 food stores.

Kroger operates about 2,500 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 32 states under the names Kroger, Ralphs, Fred Meyer, Food 4 Less, King Soopers, Smith's, Fry's and Fry's Marketplace, Dillons, QFC and City Market.

The company also operates 732 convenience stores, 445 jewelry stores, 395 supermarket fuel centers and 41 food-processing plants.

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Kroger profits rise in first quarter

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Kroger Co. reported Tuesday a 15 percent rise in first quarter earnings, partly because of increased sales and bookkeeping changes, but lowered its outlook for the year.

Kroger, one of the biggest U.S. supermarket operators, earned \$352 million, or 46 cents a share, for the quarter ended May 24, up from \$305.2 million, 38 cents a share, for the first quarter 2002.

Earnings a year ago would have been \$321.7 million, or 40 cents per share, without the accounting changes, company officials said. The company revised how it accounts for paying off debts early and determines inventory value at its Fred Meyer multi-department stores.

The results exceeded estimates of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call by a penny.

Smith's Food & Drug Stores, a division of Kroger, operates stores in Twin Falls and Burley. Kroger's Fred Meyer division has a Twin Falls store.

Cincinnati-based Kroger, which also operates food-processing plants and convenience and jewelry stores nationwide, reported sales for the latest quarter of \$16.3 billion, compared with \$15.7 billion a year ago.

Chairman and chief executive Joseph Pichler said competition has prevented it from achieving anticipated profit margins and revised its projected earnings for the year to between \$1.55 and \$1.63. The company had predicted that it would earn \$1.63 per share in 2003; the Thomson First

FedEx reports increase of 19 percent for quarter

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The FedEx Corp. reported fourth-quarter profits Tuesday of \$280 million, up 19 percent from a year ago on increased business for FedEx Ground and FedEx Freight.

The earnings for the quarter ending May 31 came to 92 cents a share, compared with earnings of \$236 million, or 78 cents per share, in the same quarter last year. That beat the 90-cent estimate of market analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Overall, FedEx — which has operations in Magic Valley — reported revenues of \$5.83 billion for the quarter, up 8 percent from \$5.42 billion, and operating income of \$492 million, up

18 percent.

"FedEx achieved record earnings during the year as the company advanced its strategy of being a full service transportation company with the broadest choices in the industry," chief executive Frederick W. Smith said.

As for the past several quarters, increased business for FedEx Ground and FedEx Freight, the company's newer units, accounted for most of the earnings increase, along with express shipments abroad.

The company reported a combined 5 percent increase in package volumes for FedEx Express and FedEx Ground. Revenues for FedEx Ground increased 18 percent.

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Rite Aid posts first quarter loss

The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Drugstore chain Rite Aid Corp. continued to dig out of a hole created by its troubled management, reporting a small profit Tuesday from its first quarter operations that was wiped out by more than \$19 million in expenses to restructure debt and defend law suits.

The Rite Aid chain includes stores in Twin Falls and Burley.

The third largest U.S. drug store chain said it lost \$48.8 million, or 8 cents a share, in the three months ending June 1. The company blamed the loss on a \$43.3 million charge from the early retirement of debt and \$6 million to defend trademark lawsuits and their business practices.

In the same quarter a year ago, the company recorded a \$44 million tax benefit that boosted it to a gain of \$2.6 million, but it reported a 1 cent per share loss because of a charge for preferred stock dividends not included in net income.

Mary Sammons, the company's president and chief operating officer, said the company had gained future flexibility by refinancing a portion of its nearly \$4 billion in debt earlier than it planned.

"It extends the maturity of a significant portion of our debt by three years and provides additional capital to retire debt and to invest in our business," said Sammons, who is set to take over today from Bob Miller as the company's chief executive.

Rite Aid, based in Camp Hill, Pa., also said Tuesday that it plans to open 75 new stores by February.

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Unhealthy report

Scandal-damaged Rite Aid Corp. reported a net loss of \$38.8 million Tuesday in the three months ending June 1.

Net income, in millions



NOTE: The company ended fiscal year 2003 in February.

SOURCE: The company. AP

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Man Soy Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Wheat Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Lard Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Cattle Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Hogs Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Pigs Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Eggs Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Milk Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Butter Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Cheese Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Coffee Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Sugar Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Gold Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Silver Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Oil Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Natural Gas Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Heating Oil Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Propane Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Ethanol Meal Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

Commodity	High	Low	Change
Man Corn	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Soy	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Wheat	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Lard	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Cattle	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Hogs	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Pigs	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Eggs	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Milk	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Butter	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Cheese	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Coffee	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Sugar	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Gold	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Silver	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Oil	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Natural Gas	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Heating Oil	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Propane	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Ethanol	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Corn Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Soy Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Wheat Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Lard Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Cattle Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Hogs Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Pigs Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Eggs Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Milk Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Butter Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Cheese Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Coffee Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Sugar Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Gold Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Silver Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Oil Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Natural Gas Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Heating Oil Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Propane Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00
Man Ethanol Meal	13.00	13.00	0.00

NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange rates

Currency	Rate
Man Euro	1.2500
Man British Pound	1.6500
Man Japanese Yen	110.00
Man Canadian Dollar	0.7000
Man Australian Dollar	0.7500
Man New Zealand Dollar	0.6500
Man Hong Kong Dollar	0.8000
Man Singapore Dollar	0.7000
Man Taiwan Dollar	30.00
Man South Korean Won	110.00
Man Indian Rupee	45.00
Man Brazilian Real	2.5000
Man Mexican Peso	16.0000

FOSSIL FUELS

Commodity	High	Low	Change
Man Crude Oil	25.00	25.00	0.00
Man Heating Oil	1.5000	1.5000	0.00
Man Propane	0.8000	0.8000	0.00
Man Natural Gas	0.5000	0.5000	0.00
Man Ethanol	1.2000	1.2000	0.00
Man Corn Meal	0.3000	0.3000	0.00
Man Soy Meal	0.2000	0.2000	0.00
Man Wheat Meal	0.1000	0.1000	0.00
Man Lard Meal	0.0500	0.0500	0.00
Man Cattle Meal	0.0200	0.0200	0.00
Man Hogs Meal	0.0100	0.0100	0.00
Man Pigs Meal	0.0050	0.0050	0.00
Man Eggs Meal	0.0020	0.0020	0.00
Man Milk Meal	0.0010	0.0010	0.00
Man Butter Meal	0.0005	0.0005	0.00
Man Cheese Meal	0.0002	0.0002	0.00
Man Coffee Meal	0.0001	0.0001	0.00
Man Sugar Meal	0.0000	0.0000	0.00
Man Gold Meal	0.0000	0.0000	0.00
Man Silver Meal	0.0000	0.0000	0.00
Man Oil Meal	0.0000	0.0000	0.00
Man Natural Gas Meal	0.0000	0.0000	0.00
Man Heating Oil Meal	0.0000	0.0000	0.00
Man Propane Meal	0.0000	0.0000	0.00
Man Ethanol Meal	0.0000	0.0000	0.00

METALS/CURRENCY

Commodity	High	Low	Change
Man Gold	1200.00	1200.00	0.00
Man Silver	15.00	15.00	0.00
Man Copper	3.5000	3.5000	0.00
Man Aluminum	0.9000	0.9000	0.00
Man Zinc	0.8000	0.8000	0.00
Man Lead	0.4000	0.4000	0.00
Man Nickel	0.1000	0.1000	0.00
Man Tin	0.0500	0.0500	0.00
Man Platinum	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
Man Palladium	500.00	500.00	0.00
Man Rhodium	1500.00	1500.00	0.00
Man Iridium	2000.00	2000.00	0.00
Man Osmium	2500.00	2500.00	0.00
Man Rhenium	3000.00	3000.00	0.00
Man Selenium	3500.00	3500.00	0.00
Man Tellurium	4000.00	4000.00	0.00
Man Vanadium	4500.00	4500.00	0.00
Man Chromium	5000.00	5000.00	0.00
Man Manganese	5500.00	5500.00	0.00
Man Iron	6000.00	6000.00	0.00
Man Cobalt	6500.00	6500.00	0.00
Man Nickel	7000.00	7000.00	0.00
Man Copper	7500.00	7500.00	0.00
Man Aluminum	8000.00	8000.00	0.00
Man Zinc	8500.00	8500.00	0.00
Man Lead	9000.00	9000.00	0.00
Man Nickel	9500.00	9500.00	0.00
Man Tin	10000.00	10000.00	0.00
Man Platinum	10500.00	10500.00	0.00
Man Palladium	11000.00	11000.00	0.00
Man Rhodium	11500.00	11500.00	0.00
Man Iridium	12000.00	12000.00	0.00
Man Osmium	12500.00	12500.00	0.00
Man Rhenium	13000.00	13000.00	0.00
Man Selenium	13500.00	13500.00	0.00
Man Tellurium	14000.00	14000.00	0.00
Man Vanadium	14500.00	14500.00	0.00
Man Chromium	15000.00	15000.00	0.00
Man Manganese	15500.00	15500.00	0.00
Man Iron	16000.00	16000.00	0.00
Man Cobalt	16500.00	16500.00	0.00
Man Nickel	17000.00	17000.00	0.00
Man Copper	17500.00	17500.00	0.00
Man Aluminum	18000.00	18000.00	0.00
Man Zinc	18500.00	18500.00	0.00
Man Lead	19000.00	19000.00	0.00
Man Nickel	19500.00	19500.00	0.00
Man Tin	20000.00	20000.00	0.00
Man Platinum	20500.00	20500.00	0.00
Man Palladium	21000.00	21000.00	0.00
Man Rhodium	21500.00	21500.00	0.00
Man Iridium	22000.00	22000.00	0.00
Man Osmium	22500.00	22500.00	0.00
Man Rhenium	23000.00	23000.00	0.00
Man Selenium	23500.00	23500.00	0.00
Man Tellurium	24000.00	24000.00	0.00
Man Vanadium	24500.00	24500.00	0.00
Man Chromium	25000.00	25000.00	0.00
Man Manganese	25500.00	25500.00	0.00
Man Iron	26000.00	26000.00	0.00
Man Cobalt	26500.00	26500.00	0.00
Man Nickel	27000.00	27000.00	0.00
Man Copper	27500.00	27500.00	0.00
Man Aluminum	28000.00	28000.00	0.00
Man Zinc	28500.00	28500.00	0.00
Man Lead	29000.00	29000.00	0.00
Man Nickel	29500.00	29500.00	0.00
Man Tin	30000.00	30000.00	0.00
Man Platinum	30500.00	30500.00	0.00
Man Palladium	31000.00	31000.00	0.00
Man Rhodium	31500.00	31500.00	0.00
Man Iridium	32000.00	32000.00	0.00
Man Osmium	32500.00	32500.00	0.00
Man Rhenium	33000.00	33000.00	0.00
Man Selenium	33500.00	33500.00	0.00
Man Tellurium	34000.00	34000.00	0.00
Man Vanadium	34500.00	34500.00	0.00
Man Chromium	35000.00	35000.00	0.00
Man Manganese	35500.00	35500.00	0.00
Man Iron	36000.00	36000.00	0.00
Man Cobalt	36500.00	36500.00	0.00
Man Nickel	37000.00	37000.00	0.00
Man Copper	37500.00	37500.00	0.00
Man Aluminum	38000.00	38000.00	0.00
Man Zinc	38500.00	38500.00	0.00
Man Lead	39000.00	39000.00	0.00
Man Nickel	39500.00	39500.00	0.00
Man Tin	40000.00	40000.00	0.00
Man Platinum	40500.00	40500.00	0.00
Man Palladium	41000.00	41000.00	0.00
Man Rhodium	41500.00	41500.00	0.00
Man Iridium	42000.00	42000.00	0.00
Man Osmium	42500.00	42500.00	0.00
Man Rhenium	43000.00	43000.00	0.00
Man Selenium	43500.00	43500.00	0.00
Man Tellurium	44000.00	44000.00	0.00
Man Vanadium	44500.00	44500.00	0.00
Man Chromium	45000.00	45000.00	0.00
Man Manganese	45500.00	45500.00	0.00
Man Iron	46000.00	46000.00	0.00
Man Cobalt	46500.00	46500.00	0.00
Man Nickel	47000.00	47000.00	0.00
Man Copper	47500.00	47500.00	0.00
Man Aluminum	48000.00	48000.00	0.00
Man Zinc	48500.00	48500.00	0.00
Man Lead	49000.00	49000.00	0.00
Man Nickel	49500.00	49500.00	0.00
Man Tin	50000.00	50000.00	0.00
Man Platinum	50500.00	50500.00	0.00
Man Palladium	51000.00	51000.00	0.00
Man Rhodium	51500.00	51500.00	0.00
Man Iridium	52000.00	52000.00	0.00
Man Osmium	52500.00	52500.00	0.00
Man Rhenium	53000.00	53000.00	0.00
Man Selenium	53500.00	53500.00	0.00
Man Tellurium	54000.00	54000.00	0.00
Man Vanadium	54500.00	54500.00	0.00
Man Chromium	55000.00	55000.00	0.00
Man Manganese	55500.00	55500.00	0.00
Man Iron	56000.00	56000.00	0.00
Man Cobalt	56500.00	56500.00	0.00
Man Nickel	57000.00	57000.00	0.00
Man Copper	57500.00	57500.00	0.00
Man Aluminum	58000.00	58000.00	0.0

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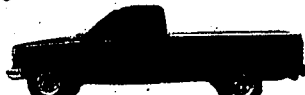
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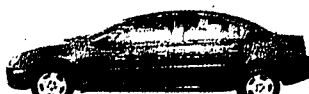
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