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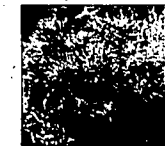
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Militants behead U.S. man

Masked assailants claim revenge for U.S. abuse of Iraqi prisoners

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Five masked Islamic militants abducted and beheaded a 26-year-old Pennsylvania businessman, claiming revenge for the abuse of Iraqis at the U.S.-run Abu Ghraib prison, and posted a grainy video of the slaying Tuesday on a Web site.

In the video, Nicholas Berg, of West Chester, Pa., who had been missing since early April, was shown in an orange jumpsuit sitting on the floor, his black-clad captors standing behind him. After reading a statement saying they sought to avenge the suffering of Iraqi prisoners at the hands of U.S. soldiers, the men decapitated him.

Berg's death appears to be the

Tribunal chief says Saddam will be transferred to Iraqis next month.

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first act of vengeance in response to the widely broadcast images of Iraqi detainees being abused and sexually humiliated at Abu Ghraib late last year. The scandal has prompted international outrage, particularly in the Arab world.

The grisly slaying, reminiscent of the killing of American journalist Daniel Pearl in Pakistan in early 2002, is likely to send new waves of fear among the thousands of foreign contractors and entrepreneurs who have been lured to Iraq by the



Michael Berg, left, collapses to the ground in front of the family house in West Chester, Pa., Tuesday and is comforted by his son, David, after learning the details of the killing in Iraq of his other son Nick.

promise of economic opportunity and a chance to rebuild its war-ravaged infrastructure. Dozens of foreigners have been kidnapped over the past month.

but nearly all were released. U.S. officials said they could not verify the video's authenticity.

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General finds no evidence abuse was ordered

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Army general who investigated the abuses at Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad said Tuesday that he had found no evidence the misconduct was based on orders from high-ranking officers or involved a deliberate policy to stretch legal limits on extracting information from detainees.



Major Gen. Antonio M. Taguba testified before Senate.

Instead, Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba attributed the scandal to the willful actions of a small group of soldiers and to a failure of leadership and supervision by brigade and lower-level commanders.

Similarly, the Army's top intelligence officer, Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander, sought to portray the abuses as the deeds of a handful of military police soldiers, with only the peripheral involvement of U.S. military intelligence personnel in Iraq.

But several senators challenged the notion that low-ranking soldiers could have devised the particularly humiliating measures on their own, and Taguba reported that military guards probably were influenced by intelligence personnel. He also claimed openly with the Pentagon that intelligence personnel, including Stephen Cambone, over the propriety and significance of a decision last November to place Abu Ghraib prison under the command of a military intelligence officer.

Appearing before a Senate panel investigating the prison scandal, Taguba testified that the move made military guards subject to the tactical control of interrogators, thus violating Army doctrine and blurring lines of responsibility. Cambone defended the decision as consistent with military standards and helpful to improving the gathering of intelligence.

Revealing the interrogation methods approved in Iraq, the Armed Services Committee released a single-page titled "Interrogation Rules of Engagement," listing two categories of measures. The first showed basic techniques approved for all detainees, while the second involved tougher measures that required approval by Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq. Among the items on the second list were stress positions for up to 45 minutes, sleep deprivation for up to 72 hours and use of muzzled dogs.

Jeff Everts, 43, is recovering from eating disorders. He is seen here playing with his dog Cheyenne in the back yard of his Albuquerque, N.M., home, April 29.



Eating disorders increase among men, experts say

The Associated Press

Intentional starvation, cookie binges, vomiting, hospitalization. The details were typical for an eating disorder.

But Jeff Everts might not seem like a typical sufferer. In an era of diet fixation, chiseled underwear models and "a culture of muscularity," some

researchers say eating problems among men are getting worse — even as sufferers face a lingering stigma about having a "women's disorder."

"We're able to hide it much better," said Everts, a 43-year-old Albuquerque, N.M., resident recovering from anorexia

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TO CLOSE OR NOT TO CLOSE



Hollister Elementary School second-graders Myrllah Kinnison, left, Cammie Pfoof, center, and third-grader Lorena Gomez follow along as Principal Jan Drennan reads "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" Tuesday. The Filer School Board meets tonight to possibly decide the future of the rural school.

Parents push to keep Hollister school open

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

HOLLISTER — Parents working to keep Hollister Elementary School from closing could find out tonight if their efforts are successful.

The Filer School Board is scheduled to decide whether to continue operating the small school — which is suffering from declining enrollment, relatively high costs and low test scores — during a public meeting at 7 p.m. in the Filer Elementary School Library.

"Everybody has doubts, but

Meeting tonight

The Filer School Board will discuss options for Hollister Elementary School and hear comments during a public meeting at 7 tonight in the Filer Elementary School Library.

this is a very good school, and I want people to take a second look," said Lori Shafer, the mother of a Hollister student.

But school officials say concerns about the expense of running a school in Hollister and the quality of education offered

there have forced them to consider closing it.

"We are given an obligation to educate our kids, and I have to consider if we can educate our kids at Hollister as well as we do in Filer," School Board Chairman Gerald Orndel said.

Why the decline?

Situated 15 miles south of Filer, Hollister Elementary has seen its enrollment drop from a high of 100 to the current level of 65 students. Members of the school's parent committee say the drop is largely due to the actions the School Board has

taken in the past.

"If they're concerned about student numbers, they need to look at the decisions they've made," committee member Eric Parrott said.

After construction of a new high school in Filer in 1996, the decision was made to send the sixth-grade classes at both Hollister and Filer elementary schools to Filer Middle School. And a few years later, 12 to 15 students in the Hollister special education program also were transferred to Filer.

"It's probably better for the

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100 YEARS AGO TODAY:

Townsite's plat filing secures new city's name

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A century ago today, the first plat filed for this freshly surveyed townsite set the name of the new city's name.

Starting in April 1904, John E. Hayes and his crew surveyed the central blocks of what are now downtown's diagonal streets and avenues. The first plat was filed on May 12, 1904, in Albion, seat of Cassia County, under the name of Twin Falls.

That name choice, local author Mary J. Inman wrote in her newly published history book, "was over the objection of many people who wanted the town named for I.B. Ferrine, but he wouldn't allow it to be named for him."

Other plat filings followed later in the year, including a dra-



matic rush to meet an Oct. 6 deadline.

The lead surveyor's 1904 townsite work was useful to his own love life, too.

"As each phase of the work was finished, (Hayes) eagerly jumped in his new buggy and carried the latest revision of the plat to the Cassia County seat at Albion," history columnist James Varley wrote in a "Tales of the Trec" column last year. "There, after recording the document, he would take up his courtship of Anna (Hansen), who had just graduated from the Normal School, and soon would become an assistant professor of English and mathematics."

Anna Hansen Hayes — as she

became in 1905 — wrote about those days in a 1962 publication titled "A Folk History of Twin Falls County." (But without details of the courtship.)

The May 12, 1904, filing, Anna Hayes wrote, assumed the name of "Twin Falls for the 'magic city.'"

"There was no time for the organization of a townsite company, so the plat was filed in the name of Martin B. DeLong, Secretary of the Twin Falls Land and Water Company," she wrote. "Lots were immediately selected for a bank, a hotel, and a store, but the new town did not enjoy an immediate boom. The water for the irrigation system was still a year away."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Abundant clouds and brisk winds... Tonight: Mostly cloudy, breezy and cool... Tomorrow: Increasing sunshine and turning milder...

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

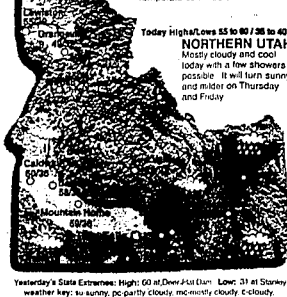
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Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases for May 19 to June 8.

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Table with 2 columns: Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Shows daily and monthly averages.

Moonrise and Moonset

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Thursday and Friday.

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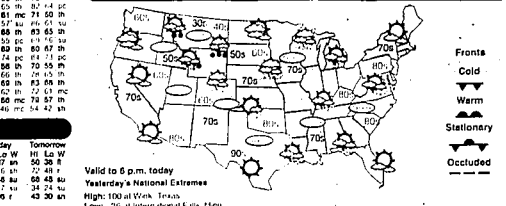
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Eating

Continued from A1. "We don't talk about it, where women would..."

"It's hard to know because men have been so reluctant to seek treatment..."

"The root causes can be similar for men and women: genetics, low self-esteem, trauma and cultural influences..."

"I don't know what's on 'NYPD Blue' tonight..."

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hospital offers residential treatment for males, and Weltzin says he sees a fair number of dieting men who are "carbohydrate-phobic..."

Death

Continued from A1. The U.S. consular officer in Baghdad, Paul Byrd, told Berg's family Monday that he had been decapitated..."

Sarah. In the video, one of the men read a statement in Arabic, saying they had offered to exchange Berg for several detainees at Abu Ghraib..."

Continued from A1. kids to have everything in a centralized location..."

Committee members suggest that parents who want to move their students into Filer should make formal requests subject to School Board approval...

Bitzenburg credits his experience in combined classes with making him a better student...

However, of the 44 third- and fourth-grade students who participated in the spring 2003 Idaho Standards Achievement Test, 83 percent scored higher in math...

Hollister

Continued from A1. Superintendent John Graham said transferring a teacher to Filer from Hollister would have reduced the fourth-grade class size at Filer Elementary from 30 to 24 students...

Stop the migration? To help keep the school open, the parent group wants the School Board to: Increase kindergarten from an half day to a full day...

Build a bridge? Hollister's faculty deals with reduced student numbers by teaching combined classes for second- and third graders, and fourth- and fifth-graders...

Improving scores Hollister scores are an area of concern for the School Board. For the past two years, the school has been working under the state's school improvement mandate...

The cost disparity Hollister Elementary qualifies as a rural school and receives about \$40,000 more in state funding than Filer Elementary...

Hollister would need between 80 and 100 students in order to be self-supporting and make money for the district...

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Advertisement for Corrections, mentioning a prosecutor amended charge in vehicle crash and a charge of driving while under the influence in Jerome County.

NATION/WORLD

IRAQI EMOTIONS



An Iraqi woman cries as she waits with others outside the prison in Abu Ghraib, on the outskirts of Baghdad, Tuesday. Iraqis gathered for another day near the prison, demanding to see their relatives after the release of pictures showing prisoners being humiliated by their U.S. captors.

Tribunal chief: Saddam will be transferred to Iraqis next month

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The United States has pledged to hand over Saddam Hussein and dozens of other suspects to Iraqi authorities by the time the U.S.-led coalition transfers power to Iraq next month, the head of Iraq's war crimes tribunal said Tuesday. The Pentagon disputed the report.

Saleem Chalabi told reporters in Kuwait that trials would begin early next year and that judges would receive "files" on the suspects at the end of this year.

"We will put 100 people... including Saddam Hussein, on trial," he said. The suspects, he said, will be delivered to us by the coalition before the transfer of power, which is scheduled for June 30.

A U.S. defense department spokesman, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said it had not been decided when to turn Saddam over to Iraqi authorities. Nor has it been determined when and where Saddam will be tried, but the intention remains to have him tried by the Iraqi people, the spokesman said.

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Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali" for his use of chemical weapons against the Kurds in the 1980s, could be one of the first to stand trial, Chalabi said.

The United States estimates that Saddam's government killed at least 300,000 Iraqis during his rule. Some human rights groups say the number is closer to 1 million.

Also Tuesday, relatives and U.S. officials said a body found on a Baghdad highway overpass was that of an American civilian contract worker missing since April 9 — the same day insurgents attacked a U.S. convoy west of the capital.

The Russian Foreign Ministry, meanwhile, said one Russian energy company worker was confirmed dead and two others abducted Monday when gunmen fired on their car south of Baghdad. An Iraqi serving as a bodyguard and translator was wounded, said Yevgeny Logvinov, spokesman for the Interenergoserbis energy company.

Gunmen attacked a U.S.-run civilian convoy operated by workers hired by a subcontractor of Kellogg Brown & Root in the western desert about 220 miles west of Baghdad. A motorist said he saw six burned vehicles, including one Iraqi civilian car

Developments in Iraq

Major developments about Iraq on Tuesday:

- **L. Paul Bremer**, head of the U.S.-led administration in Iraq, told Associated Press Television News that the soldiers accused in the abuse would be brought to justice.
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- **A female sergeant** in the Army's 320th Military Police Battalion took "vigilante justice" on

Iraqi prisoners who she believed had raped Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, according to a letter from the battalion's commander obtained by The Associated Press. The commander, Lt. Col. Jerry L. Philabaum, leveled the allegation in a rebuttal to charges against his leadership. The soldier denied there was any abuse.

- **The United Nations children's agency** said it was "profoundly disturbed" by reports that children may have been abused in prisons in Iraq. UNICEF spokesman Damien Persemaiz said the agency had no independent confirmation of the reports but decided to speak out.
- **The new U.S.-appointed Najaf governor** offered to defer murder charges against radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr if the young firebrand disbanded his militia. Al-Sadr demanded that U.S. authorities ask him directly for talks.

Source: The Associated Press

caught in the crossfire. Although initial reports said some of the workers were missing and possibly abducted,

Halliburton Corp. spokeswoman Wendy Hall said "to our knowledge, all drivers have been accounted for." She said the workers had been hired by a subcontractor for Kellogg Brown & Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton.

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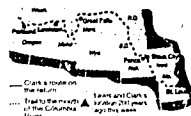
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NATION

FEC lawyers ask commission to hold off on 'soft money' rules

WASHINGTON — Federal Election Commission lawyers recommended Tuesday that the agency delay a decision on new donation and reporting limits for tax-exempt groups, a move that could allow them to spend millions on ads and voter drives in this year's presidential race.

In a step with far-reaching political implications, the FEC lawyers urged the commission to take at least three additional months to review the issue. If the commission agrees, it is unlikely the groups would face new regulations before the November election. The FEC is expected to consider the proposal Tuesday.

The recommendation was hailed by three Democratic-leaning groups that have been raising and spending "soft money" — corporate, union or unlimited donations — on television ads and other voter efforts opposing President Bush.

"Obviously we feel that this is a sound piece of advice," said Jim Jordan, a spokesman for the Media Fund, American Coming Together and America Votes. "We've maintained all along that the process was moving much too quickly."

Probe: Federal workers hold bogus degrees

WASHINGTON — At least 20 high-level federal employees have degrees from bogus colleges or unaccredited schools, only a slice of a problem that ranges from worker quality to national security, congressional investigators say.

The employees with dubious or worthless degrees serve in eight agencies; three are supervisors with security clearances in the office overseeing nuclear weapons safety, the General Accounting Office found.

Some workers were driven by ego to get quick, lofty-sounding degrees; others were duped by schools that choose misleading names and marketing profiles, rather than diploma mills, which require little if any academic work, are a federal problem, said the report by the investigative arm of Congress.

The GAO review, which covered civil service workers and political appointees, did not name names.

St. Paul policeman faces arrest in shootings

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A 11-month-

Nation in brief

American police officer was arrested on suspicion of carrying out two drive-by shootings that were part of a string of violent incidents within the city's large Southeast Asian community.

Tou Cha, 35, was jailed Monday on suspicion of aggravated assault with a firearm. No one was wounded in the shootings.

Judge denies request to move Peterson trial

BEDWON CITY, Calif. — A judge Tuesday refused a request to move Scott Peterson's murder trial again, dismissing warnings from the defense that an impartial jury cannot be found in this San Francisco suburb.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos wanted the case moved to Los Angeles, where he practices law.

He acknowledged that doing so would be expensive and inconvenient but insisted it would cost less than retrying the case if a guilty verdict were overturned on appeal.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi said he was confident Peterson could get a fair trial in Bedwone City, about 40 miles from where the bodies of Peterson's pregnant wife, Laci, and her child, washed ashore last year in San Francisco Bay.

Judge calls school funding unconstitutional

TOPEKA, Kan. — A judge struck down the state's system of educational funding Tuesday, saying it is "inadequate and inequitable" and therefore unconstitutional.

Shavnee County District Judge Terry Bullock said the state must close its public schools this fall while it fixes flaws in its system for distributing school aid. But because the case has already been appealed to the Kansas Supreme Court, it was not immediately clear whether schools would actually close.

Dan Biles, an attorney for the State Board of Education, said an appeal of Bullock's order will be filed quickly, and could stay Bullock's order past the start of the new school year.

Kerry's wife earns more than \$5 million

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Teresa Heinz Kerry, responding to repeated calls that she disclose information about her private fortune, said Tuesday she earned more than \$5 million last year and has paid about \$750,000 toward income taxes, according to her husband's presidential campaign.

Heinz Kerry and John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic nominee, filed separate tax returns. Earlier this year he released tax returns showing he had paid federal taxes of \$102,152 on adjusted gross income of \$395,338.

Heinz Kerry, an heir to the Heinz prepared foods fortune, is worth an estimated \$500 million. She was married to Sen. John Heinz, a Pennsylvania Republican who died in a plane crash in 1991. She married Kerry in 1995.

— compiled from wire reports

City defies governor over gay marriages

BOSTON (AP) — Officials in Cape Cod's gay tourism mecca of Provincetown voted to offer marriage licenses to out-of-state same-sex couples, potentially setting the stage for another legal battle over gay marriage.

Thumbing their nose at Republican Gov. Mitt Romney's stance, the town's selectmen unanimously decided Monday to issue marriage certificates to all couples as long as they attest that they know of no legal impediment to their union.

Romney immediately issued a statement Monday threatening legal action against city and town clerks statewide who defy his interpretation of the law.

Romney's office has warned clerks that they will be required to seek proof of residency or the intention to move to Massachusetts from all couples — gay and straight — who are seeking to marry as of Monday, when same-sex weddings become legal.

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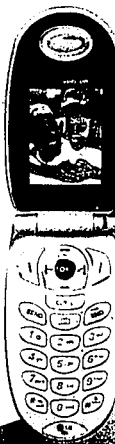
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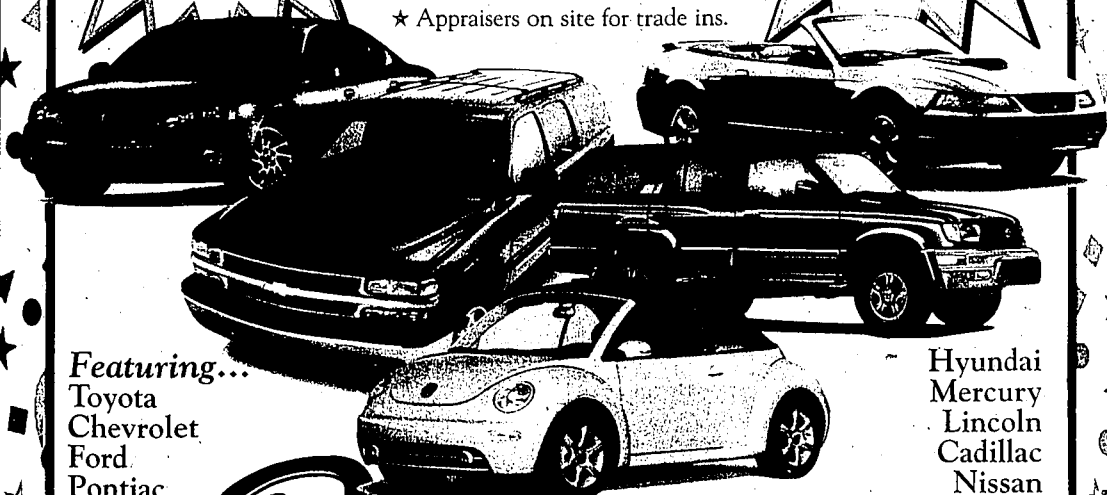
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LETTERS

Take more pride in region - pick up trash

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Has Magic Valley Regional forgotten about the downtown campus? The parking lot facing Shoshone is just as bad. I'm not talking about the strip of grass. It's mowed. But what about the strip behind that? It used to have flowers and now sports a healthy bunch of weeds. I realize we have had an unusually warm spring, but come on, guys, hasn't anyone ever heard of Round-Up?

Another thing that really bugs me: People, when your yard sale is over, take down your signs. You obviously had enough time to put them up! I've seen signs while I am on my soapbox. I should mention our beautiful South Hills. When people are out enjoying the splendor of nature, think before you throw your pop and beer cans out of your car window. They are all over both sides of the road. Remember, when you're camping, beer bottles don't burn so don't leave them in your fire pit for someone else to deal with. Leave your campsites the way you would like to find it.

I have lived in Idaho my whole life and I love her deeply. I do take the time to pick up what I can, but I'm only one person. I would like my grandchildren to enjoy the Idaho that I have known. Remember, Idaho is too

great to litter!
TERRI L. FORD
Twin Falls

Thieves took more than just possessions

To the thieves who robbed my home:
In the early morning hours of Friday, May 7, our home was robbed. You know who you are, and I hope you can enjoy the items you stole that my husband worked so hard to

accumulate for his family. Most of the tools you stole are how he makes his living.

We know that you must have been scoping our house out to know just where the things were that you took. In your scoping, did you see that we have children? I know that we will eventually be able to replace the \$2,000-plus worth of material things you took.

The violating feeling from being robbed of tools, coolers and my husband's wallet will

pass. What angers me to no end is that you did not take the cooler empty, you filled it with all the food in our freezer — elk meat you that you did not hunt for, hamburgers you did not raise and food you did not buy. The material things can and will be replaced, but it takes someone lower than low to steal the food from my children's mouths.

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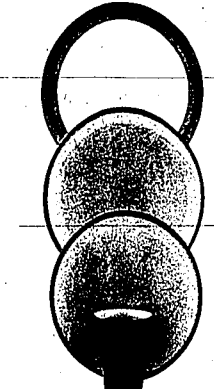
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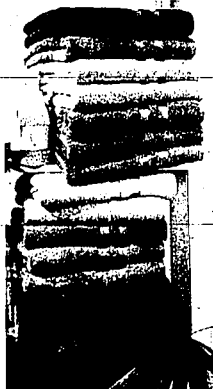
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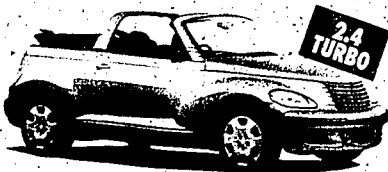
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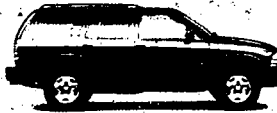
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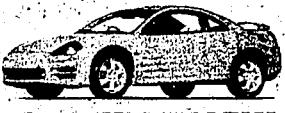
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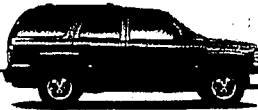
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MAGIC VALLEY

Men blamed for flight diversion get probation

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two apparently intoxicated collegiate students whose in-flight behavior led to an unscheduled stop at the Salt Lake City airport last year will only serve probation.

Andrew Maxwell, of Madisonville, La., and Jacques Laboure, of New Orleans, were accused of interfering with flight crew members during a May 27

American Airlines flight from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Dallas.

Maxwell and Laboure each pleaded guilty in February to a one-misdemeanor count of theft on an aircraft.

In exchange, prosecutors on Monday dismissed felony charges of interference with a flight crew, and aiding and

abetting.

Both men apologized Monday for their actions.

Then, U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell sentenced each to a year's probation and fined both \$500.

The two were drinking from two bottles of Crown Royal whiskey they had brought on board with them.

Hansen mulls Fourth of July plans

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — Although July 4 falls on a Sunday this year, the city of Hansen will still host its Independence Day celebration the day it's meant to be celebrated.

A committee has decided to have the potluck picnic and games at 5 p.m. in the city park followed with the fireworks in the Rolling Hills park at 10 p.m. Unless residents express a desire to have a parade, it will not be a part of this year's program. City Council members learned

Monday.

In previous years there has been a parade in the morning. However, a parade on Sunday would conflict with church activities.

The committee Chairwoman Virginia Reed told the City Council. There is a need for volunteers to help set up tables, supervise games and help cook hot dogs and hamburgers, she said.

In another matter, City Auditor Mike Burr went over the procedure for GASB, the new accounting system required for all government entities. This accounting policy will be in place

at the beginning of the next fiscal year. It requires all city assets to be listed in a new manner and everything will have a depreciation rate, too, he said.

Council members voted to donate \$2,000 toward a new ditching machine and bating box for the baseball field following a report from Jennifer Brown.

She announced that the recreation department already had raised \$1,000 toward the items. To complete the improvements it would take around \$3,200, she told the council.

DEATH NOTICES

John Barry Gibson

RUPERT — John Barry Gibson, 52, of Rupert, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Larry B. Schossow

TWIN FALLS — Larry B. Schossow, 65, of Twin Falls, died Monday morning, May 10, 2004, at his home following a battle with cancer.

At Larry's request there will be no services. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

L. V. 'Bud' Stewart

PILEER — L.V. 'Bud' Stewart, 76, of Pileer, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at his home in Pileer.

Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

James E. Legg

TWIN FALLS — James E. Legg, 25, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, as the result of an automobile accident.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2004, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park in Twin Falls.

A viewing for James will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2004, at the mortuary. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Joe B. Porter

BOISE — Joe B. Porter, 78, of Boise, passed away on Sunday, May 9, 2004, at a local care center.

Arrangements will be made by Meridian's Chapel of the Chimnes Funeral Home.

Jack Reid Judd

TWIN FALLS — Jack Reid Judd, 83, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Bridgeway Retirement Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

LaVaun Severe

BURLEY — LaVaun Martin Severe, 69, of Burley, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

Leona Ruth Parks

TWIN FALLS — Leona Ruth Parks, 61, of Twin Falls, died Monday, May 10, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park.

Albert Lee Cluer

GOODING — Albert Lee Cluer, 83, a resident of Gooding, Idaho, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Gooding Rehabilitation & Living Center in Gooding, Idaho.

Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Fred Meyer

JEROME — Fred Meyer, 72, of Jerome, died Monday, May 10, 2004, at his home in Jerome.

A funeral will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 14, 2004, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday evening at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Osburn Kent Whitley

OAKLEY — Osburn Kent Whitley, 57-year-old Sammamish, Wash., and former Oakley resident died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at his home in Sammamish, Wash.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Oakley Stake Center, 301 N. Center, with President Gary Whitley officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Ralph Waldo Rasmussen

PILEER — Ralph Waldo Rasmussen, 87-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Burley.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 14, 2004, at the Burley 3rd & 7th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Tracy King officiating. Burial will be in the Grandview Cemetery in Elba.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Friday at the church before the funeral.

Robert W. McCracken

BOISE — Robert W. McCracken, 86, of Boise, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at a local hospital.

Acceleration of life service will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2004, at Eagle Hill's Country Club. Arrangements by Summers Funeral Homes, Huxley Chapel.

Marvin Eliot Gussow

YUMA, Ariz. — Marvin Eliot Gussow, 79, of Yuma, Ariz., died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, in Yuma, Ariz.

A service was held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 10, 2004, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial took place at the Desert Lawn Memorial Park Mausoleum, Johnson Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Lloyd A. Cravens

TWIN FALLS — Lloyd A. Cravens, 82, of Twin Falls, died Friday, May 7, 2004, at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Gary Wesley Burlington Sr.

JEROME — Gary Wesley Burlington Sr., 57, of Jerome, died May 9, 2004, in Seattle, Wash.

Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Barbara Veronica Backman

JEROME — Barbara Veronica Backman, 64, of Jerome, died May 10, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Ralph George Willes

JIBBYHURN — Ralph George Willes died May 8, 2004, peacefully at home.

A memorial open house will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Ralph's home, The Wayside Trailer Court, 324 S. Highway 24 #13 in Heyburn, Idaho.

The family requests donations to Friends of Hospice whom were so helpful during our time of need.

Richfield board member refuses to sign

He says clerk shouldn't take blame in open-meeting spat

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — The School Board's vice chairman refused Monday evening to sign an agreement with the Lincoln County prosecutor that the board would stop violating open meeting laws.

Jessie West said he agreed with the first seven provisions of the agreement that was written to correct the board's actions and avert a lawsuit, but he would not sign his name to the last point.

The final part of the agreement calls for board members to agree that school consolidation was not discussed in an executive session at a meeting

Nov. 17, 2003, but that the minutes made it appear that way because of poor note taking.

"I'm not going to sign my name to something that I know wasn't true," West said. He said he did not want to blame the board's mistakes on the clerk.

The idea of consolidating the school districts in Lincoln County is no longer being pursued. Instead, the districts are working on cooperating and sharing resources.

After West said he would not sign the agreement, the two other board members present, Sandra Calkins and Mike Cenarusa, voted to accept it.

Calkins said the board's attorney would study the issue.

"It's sort of a sticky situation," Calkins said, because West is related to the people who first brought the complaints against the board.

Lincoln County Prosecutor E. Scott Paul sent the board a letter last month after he received

complaints against the board. Paul found the board violated the open meetings law on three occasions, by not properly posting meetings or by taking inappropriate action during an executive session.

Paul offered the board the option of signing an agreement that it would properly post agendas, keep records of postings, hold a seminar on open meetings law and agree to sharing resources.

Paul said he expects to hear from the board's attorney soon. He said he is not sure if the board will be required to have every member sign to make the agreement.

If the agreement is not signed, he said he will have to rethink his options. If he were to pursue a lawsuit, the board could face about \$750 in fines for the three violations.

The deadline to sign the agreement is Friday.

Sewage tank explodes in Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — An explosion that blew a hole in a sewage tank dumped up to 200,000 gallons of sludge and wastewater into the Spokane River and a parking lot, authorities said.

One worker was missing and presumed dead and three others were injured.

The four sewage treatment plant workers had gone to check on an unusual pressure buildup in the tank and were either on or near it at the time of the explosion Monday afternoon. Fire Chief Bobby Williams said. The cause of the pressure buildup and explosion was under investigation.

A search of the river and its banks was called off Monday evening, with authorities reluctantly concluding the missing man was most likely in the sewage tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant northwest of the city.

"Our hope would be that the individual would not be in the tank, but it's looking like that's the most likely probability," Williams said.

The man's name was not released. Crews were draining the tank, a process that could take as long as 40 hours.

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Wilma O. Wilcox of Gooding and formerly of Burley, service at 10 a.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Gora Faye McKee of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome; family and friends may call one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

Laws Loren Witt Crane of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W., Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Ruby Craven of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at

11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Evelyn McDonald Christoffersen, gathering of family and friends at 4 p.m. today at the home of Bruce and Verona Moore, 1718 N. 12th, Boise (Aclesa Funeral Home).

Gordon A. Bair of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. tonight at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Helen M. Knapp of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hulbush Funeral Home in Burlington, Wash. (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

T.T. Wakerstein of Fairfield, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Fairfield (Demaray's Funeral Chapel).

Edwin Ceatard Cooper of Acquia, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 11 St.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1-1:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Spring erupts

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Ian Michael Nice - Twin Falls

Ian Michael Nice, 1-year, 9-month-old son of Leslie and Leslie Nice, passed away May 9, 2004, at a Boise Hospital.

He was born July 25, 2002, in Twin Falls.

Surviving are his parents, Ian and Leslie Nice; brothers, Justin and Spencer Nice; sister, Raquel Nice all of Twin Falls; grandparents, Jimmy and Claire Nice of Twin Falls and Gordon and Roberta Olsen of Hagerman; along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at the Twin Falls First

Ward LDS Church, located at 1077 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls with Bishop Randy Hansen officiating, burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2004, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the church.

The family requests memorials be made to the Ian Nice Memorial Fund c/o Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Rupert centennial plans take shape

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT — Early settlers in the village of Wellfist, so named because it had the only well for miles, had their mail delivered by a railroad employee whose mail bag was marked with the word "Rupert."

Commission members held their second meeting Tuesday, where plans began to take shape for a yearlong celebration of the city's 100th year, which begins April 12, 2005.

last the whole year," Projects Chairman Doug Jones said. But commission Co-Chairman Gary Schorzman was more optimistic.

JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
Beth Inada Harrison, 27, driving without proper license, 90 days in jail, \$200 suspended, \$50 public defender fee; one year suspended probation; District Judge Thomas H. Bortz.

Juvenile misdemeanor sentences
In re L. B. 15, driving without proper license, 90 days in jail, \$200 suspended, \$50 public defender fee; one year suspended probation; District Judge Thomas H. Bortz.

Misdemeanor with-held judgments
Brenda O. Quastner, 21, use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, 90 days in jail, \$500 suspended, \$50 public defender fee; one year suspended probation; District Judge Thomas H. Bortz.

Degrees

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close to home is shared by many of the nontraditional students who work full time to complete their bachelor's degree.

County School District. Wade's 9-month-old granddaughter, Madison Lynn Anderson, was present at the ceremony.

Child support cases
State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Ivette and Yvonne Flores. Seeking Mr. Ivette \$740 monthly support for Yvonne Yalita Flores, and Adrian Yalita Flores, plus 75 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

TFHS band plays pops concert

Magic Valley in brief

"The St. Louis Blues," and University of Idaho composer Dan Bukvich's "Dinosaurus!"

Local ISU program grads
TWIN FALLS — Idaho State University will host a graduation party beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Turf Club.

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asked to meet his new acquaintance in a city park, according to an arrest report written by Ruggles.

Sting

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Authorities arrested Thompson at the park. He later admitted he intended to provide the "girl" with alcohol and engage in sexual activity with her, according to the report.

Buhl
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construction projects. Previously, permits were issued on the basis of valuation estimates by the property owner.

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use 75 percent because she doesn't feel it costs as much to build in Buhl as it does in other larger Idaho communities.

Animal shelter panel will meet Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Animal Shelter Advisory Commission will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at 305 Third Ave. E.

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Nicholson has requested 10 years' probation, with five to 10 years' prison if Thompson violates probation.

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The agenda includes approval of April's minutes; preparation sheets for the 2004-05 budget; a report on the animal shelter construction project; the monthly shelter report and new business.

Jerome County Courts

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Christina Fran Brown, 20, intentional interference with another's business, 90 days in jail, \$200 suspended, \$50 public defender fee; one year suspended probation; District Judge Thomas H. Bortz.

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Diana Lynn Bennett, 20, providing false information to an official regarding identity, judgment withheld for one year, \$200 suspended, \$50 public defender fee; one year suspended probation; District Judge Thomas H. Bortz.

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Brenda O. Quastner, 21, use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, judgment withheld for one year, \$200 suspended, \$50 public defender fee; one year suspended probation; District Judge Thomas H. Bortz.

Where in the World?

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Tip of the Week by Diana Rolig

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TFHS band plays pops concert

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School band will present its pops concert Thursday night.

Special guests will be the O'Leary Junior High Jazz Band, directed by Dennis Bortz; the TFHS Jazz Band; and the TFHS Drum Corps.

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Randy Hansen Continues Momentum With New Support

Al Lance, former Attorney General, and Lawrence Wasden, current Idaho State Attorney General, have endorsed the candidacy of Randy Hansen for Senate District 24.

When Randy Hansen served in the House of Representatives he worked closely with the Attorney General's office, to protect consumer rights on such things as Identity Theft, limits on employer liability and weapons on school grounds.

Randy also carried legislation that required registration of sexual offenders and supported youth and drugs courts. Representative Hansen also played a major role in the disbursement of the funds for the tobacco settlement.

Randy Hansen's record shows that he has a knowledge of diverse issues, not just a single issue. Vote Randy Hansen for Senate District 24. Don't forget the primary is May 25th.

If you want to be part of the Randy Hansen Team, call Campaign Headquarters 736-4860, fax: 734-5354 or write: Randy Hansen for Senate, 834 Falls Ave, Suite 1020 N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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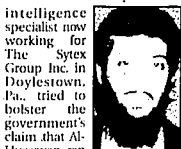
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MAGIC VALLEY

Suspect didn't create Web site's content

BOISE (AP) - A computer expert told jurors on Tuesday that Sami Omar Al-Hussayen's home computer was used to create a Web site in May 2001 that extolled an exaggerated suicide bombing to overcome Muslim oppression.



Sami Al-Hussayen

But Curtis Rose conceded his analysis of the University of Idaho graduate student's computer-Internet activities that Al-Hussayen did not compose the articles that took them from other sources and simply posted them on the http://www.akasr.com Web site.

intelligence specialist now working for The Sytex Group Inc. in Boise, Idaho. Rose tried to bolster the government's claim that Al-Hussayen ran an Internet network that promoted terrorism to the point of helping finance and recruit terrorists.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge told the government two weeks ago that it had to show Al-Hussayen created the Web site and posted the information with knowledge and intent that it would foster terrorism or that he adopted the content of the information.

that Al-Hussayen was a volunteer for the assembly, lending his considerable computer skills to keeping their Internet program of Islamic outreach running. Any subversive or controversial material appearing in the Internet came from others, the defense contends, and does not represent Al-Hussayen's views.

Prosecutors have introduced e-mails from Al-Hussayen that pass on material composed by others in support of suicide bombings, and the defense has pointed to other e-mails opposing violence and emphasizing prayer to resolve conflicts involving Muslims worldwide.

Coming Thursday ... Wild flora Blooming beautiful. Outdoors in The Times-News. Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40! Happy Birthday to one cute electrician! P.S. Happy Birthday to your brother Terry, too!

MINDOKA COUNTY COURTS

REPORT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Mindoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Juan Ito Garcia, 27, four articles on private property dismissed. Magistrate Judge Larry R. Huff. Delores G. Griffin, 27, failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed. Magistrate Judge Mark Hogan.

Robert I. Young, 49, possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended. Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

District Judge B. Barry Wood. Steven Charles Mattern, 21, one count grand theft, pleaded guilty, \$80.50 court costs, three years probation, 60 days jail, two years determinate time, three years indeterminate time, 60 days credited time, penitentiary time suspended; one count probation violation, retained jurisdiction; District Judge B. Barry Wood.

Withheld judgments

Lytle N. Duffer III, 20, misdemeanor driving under the influence, dismissed. Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Deferred prosecutions

Rosario Rojas, 36, battery, deferred prosecution, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar. Isaac B. Valdez, 31, felony on account check fraud amended to misdemeanor on sufficient funds check fraud, deferred prosecution, \$11.54 restitution, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Juvenile sentences

Joseph Luis Alvarez, 17, driving without proper license, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$75.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, six months probation, 10 days in jail, eight days suspended, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Huff.

Driving under the influence dismissals

Alan Lutz Dennis, 11, misdemeanor driving under the influence, dismissed. Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Driving under the influence sentences

Jose A. Sanchez, unknown age, misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$75.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, six months probation, 30 days in jail, eight days suspended, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Huff.

Felony sentences

Clayton Langford, 22, theft by receiving, stolen property, pleaded guilty, \$60.00 court costs, three years probation, two years indeterminate time, eight years indeterminate time, four days credited, penitentiary suspended, District Judge B. Barry Wood.

Felony sentences

Clayton Langford, 22, theft by receiving, stolen property, pleaded guilty, \$60.00 court costs, three years probation, two years indeterminate time, eight years indeterminate time, four days credited, penitentiary suspended, District Judge B. Barry Wood.

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Misdemeanor sentences

Michael J. Mithel, 21, domestic battery amended to battery, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$6.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 60 days suspended, four days NW Work under jail, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Misdemeanor sentences

Seven Day Anderson, 41, one count open container, pleaded guilty, \$25 fine, \$5.50 court costs, one count carry concealed weapon without a license, pleaded guilty, \$25 fine, \$5.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Huff.

Misdemeanor sentences

Antonio Antonio Cervantes, 42, leaving scene of an accident, pleaded guilty, 21 months probation, 180 days in jail, 7 days suspended, 135 days credited, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Misdemeanor sentences

Seven Easton, 15, domestic battery amended to battery, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$6.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 60 days suspended, 11 days credited, treatment program, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Misdemeanor sentences

Miguel I. Gonzalez, 29, battery, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$106.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 7 days suspended, treatment program, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Misdemeanor sentences

Cristyann Hernandez, 43, failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$6.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Huff.

Misdemeanor sentences

Jose Gonzalez Suarez Jr., 24, driving without proper license, amended to second offense, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$114.50 court costs, 365 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 70 days suspended, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Misdemeanor sentences

Robb Brandon Pavia, 23, one count resisting an obstructing officers, dismissed, one count battery on correction officer amended to assault on battery upon certain personnel, found guilty, \$80.50 court costs, three years determinate time, two years indeterminate time, credited time retained jurisdiction, penitentiary suspended, District Judge B. Barry Wood.

Misdemeanor sentences

Nicholas Lance Roy, 21, domestic assault, amended to aggravated assault, pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs, three years probation, one year six months determinate time, three years six months indeterminate time, time credited, penitentiary suspended, District Judge B. Barry Wood.

Misdemeanor sentences

Kerry O Sanchez III, 25, one count domestic battery, pleaded guilty, \$66.50 fine, \$14.50 court costs, 21 months probation, 180 days in jail, 51 days suspended, 24 days credited, one count resisting officers, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

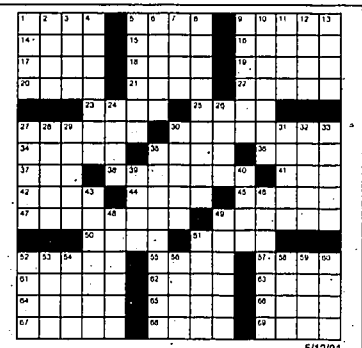
Misdemeanor sentences

Dustin Walters, 21, possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, \$36.50

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5/12/04

Some prefer making the bed over making love.

Pollsters put this bodacious query to a sizable sampling of married couples: Which is the more important morning activity — making beds or making love? One out of 13 reportedly said making beds.



L.M. BOYD

The people of Ball observe a National Day of Silence. It's called "Njopi."

If you have a runner in the family, ask that worthy to identify the "Trackster 1." Few remember it, the earliest brand of shoe specifically designed for jogging. Came out in 1962.

Of the great composer Rossini it is said: He did his best work while drunk.

There are about 100 different sorts of insects in Mexico that some people eat as porridge.

"Any time is a good time if you know what to do with it," Ralph Waldo Emerson came up with that.

Maybe you've read that France has laws to regulate names couples give their children. That dates way back. To the French Revolution. When babies were endowed with such names as "Mort, aux Aris-

toocrates" meaning "Death to Aristocrats" and "Facine de la Liberte" meaning "Root of Liberty" and the like.

A do-it-yourselfer says you can fix cracks in china by simmering same in milk for 40 minutes.

Amella Bloomer didn't invent bloomers, she just popularized them. One Elizabeth Smith Miller invented them, the record shows. Sort of the way Dr. Joseph Guillotin didn't invent the guillotine, as you know, but just recommended it. Ancient Persians invented it.

Nothing new about boxed gifts you have to assemble yourself. In 1865, the Statue of Liberty was delivered in 214 crates, batteries not included.

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MORNING BREAK

Woman tries to explain missing husband

DEAR-ABBY: My husband, "Chit," is in prison and we're not sure when he'll be out. We have two wonderful children, ages 11 and 13.

We are allowed to visit him six times a month and can talk with him on the phone up to four times a week.

Despite his incarceration, he is as involved as he can be in our lives.

I have a problem when meeting new people who ask where



DEAR
ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

my husband is.

The stigma of having a husband in jail is not something I want to carry in the small town

where we live. Plus, I don't think it is something our children's friends should know because they might taunt them.

As happens more times than we'd like to think in this country, my husband was wrongfully convicted, and the explanation is a lengthy one.

So, short of telling each person the whole story, what reply can I come up with when asked the whereabouts of

my husband?

— NEEDS AN ANSWER IN OHIO

DEAR NEEDS AN ANSWER: You could tell your neighbors that you and your husband are having a "trial" separation — but please be aware that the cat will be out of the bag the minute one of your children emulates their father's whereabouts to a close friend.

Gemini should watch out for jokes

IF MAY 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...you are filled with loving feelings, especially toward those in your home and family. Your value system is solid and reliable, so people immediately trust you. Right now matters of the heart are most important, but your ambitious fires are still simmering. You will eventually follow your passions and fulfill your mission.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): The cheerful atmosphere is peaceful and people respond by being sociable and kind. Be sensitive to the feelings of others and you will find romantic partners more amiable. Get credit for being a peacemaker.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Expect clear sailing on romantic seas during the next few days. Shopping for lovely things or just treasuring what you already possess, can bring pleasure. If you look carefully, you will see beauty all around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In elementary school, little boys were known to pull pigtails or play practical jokes to show the girls they care. Now that you are older, deliberately aggravating someone isn't as charming. Avoid sending the wrong signals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you are a slave to moods, you might be restless and tempted to seek adventure and excitement at the expense of reliability. Although misunderstandings may occur with loved ones, he assured that harmony will return soon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Being charming to friends or acquaintances may inadvertently bring a boost to your reputation. A chance encounter could leave influential people impressed, if you remain agreeable with everyone you meet just in case.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you are beginning a new romance under these stars, expect that the news will spread quickly through the grapevine. You might stumble over some rocky words early in the day, but the path clears quickly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try to be like a compass where relationships are concerned and always adhere to the same true direction. Those who find that you are faithful and reliable will cherish you more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You might be singing that "Bananas and Papas" tune that goes "words of love, so soft and tender" for the next few days in a duet with a special someone. These are excellent times for romantic interludes and making money. Go for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Little misunderstandings will soon dissipate. Due to a slow-moving planet, a magical spell of tranquility will last for several days. You could be lucky enough to find a congenial companion to share it with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A change in plans could put you in an awkward position. If you are stuck with people holding vastly different philosophies, maintain your equilibrium; this will end swiftly. Exert charm to make things run smoothly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Overcome small fits by showing heartfelt understanding. Incredibly amorous stars make people eager for amusement and entertainment. Play hooky and be a child again, even if for only an hour or two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Pay attention to feelings instead of words. Friends can add that necessary spark to brighten up your day. Write down your goals and intentions.

Spring erupts
Wildflowers hit the landscape throughout Magic Valley.
Thursday In Outdoors.

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Water

It's a matter of Supply and Demand...

Twin Falls is being affected by a 4-year regional drought.

- The water shortage is a combination of problems -
- Below average rain and snowfall.
 - Changing water use practices throughout Idaho that are negatively affecting ground water supplies.
 - Declining spring flows - the flows at Blue Lakes are dropping by 3% a year and the prediction is that it will continue to decline as the drought persists. Blue Lakes is our primary source of drinking water.
- The City of Twin Falls is working to increase awareness of the regional drought and encourage conservation of water resources. There are a variety of tips and practical suggestions available to citizens who would like to learn more. Please use the following resources -
- www.tfid.org - Hot Topics
 - Your City of Twin Falls water bill includes your personal consumption history.
 - Water Conservation Committee 735-7228
 - Cable One Channel 17 - city information channel

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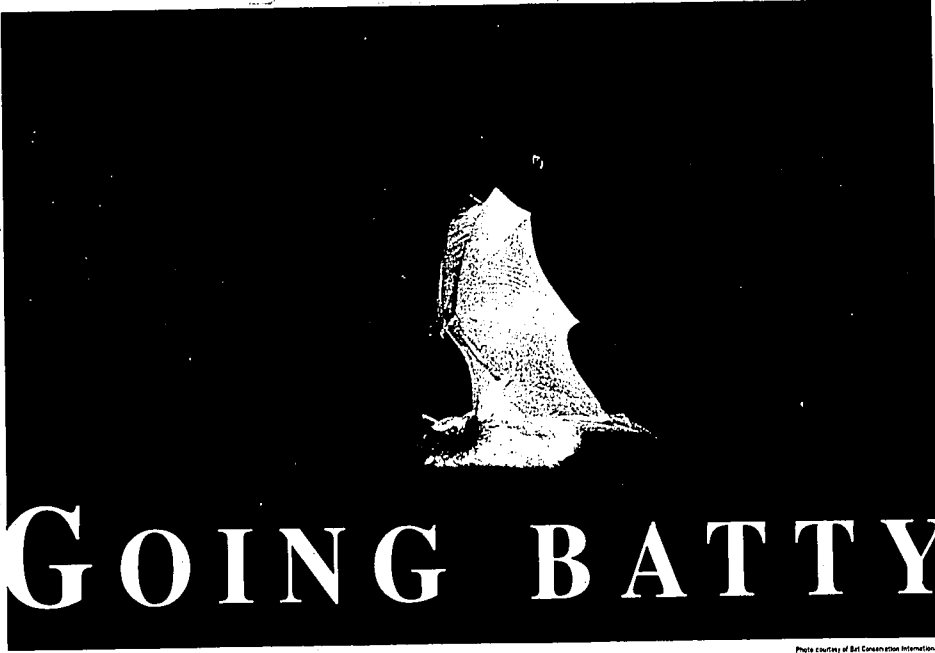
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 - Even numbered Addresses: Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday
- Schedule lawn watering before 10:00 am or after 5:00 pm
- All commercial & retail businesses are requested to design and implement a

Best Water Use Program

If you notice any water leak problems please call the Water Department at 736-2275 or 736-2274 Monday through Thursday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For all after-hour calls, please dial 311.

Please watch your local media for additional information on this issue.



Myotis lucifugus, little brown bat, echolocates in flight.

GOING BATTY

Photo courtesy of Bat Conservation International

Misunderstood bats can benefit your backyard

What's your Bat I.Q.?

Test yourself with 10 true/false questions to see how much you really know about bats. Answers follow.

1. Bats can get tangled in your hair.
2. Bats are blind.
3. Bats will suck your blood while you sleep.
4. There are bats in the Magic Valley as small as a butterfly.
5. Bats are good parents.
6. Bats are good insect control.
7. We don't need bats.
8. If a bat is on the ground and alive, it is sick.
9. Bats are dying and we need them.
10. Chemical insect control is safer than natural control.

Answers: 1-F; 2-F; 3-F; 4-T; 5-T; 6-T; 7-F; 8-T; 9-T; 10-F

By Corean Hart
Times-News correspondent

Most people are squeamish about bats even if they've never seen one. Myths abound: They'll get tangled in your hair. They'll suck your blood (nyah-ah-ah). But fact is much gentler than fiction.

Of 14 species living in Idaho, five kinds of bats live in the Magic Valley, and not one is a vampire. Some are as small as a Swallowtail butterfly. On their nightly summer rounds, they flit into every corner, roosting in caves, mines, buildings and trees. They eat insects, thousands of them every evening.

"The species we have around here are extremely voracious little predators," said Scott Bailey, regional nongame biologist for Idaho Fish and Game. "They are effective predators of night-flying insects. Some species may fly several miles in a night, looking for food."

Native bats include Townsend's big-eared bat, the Yuma myotis, the Western small-footed myotis, the big brown bat or the little brown myotis. ("Big" is comparative, since the big brown bat weighs only about 1/5 of an ounce.) There are also a few Western pipistrelles, spotted bats and

pallid bats, among others. Bailey said bats consume agricultural pests like tent caterpillars and cabbage moths, which ravage crops and gardens. And a healthy bat population can reduce agricultural dependency on chemical pesticides.

Mike Todd, educator for Idaho Fish and Game in Jerome, says there are a lot of misconceptions about the furry little insect munchers. He says people treat them as pests when they should be rolling out the red carpets in their gardens and fields. "Bats are very, very beneficial, and completely harmless," Todd said. "They can eat up to 1,200 mosquito-sized insects in a single hour, and they feed for about three hours nightly. But their populations are in serious decline. We have gone into caves in Minidoka County and found shotgun shells on the floor, and the remains of fires used to smoke them out."

Once the bats are disturbed in their winter rest, it takes a lot of stored calories for them to get over the event and back to their hibernation, Todd said. Since there is no food for them in the winter, many literally starve to death because they were disturbed.

On March 26, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission protected all Idaho bats. Officer Jack Trueblood said it is a matter of housekeeping, and bringing state guidelines into line with federal standards.

Toads, owls and bats are the only eaters of night-flying insects. If you wonder why you have a lot of moths and mosquitoes, it may be because you are short a few bats.

Don't blame the birds for lack of. Most birds eat day-flying insects. Mosquito control is a complex problem, and no single approach can provide 100 percent eradication. But if predators like bats die out and mosquitoes continue developing resistance to pesticides, the problem could get worse.

"Biologists and ecologists are seriously concerned, because bats inke

Want to know more?

Visit www.batcon.org for facts, photos; and activities, including bat puppets for kids and where to get plans for building backyard bat boxes. Idaho Fish and Game in Jerome also has free plans for bat boxes. Call 324-4359.



Idaho native bats like this furry little brown *myotis lucifugus* have gotten a bad rap. They are useful for moth and mosquito control.

up about 25 percent of all the mammals on the earth," Todd said. "They reproduce very slowly. A female has only one pup per year in our area. Yet these gentle creatures are necessary to our ecology."

You may have heard that bats carry rabies. It is true. But only about half a percent of all bats are infected.

How can you tell? "If the bat is on the ground and

Please see BATS, Page C2



Chipotle Barbecued Ribs highlight the popularity of Tex-Mex and Latin cuisines.



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3 pounds pork baby back ribs
1/2 cup Bull's-Eye Original Barbecue Sauce
1 1/2 tablespoons orange marmalade
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped chipotle peppers in adobo sauce (or 1/2 teaspoon dried ground chipotle pepper)
1/4 cup water

Preheat grill to medium heat. Cut ribs into 2-rib sections. Mix remaining ingredients except water; set aside.

Place half the ribs, meat side up, in a single layer in the center of a large sheet of heavy-duty foil. Bring up foil sides.

Double-fold top and one end to seal packet. Pour 1/4 cup water through open end.

Double-fold remaining end, leaving room for heat circulation. Repeat with another sheet of foil and remaining ribs to make a second packet. Place on grill; cover grill with lid. Grill 30 minutes or until

ribs are cooked through (160 degrees F).

Remove ribs from foil and return to grill; continue cooking 10 to 15 minutes, turning occasionally and brushing with barbecue sauce mixture. Makes 4 servings

ORANGE BARBECUED CHICKEN WITH GRILLED VEGETABLES

1/2 cup Bull's-Eye Original Barbecue Sauce
1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel
2 tablespoons orange juice
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves

1 zucchini, cut in half lengthwise
1 yellow squash, cut in half lengthwise

1 red, yellow or green pepper, trimmed, cut into quarters
1/4 cup Kraft Zesty Italian Dressing

Preheat greased grill to medium heat. Mix barbecue sauce, orange peel and juice. Grill chicken 6 minutes, turning over after 3 minutes.

Brush with barbecue sauce mixture. Add vegetables to grill. Continue grilling chicken and vegetables 9 to 12 minutes or until chicken is cooked

through and vegetables are tender, turning occasionally and brushing chicken with the remaining barbecue sauce mixture and vegetables with dressing. Makes 4 servings

ORIENTAL GRILLED FLANK STEAK

1 beef flank steak (1 1/4 pounds)
3/4 cup Bull's-Eye Original Barbecue Sauce
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion
2 tablespoons sesame seed oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

(or 1 teaspoon minced fresh gingerroot)

Seize steak on both sides; place in shallow glass dish or large resealable plastic bag.

Mix remaining ingredients. Pour over steak; cover dish or seal bag.

Marinate in refrigerator at least 2 hours or overnight. Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Grill steak 15 to 20 minutes or until cooked through, turning every 8 minutes.

To serve, cut steak across the grain into thin slices. Makes 4 servings

FOOD & HOME

Growing tomatoes doesn't have to be hard

You just can't beat a sun-warmed tomato, fresh from your own garden.

Even though you have a short, often persnickety growing season, high desert gardeners can grow tomatoes with the best of them. Here's how:

"Tomatoes do best in the sunniest, hottest part of the garden. This is the one thing you want to put in the south or west side of the house where the plants will get full sun plus heat reflection off the foundation or walls. They like heat so well that old gardeners say their tomatoes do best in old tires. The black tires absorb extra heat during the day and radiate it back out all night. Tomatoes like to be planted with plastic mulch, too. Red plastic mulch if you can find it.

Prepare the soil. Tomatoes are big eaters. Add lots of organic materials to the soil, such as compost or well-rotted manure and peat moss. Mix it all up thoroughly with the existing soil before you plant. Make sure you've prepared a span 18 inches across and 12 inches deep. Use a 10-10-10 fertilizer at planting time.

If you've already decided that you have a favorite tomato variety, skip this part. But my friend Ed Hume, of Hume Seeds, knows a thing or two about varieties. For our short, cool climate, and he likes Pink Red, Glacier and Siberia. (Siberia only takes 55 days to maturity.) All cherry tomatoes do well here, he says, but Sweet 100, Red Cherry and Tiny Tim are favorites for our short, cool climate, and he likes Pink Red, Glacier and Siberia. (Siberia only takes 55 days to maturity.)

Tomato plants can be planted a little deeper in the soil than other plants. In fact, they appreciate it. And, you can prune them more than once during the year. In fact, Ed says, in some of the California commercial fields, growers are now planting four plants in the same hole. The idea is that they compete



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

for the same amount of moisture, fertilizer and space, so they bear much heavier. If your soil is well-prepared to begin with, you shouldn't have to fertilize. Overfeeding can cause too much foliage growth while putting fruit production on the back burner. If you do see a little leaf discoloration, a light feeding could be called for. Use a tomato or vegetable garden fertilizer if you decide you need one.

Try to keep water off the tomato leaves and keep the soil evenly moist. That means you don't let the soil dry out completely before you water the tomatoes again.

That sort of watering schedule encourages cracking of the fruit. Not a pretty sight, just let the very top of the soil dry out before you give it more water. And water first thing in the morning to cut down on the chances of disease. You'll get the hang of it.

Pruning is not necessary to remove suckers from tomatoes. Nor is it necessary to prune them at all, unless the foliage gets too thick to allow sun to get to the fruit, or air and light cannot reach the inside of the plant. Late in the season, when it is obvious that the top flowers will not have time to produce fruit, go ahead and prune them back so the plant's energy will be directed to the already-growing fruit.

Good luck. And remember that it's nice to share.

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

Perfect picnic salad will impress friends, family

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

This salad, from the July 1999 issue of Woman's Day, is ready for a picnic.

THAI NOODLE, CHICKEN AND CABBAGE SALAD

Dressing:
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon teriyaki sauce
1 tablespoon white vinegar
1/4 teaspoon crushed red

pepper
Salad:
1 (3-ounce) package ramen noodles
4 cups shredded green cabbage
1 cup shredded carrots
1 cup red bell pepper strips
2 cups cooked chicken
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
1/2 cup chopped unsalted peanuts

Whisk the dressing ingredients with 1/2 cup water in a large bowl. Whisk in seasoning packet from noodles. Crumble uncooked noodles into bowl. Add cabbage and toss. Refrigerate, well sealed (Women's Day recommends a self-sealing food-storage bag), at least 4 hours and up to 2 days for noodles to soften.

Add remaining ingredients

and toss to mix. Makes 4 servings.

7-UP CAKE

1 box lemon cake mix
1 (4-serving) box instant lemon, pineapple or vanilla pudding mix
3/4 cup vegetable oil
4 eggs
1 (12-ounce) can 7-Up
Frosting:
2 cups crushed pineapple (undrained)
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup flaked coconut
Grease and flour a 9-by-13-inch pan. Heat oven to 350. Mix together the dry cake and pudding mixes.

Beat in the oil; beat in the eggs one at a time. Stir in the 7-Up. Pour into the prepared pan and bake about 40 minutes, until cake tests done. Cool on a rack.

To make frosting, cook the pineapple, sugar, flour, butter and eggs over medium heat, stirring constantly, until very thick, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat, beat in vanilla and fold in pecans and coconut. Spread over cooled cake.

Salads offer endless possibilities

Southern Living

The secret to a really good salsa is fresh ingredients — simply prepared and well-seasoned. Greens should be crisp and cold. Fruits, cheeses, and vinaigrettes, are best at room temperature. Here, you can omit the chicken and serve this as a side salad.

STRAWBERRY-CHICKEN SALAD

Makes 4 servings
4 skinned and boned chicken breast halves
Raspberry Vinaigrette, divided
8 cups mixed salad greens
1 quart strawberries, sliced
2 pears, sliced
2 avocados, peeled and sliced
1/2 small sweet onion, diced
1/2 cup pecan halves, toasted
Combine chicken and 1/2 cup Raspberry Vinaigrette in a large zip-top freezer bag. Seal

and chill 1 hour. Remove chicken from marinade, discarding marinade. Grill, covered with grill lid, over medium-high heat 4 minutes on each side or until done. Let chicken stand 10 minutes; slice. Place salad greens and next 5 ingredients in a large bowl, and gently toss. Divide mixture evenly between 4 serving plates; top with grilled chicken slices. Serve with remaining Raspberry Vinaigrette.

Raspberry Vinaigrette:
3/4 cup pear nectar
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup raspberry vinegar
3 tablespoons chopped, fresh basil
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon sesame oil
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt
Place all ingredients in a screw-top jar; cover tightly, and shake vigorously until blended. Store in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks, shaking before serving.

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Food Network premieres new low-carb program

The Washington Post

The Food Network has succumbed to the low-carb craze with Sunday's premiere of "Low Carb & Lovin' It," hosted by restaurant chef George Stella.

Stella revamped his cooking style to incorporate a controlled-carb approach back in 1989.

Since then, he's dropped more than 250 pounds to his current approaching-svelte weight of 210.

But in a refreshing change

from many proponents of low-carb diets, Stella emphasizes more than just net carbs.

Though he swaps soy flour for wheat and Splenda for sugar, he also emphasizes the importance of antioxidants and fiber.

He suggests lower-fat ingredient options and imparts solid — and occasionally ingenious — cooking advice, such as what to do when you can't use yeast and how to make that omelet extra fluffy.

Bats

Continued from C1

alive, don't pick it up," Todd said. "It's sick, if it's hanging upside down or flying, it's probably healthy, but don't try to catch it. It will try to bite you as a matter of self-defense. Most bats have very small mouths, but they do have teeth."

Bats inhabit caves and lava tubes. They may also sleep in unused barns and outbuildings and under the peeling bark of trees.

They fly for a few hours each night, doing something few other creatures do — wholesale insect eradication without the use of poisons.

Depending on the size, a bat may devour moths, small beetles and midges.

According to Bat Conservation International, a research foundation established by Dr. Merlin Tuttle, vampire bats can't take the climate in Idaho.

Here's more from the conservation group:

• In their own territory, bats are kindly creatures and will adopt orphans and have been

known to risk their lives to share food with fellow roost-mates.

• An ingredient in vampire bat saliva is being researched and may soon be used to treat humans with heart disease.

• Bats are mammals, but they are not rodents.

• Bats are dedicated to their families. The females nurse their pups just as humans, cats and dogs do. They also groom each other and huddle up for comfort. Each has a single mate and mates to be separated. They take good care of their minuscule babies, raising them to flying age in as little as one month. They can cradle their infants in a curled-up wing.

• In recent years, some people have built bat houses to encourage bats to roost. Those are the folks who have picnics all summer long in their back yards without having to spray for insects first.

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FOOD & HOME

Cabbage covers sides to one-dish meals

Southern Living

If you remember cabbage as an overcooked, smelly side dish from your childhood, take another look. With these easy, flavorful recipes, cabbage may even become a family favorite. Short cooking times help reduce odor and retain nutrients.

CABBAGE AND STIR-FRY

- Makes 4 to 6 servings
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 red cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Heat oil in large skillet or wok at high heat 3 to 4 minutes.
- Add cabbage, bell pepper, and onion, and stir-fry 7 to 10 minutes or until crisp-tender or to desired degree of doneness.

Stir in cilantro and remaining ingredients.

For a spicy cabbage stir-fry, stir in 3 tablespoons jalapeno jelly with cabbage, bell pepper, and onion as directed.

SPICY COLESLAW REUBENS

- Makes 6 servings
- 1 (10-ounce) package finely shredded cabbage
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup Thousand Island dressing
- 3 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
- 12 sourdough sandwich bread slices
- 6 (1-ounce) Monterey Jack cheese with peppers slices
- 16 onions thinly sliced
- corned beef and green onions in hot oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high

heat 3 to 5 minutes or until cabbage is wilted.

Remove from heat, and stir in dressing. Spread mustard evenly on 1 side of 6 bread slices. Layer evenly with cheese slices, corned beef, and cabbage mixture. Top with remaining bread slices.

SPICY CHICKEN SALAD WITH CABBAGE WRAPS

- Makes 4 to 6 servings
- 1 pound skinned and boned chicken breasts, cut into large cubes
- 1/2 1/2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh ginger
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3 1/2 tablespoons Asian fish sauce
- 1 teaspoon grated lime rind
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice

- 1 small jalapeno pepper, minced
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 3/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1/2 cup dry-roasted unsalted peanuts, coarsely chopped
- 1 small green cabbage, cut into wedges
- Toppings: baby carrot slices, cucumber slices, radish slices

Process chicken in a food processor until the consistency of ground beef. Cook chicken in a lightly greased large skillet over medium-high heat 10 minutes or until done, stirring often. Drain and place in a large bowl. Cut sliced ginger into thin strips. Stir ginger and next 6 ingredients into chicken. Cover and chill 15 to 30 minutes or until ready to serve, stirring in peanuts during last 5 minutes. Spoon chicken salad onto individual cabbage wedge leaves. Serve with desired toppings.

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Grilled cheese sandwich makes great comfort food

By Heather McPherson
 The Orlando Sentinel

"I always think of (Venice's) Harry's Bar sandwiches: tiny little rectangles, oozing a cheesy filling," says Marlene Spigler, whose book "Grilled Cheese: 50 Recipes to Make You Melt" will be published by Chronicle Books in the fall.

country bread) filled with Boursin cheese and mushroom sauce, and then I think about good grilled Cheddar on whole-grain bread with a layer of tomato or onion inside."

To achieve a great grilled sandwich, Spigler says the main thing is not putting too much fat in the pan. Instead, lightly buttering the bread or brushing it with olive oil is the way to go.

ITALIAN GRILLED CHEESE

- Yield: 4 servings.
- 4 slices Italian bread, sliced 1/2-inch thick
- 4 slices mozzarella or provolone
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup 2 percent milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

1 cup Italian-seasoned bread crumbs

Cut a 3-inch pocket in each slice of bread; place a slice of cheese in each pocket. In a bowl, beat eggs, milk, Italian seasoning and garlic salt; soak bread on each side. Coat with bread crumbs. Cook on a preheated hot griddle until golden brown on both sides.

CROQUE MONSIEURS

- On an episode of "30 Minute Meals" on the Food Network, Rachael Ray shared a recipe for Croque Monsieur, a classic French cafe sandwich. "They're really take on French grilled cheese and ham sammies," says the affable Ray.
- Yield: 4 servings.
- 8 slices good quality white bread, buy bread at in-store fresh bakery section of a large market or local bakery and have it sliced for you
- 6 tablespoons butter, divided
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups half-and-half or milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons prepared Dijon mustard
- 3/4 pound French or French style ham, such as Mandrago, deli sliced or, sliced boiled ham
- 2/3 pound thinly sliced Gruyere or Swiss cheese (recommended: Emmentaler)
- 1 small jar cornichons or baby gherkin pickles.
- 1 small jar pickled onions
- Work surface.
- Heat a small sauteup over medium heat. Add 2-table-

spoons butter and melt. Add flour to butter and whisk. Cook flour and butter together for 1 to 2 minutes, then whisk in half-and-half and milk.

Bring sauce to a bubble and thicken another 1 or 2 minutes. Season sauce with salt, then whisk in prepared Dijon mustard. Heat a large nonstick griddle or skillet over medium heat.

Spread each slice of bread with Dijon bechamel sauce and build 4 sandwiches with 2 or 3 slices of ham and 2 slices of cheese per sandwich.

The Dijon bechamel sauce will help hold the meat and cheese in place.

Make slices of ham and cheese rest flat; do not pile the meat or cheese. Butter the tops of the 4 sandwiches and set onto griddle or grill buttered side down. Butter opposite side of each sandwich while the first side is grilling.

Toast sandwiches 4 minutes on each side, turn with thin spatula. Serve with cornichons, pickled onions and extra Dijon mustard to pass at table.

Try avocado ice cream, really!

Akron Beacon Journal

Avocado ice cream? Absolutely. A dollop of chilled whipped cream, honey and spicy hazelnuts transform the icy comfort food into an international sensation. The recipe comes from Marlin Kaplan, executive chef of Cleveland's One Walnut restaurant. Mexican avocados are versatile and work

well in French techniques, he says. Hass avocados are grown in rich volcanic soil and basted by the warm sun, an ideal microclimate for developing superb flavor and texture, creamy as whipped butter. Try the Avocado Martini, a savory dice of tomatoes, mozzarella, avocados, lemon juice and oil and vinegar served in a martini glass.

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Mildew: Take It Off - Keep It Off

Is the outside of your home looking unusually dirty? Maybe it's wearing a coat of mildew. Mildew can make the exterior of your home look dirty and unattractive, and if its left unchecked, can damage paint, wood and siding. Unfortunately, removing mildew used to mean either countless hours of scrubbing or power washing, or hiring a contractor to do the job for you, only to have to repeat the process next year.

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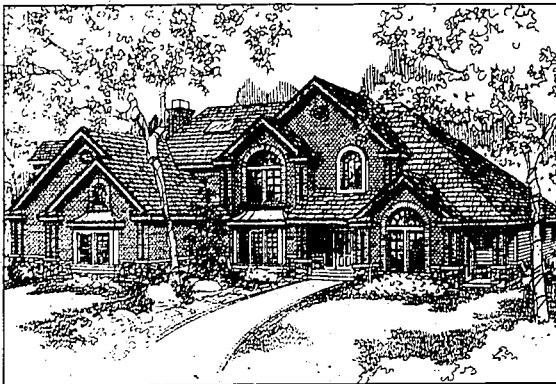


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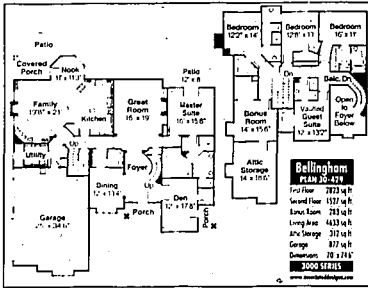
From the street, the estate-size Bellingham presents a pleasing medley of brick, stone, arched windows and gables. Inside you'll find a lavish spectrum of gathering spaces, some luxurious and some relaxed, plus five bedrooms and a den for home office.

The huge bonus room over the three-car garage could be finished as needed, or left as storage space.

Natural light spills into the dramatic two-story foyer through sidelights, a transom, and an arched window on the second level. An elegant staircase curves up the right side. The second floor landing overlooks the entry area. An arched opening on the left accesses a stately dining room, while double doors on the right open into a den.

A passageway links the dining room and kitchen. One side of the passageway is lined with storage and display cabinets; a convenient powder room is on the opposite side. The den has its own private porch with a French door entry, which makes it ideal for use as a home office.

Everyday family life centers on the combination family room and kitchen.



Family members will like sitting at the conversation bar, watching flames in the masonry fireplace, or clustering around the entertainment center. Potted plants thrive and people enjoy starting each day in this sunny nook.

Luxury amenities in the master suite include a huge walk-in closet with drop-down ironing board and a private bathroom with dual vanity, oversized shower and built-in dresser. Two naturally illuminated stairways lead upstairs.

A vaulted guest room is one of four large bedrooms here. All

four offer plenty of storage space, plus direct access to one of three bathrooms.

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Slow water heaters waste energy

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—MIKE M.



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DEAR MIKE: Your situation is common and you are wasting more than just your time in the mornings. You are paying for the thousand of gallons of water wasted down the drain each year just waiting for hot water.

Also, that wasted water is partially heated from your house, so energy is also wasted. There are several simple fixes for this problem that will bring hot water to any faucet in your home within 10 seconds and eliminate all the wasted water. One method is installing a quick-delivery pump/control unit under just one bathroom sink or installing a mini-water heater in each bathroom.

A quick-delivery unit is the most efficient method and the kits include everything needed for do-it-yourself installation. You just unscrew the water lines underneath the sink in the bathroom furthest from the water heater.

Attach flexible pipes (in the kit) from the water valves to the unit. Attach another set of flexible pipes to the faucet and plug it in.

There is a tiny high-speed pump, diverter valve and temperature sensor inside the unit. When you want hot water, the pump starts drawing hot water from the water heater.

Instead of dumping the cold water from the long pipe down the drain, the diverter valve puts it back into the cold water

line.

As soon, within 10 seconds, as the hot water reaches the unit under the sink, the temperature sensor shuts off the pump.

It also switches the diverter valve so the hot water comes out the faucet as normal. These tiny pumps consume only about \$2 of electricity over an entire year's usage.

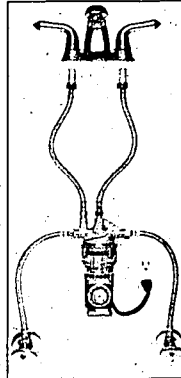
If you locate the unit under the sink in the bathroom furthest from the water heater, it fills that entire hot water pipe. With the pipe full, you will also get hot water much faster to other bathrooms on that branch.

There are several types of controls for these quick-delivery kits. With a demand control, you push a button to start the unit when you want hot water.

Additional wireless remote demand buttons can be mounted in other bathrooms or the kitchen. This is the most efficient type of control.

Another design uses a timer to start the unit. This may be 6 a.m. if this is when your family awakes. This system starts and stops automatically during the timer "on-time" so you have hot water immediately at the faucet.

If all of your hot water lines are above the water heater, you can install a simple low-cost valve to keep hot water continuously trickling through the system.



This quick-delivery pump/control unit will heat water faster and could save thousands of gallons of wasted water.

This is less efficient though. Write for (instantly download) www.dulley.com Update Bulletin No. 429 — buyer's guide of 13 demand/timer quick-delivery hot water kits and mini-water heaters listing controls, features, energy usage, prices, and installation instructions. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

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Honor family on Memorial Day

Memorial Day is coming up this month and I think it's a perfect time to really remember. But first, a tidbit of information I picked up: Did you know that Memorial Day used to be known as "Decoration Day"?



VALLEY COOKING REBECCA Tateoka

So it's very appropriate to hang out your American flag or put arrangements of flowers on graves to honor deceased family members.

The holiday, if you will, is also important for each American.

I have a few family members who have served and died and others who are currently serving in the armed forces.

Whether or not you or I agree with the politics surrounding servicemen, we must spend some time in gratitude for the service that has been rendered in our behalf.

Most of us think of Memorial Day as a time for a family get-to-

gether, which is absolutely appropriate.

We need stay close to, or at least in touch with, our family and friends near and far.

I selected some recipes in honor of different members of my family, based on their tastes. Since most of my family is still in this area, it'll be nice to still feel like they're close by, because I'm having some of their favorite foods.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. You may e-mail her at famlife@epnt.org.

BECCA'S RECIPES

GARLIC SHRIMP

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 3 large garlic cloves, peeled, 1 pound uncooked, peeled, deveined medium shrimp
- 1 large carrot, shredded
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- Hot cooked noodles or rice, if desired

Heat wok or 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add oil; rotate wok to coat sides. Add garlic; stir-fry 1 minute. Add shrimp; stir-fry 1 minute. Add carrot; stir-fry about 3 minutes or until shrimp are pink and firm. Stir in cilantro. Serve with noodles or rice.

—From "Betty Crocker's Easy Cooking for Family & Friends"

STUFFED ZUCCHINI

- 4 medium zucchini
- 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter
- 1 4-ounce can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1/2-cup jar diced pimientos, drained
- 1 1/2 cups herb-seasoned stuffing mix, dry

3/4 cup shredded mozzarella or Monterey Jack cheese. Heat 2 inches water to boiling. Add zucchini. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer just until tender, 8 to 10 minutes; drain. Cool slightly; cut each zucchini lengthwise in half. Spoon out pulp; chop coarsely. Place zucchini, cut sides up, in ungreased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Heat oven to 350. Cook and stir onion in margarine in 10-inch skillet until onion is tender. Stir in chopped pulp, chilies, pimientos and stuffing mix. Divide stuffing mixture among zucchini halves. Sprinkle each with cheese. Bake uncovered until hot, 30 to 35 minutes.

—From "Betty Crocker's Easy Cooking for Family & Friends"

EASY BOSTON CREAM PIE

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Vanilla Cream Filling
- Chocolate Glaze

Vanilla Iceing

Grease and flour a 9-by-1 1/2-inch round baking pan. Beat eggs for 4 minutes on full light and lemon-colored. Gradually add sugar, beating till dissolved. In a bowl stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Add to egg mixture; beating till blended. Heat milk and butter till butter is melted; add to batter; beating till mixed. Turn batter into prepared pan. Bake in a 350 oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool. Split cake horizontally. Fill with Vanilla Cream Filling. Spread Chocolate Glaze on top layer. Drizzle Vanilla Iceing in a spiral over cake; draw a knife through iceing at intervals to produce a webbed effect.

Vanilla Cream Filling: Prepare 1 package 4-serving size instant French vanilla pudding mix according to package directions, except use 1 2/3 cups milk.

Chocolate Glaze: In a saucepan melt 1 ounce unsweetened chocolate with 1 tablespoon butter or margarine over low heat, stirring often. Remove from heat. Stir in 3/4 cup sifted powdered sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla till crumbly. Beat in 2 teaspoons very hot water. Beat in 3 to 4 teaspoons additional hot water. 1 teaspoon

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Tater-tots turn 50 this year

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

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Trifle cake will delight lemon lovers

By Cindy Don
Los Angeles Times

Carolyn Gold, of Santa Monica, Calif., asked for a recipe for the fabulous lemon trifle cake served at Joe's Restaurant in Venice, Calif. Busy chef Mark Willard makes the elaborate cake that he graciously simplified for home cooks. If Meyer lemons are not available, you may substitute regular lemons.

MEYER LEMON TRIFLE CAKE

1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped to soft peaks
1 recipe lemon curd
1 pistachio-citrus cake
1 pint berries, blackberries, blueberries, strawberries, etc. or a mix
Line a 9-inch springform pan with parchment paper. Place one layer of the pistachio-citrus cake in the bottom of the springform pan, in a large bowl, whisk the whipped cream into the lemon curd. Spoon 1/4 of the lemon-cream mixture evenly over the cake layer. Distribute half the berries evenly over the lemon-cream layer. Spread another 1/4 of the lemon-cream mixture over the fruit and place the second cake layer on top, pressing it gently so that it sits evenly. Spread the second layer with lemon-cream mixture and fruit. Spread the remaining lemon-cream mixture over the top. Refrigerate the cake for two to three hours or overnight to set. Serves 12-14.



Los Angeles Times photo

For Meyer Lemon Trifle Cake, from Joe's California restaurant, a tangy lemon curd is mixed with whipped cream, topped with berries and sandwiched between slim layers of a delicious pistachio-citrus cake.

over medium heat until thickened, about 4 minutes.
Strain the curd through a fine mesh strainer into another bowl and cool by placing it in a larger bowl filled with ice cubes and water. Set aside.
Pistachio-citrus cake:
4 eggs
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup orange juice
1 cup flour
2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped pistachios
In large bowl, whisk together the eggs and sugar until light and frothy. Slowly pour in the olive oil and orange juice and continue to whisk until incorporated. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add the pistachios to the flour mixture, then gently fold the pistachio-flour mixture into the batter. Spoon the batter into a buttered and floured 9-inch cake pan.

Bake on the center rack of a 350-degree oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, about 35 to 40 minutes. Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool on a rack to room temperature. When it's cool, remove it from the cake pan and, using a serrated knife, slice it in half to create two equal round discs or layers of cake. Place wax paper between the two layers and set aside.

Lemon curd:
1 cup Meyer lemon juice (juice from about 6 lemons)
1/2 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) butter
1 cup sugar, divided
1/3 cup cornstarch
4 eggs
In a saucepan, combine the lemon juice, butter and one-half cup sugar over medium heat. Whisk together the remaining sugar and the cornstarch. Add the eggs and whisk until smooth. When the lemon juice mixture comes to a boil, remove it from the heat and slowly pour it into the egg mixture, whisking constantly, until fully incorporated. Return the mixture to the saucepan and whisk vigorously

Serve simple tomato and dill salad

By Steve Petusevsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Pots were always simmering on my mom's cook top, and we lived in the Catskill Mountains where everyone gathered. I remember simple dishes like a tomato and dill salad. For a dinner, serve this with a loaf of warm bread and some minestrone soup.

CLAIRE'S TOMATO AND DILL SALAD

2 large ripe tomatoes at room temperature, sliced 1/2 inch thick
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
6 sprigs fresh dill, minced (please don't substitute dried dill)
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1/2 cup crumbled feta or goat cheese (can substitute blue or goat cheese)
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper, to taste
Arrange sliced tomatoes and onions on a large plate. Sprinkle with dill; drizzle with oil and vinegar. Distribute crumbled cheese over all. Season with salt and pepper. Makes 2 appetizer servings.

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'The Restaurant' really stars Mama

By Sylvia Rector
Detroit Free Press

As a reality series, NBC TVs "The Restaurant" makes me nuts. The show about New York chef Rocco DiSpirito opening an Italian restaurant seems more unrealistic than anything else.

Last season, the successful, critically acclaimed chef looked like a doofus as a restaurateur, manager and male, spending more time eyeing the customers' cleavage than trying to fix the train wreck of a restaurant.

This season, his financial partner — restaurant mogul Jeffrey Chodorow — comes off as ham-handed, arrogant and boorish as he and his team move in and try to take over after losing — he says — more than half a million dollars on Rocco's place.

But what keeps me watching is Mama — Rocco's 78-year-old

Italian-born mother, Nicolina DiSpirito, whom viewers see every week hand-mixing big batches of the restaurant's signature Mama's Meatballs, and later talking to adoring customers. She seems to be working harder than most of the staff.

But I couldn't help wondering if the meatball-making was just for the cameras. "I am there every day," Mama declared in her familiar Italian-accented English when I called her. "I make the meatballs, all the sauces, and I do whatever."

She came to America in 1951 and worked as a seamstress, part-time sandwich maker and lunchroom cook. Rocco enrolled at the Culinary Institute of America, went to France to study and returned to earn a business degree from Boston University.

Mama says she doesn't know how this season's TV series will end.

CHEF ROCCO DISPIRITO MAMA'S MEATBALLS

- Makes: 3 dozen
- Seasoned Stock Mix
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 large sweet onion
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1/2 bunch parsley, coarsely chopped

- Meatballs:
 - 1 pound ground beef
 - 1 pound ground pork
 - 1 pound ground veal
 - 1/2 cup plain bread crumbs
 - 2 to 3 large eggs
 - 1/2 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated
 - 2 to 3 pinches red pepper flakes
 - 2 to 3 pinches salt
 - Olives oil for frying
 - 4 cups favorite marinara sauce (if serving over spaghetti, increase to 6 cups)
- For the seasoned stock, place all the ingredients in blender or food processor and puree to smooth.
- To prepare the meatballs, in a large bowl combine the beef, pork, veal, bread crumbs, eggs,

cheese, red pepper and salt with the stock.

Mix until the mixture is uniform.

Add another egg if the mixture doesn't seem to hold together well.

Do not over-mix. With lightly oiled hands, form the mixture into balls a little larger than golf balls.

Pour about 1/2-inch of extra virgin olive oil into a straight-sided, wide saute pan and heat over medium-high heat.

In a separate large sauce pot, heat the marinara sauce.

Working in batches, add the meatballs to the pan and brown, turning once.

Using a slotted spoon, remove the meatballs from the oil and place them into the saucepan of marinara.

They should be submerged. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes, or until the meatballs are cooked through and tender. Serve alone or over spaghetti.

Try yourself to freshly caught trout

By Linda Gassenhelmer
Knight Ridder News Service

On a boy scout camping trip with one of my sons years ago, we all had to catch trout for our breakfast.

Since 70 9-year-olds were very hungry, it was lucky that we were "fishing" from a trout farm.

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- 2 3/4-pound whole trout
- 1/4 cup flour
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup extra milk
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 1 tablespoon sliced almonds
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons freshly chopped parsley
- For garnish:
 - 4 slices lemon

- Rinse trout and pat dry with a paper towel. Open fish line and dip into skim milk. Season flour with salt and pepper. Dip trout into flour making sure both sides are completely covered. Shake off any excess. Heat butter in a non-stick skillet large enough to hold fish in one layer. Sauté fish for 2 minutes and turn. Sauté second side another 2 minutes. Remove to a plate. Add almonds to the skillet and saute until slightly golden, about 1 minute. Sprinkle fish with lemon juice, almonds and parsley. Garnish plate with lemon slices. Serve with potatoes and beans. Makes 2 servings.

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Cancer institute makes a pitch for men's health

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

As part of its campaign to get folks to eat more fruit and vegetables, the National Cancer Institute is asking American men to report to personal spring training. Pegged to the baseball season, the campaign reminds men that nine isn't only the number of innings in a baseball game or the number of players on the field. It is also the number of servings of fruit and vegetables men need each day. In addition, the campaign urges men to get more physically active. So rather than just watching, go out and play. For more information, visit www.5aday.gov.

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By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

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Syracuse announces nickname change

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Say goodbye to the Orangemen — and the Orangewomen. From now on, Syracuse University's athletic teams will be known simply as the Orange and have the same logo, an interlocking 'S'. The announcement came after two years of consultations with Nike, which supplies uniforms for men's and women's basketball, men's lacrosse, and football. All 21 of Syracuse's athletic teams will use the new look.

Kurt Warner visits New York Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Two-time MVP Kurt Warner met with the New York Giants on Tuesday to discuss the possibility of becoming the veteran quarterback who competes with Eli Manning for the starting job.

Charleston, Atlanta bid for Davis Cup semifinal

NEW YORK — Atlanta, Charleston, S.C., and Fort Worth, Texas, are the leading candidates to host the U.S. Davis Cup team's semifinal against Belarus.

Homeless owner plans meeting with Byron Scott

NEW ORLEANS — Byron Scott is among the leading candidates to replace Tim Floyd as New Orleans Hornets head coach.

WTA Tourer Italia Masters Results

Table with columns for Player, Points, and Games. Includes names like Flavia Pennetta, Francesca Schiavone, and Justine Henin.

IUPUI to host 2006-07 U.S. track championships

INDIANAPOLIS — IUPUI's campus in downtown Indianapolis will host the U.S. outdoor track and field championships in 2006-07.

Sounder's Olympic panel will invite James, Marbury

NEW YORK — LeBron James, Stephen Marbury and Shawn Marion will be invited to join the U.S. Olympic mens basketball team.

Transactions

BASEBALL: Baltimore Orioles have acquired pitcher Danys Buitrago from the Los Angeles Angels.

Football

NEW YORK TIMES: Dallas Cowboys have released running back Keith Garrison.

Hockey

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE: The Colorado Avalanche have signed forward Steve Reinprecht.

College

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: The Oakland Raiders have released wide receiver Tim Hightower.

Tennis

ATP Tennis Masters Hamburg Results: The Hamburg Masters tennis tournament is in progress.

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCES: The NBA playoffs are underway, with the Eastern Conference Finals between the Detroit Pistons and Cleveland Cavaliers.

PGA Tour Money Leaders

Table listing PGA Tour money leaders with columns for Player, Earnings, and Title.

NBA Playoffs - NBA Playoffs Box

DETROIT PISTONS 4, MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES 3: Detroit leads the series 4-3.

NBA Playoffs - NBA Playoffs Statistics

Table showing NBA playoff statistics for various teams.

NBA Playoffs - NBA Playoffs Scores

Table listing NBA playoff game scores, including Detroit Pistons vs Memphis Grizzlies.

NBA Playoffs - NBA Playoffs Box Score

DETROIT PISTONS (95): Center Greg Miller (11 points), Forward Brian Cook (10 points), Guard Steve Blake (10 points).

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CLEVELAND CAVALIERS (91): Guard J.J. Redick (15 points), Forward Matt Barnes (10 points), Guard Dan Gilbert (10 points).

NBA Playoffs - NBA Playoffs Standings

Table showing NBA playoff standings for both conferences.

NBA Playoffs - NBA Playoffs News

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS: Cleveland Cavaliers forward Matt Barnes is expected to return to the team.

NBA Playoffs - NBA Playoffs Analysis

DETROIT PISTONS: Detroit Pistons are expected to advance to the next round of the playoffs.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Baseball

- Blue Jays at Royals, ESPN, 6p. Braves at Cardinals, ESPN2, 5 p.m. Mariners at Twins, FSNW, 6 p.m. Cubs at Dodgers or Reds at Padres, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Horse racing

Previews: States Post Position Draw at Baltimore, ESPN, 3 p.m.

Baseball

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Baseball - Twins vs Mariners

Box score for Twins vs Mariners game.

Baseball - Seattle Mariners

Box score for Seattle Mariners game.

Baseball - AL Boxes

Summary of American League box scores.

Baseball - NL Boxes

Summary of National League box scores.

Baseball - MLB Standings

Current MLB standings for all divisions.

Baseball - White Sox vs Orioles

Box score for White Sox vs Orioles game.

Baseball - Cardinals vs Braves

Box score for Cardinals vs Braves game.

Baseball - Jays vs Blue Jays

Box score for Jays vs Blue Jays game.

Baseball - Toronto at Detroit

Box score for Toronto at Detroit game.

Baseball - Athletics vs Tigers

Box score for Athletics vs Tigers game.

Baseball - Oakland at Detroit

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SPORTS

Clemens leads Astros to victory over Marlins

Pitcher makes it seven in a row

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens won his seventh straight start and struck out a season-high 11, leading the Houston Astros over the Florida Marlins' Brad Penny 6-1 Tuesday night.

Clemens (7-0) allowed only three hits, including a second-inning solo homer to Ramon Castro, over seven innings for his 317th win, one behind Phil Niekro for 14th place on the career list.

The Marlins probably thought they'd seen the last of Clemens when he walked off the mound after striking out Luis Castillo to end the seventh inning in Game 4 of the World Series, thinking it was his final major league pitch.

Clemens changed his mind about retirement and signed with his hometown Astros. The 41-year-old right-hander has won 11 straight regular-season starts and is the first seven-game winner in the major leagues this season.

Penny (3-2) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings with five strikeouts.

Clemens, who moved into second place on the career streak list when he beat Pittsburgh last week, raised his total to 4,151, second to Nolan Ryan's 5,714.

Morgan Ensberg had three RBIs, Lance Berkman went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and Craig Biggio homered.

Brad Lidge pitched a one-hit shutout and Brandon Backe finished the four-hitter.

Houston, which has won 10 of 12, tied the 1973 Astros for the best start in franchise history through 32 games at 21-11.

This showdown between two of the NL's division leaders was dominated early by defense and late by the Astros' offense.

Penny didn't allow a hit until Jeff Bagwell's shot bounced off the glove of shortstop Alex Gonzalez in the fourth.

Houston didn't score until the seventh, when Berkman doubled in Jeff Kent and Ensberg hit an RBI single for a 2-1 lead.

Biggio homered in the eighth, Berkman hit an RBI single off Franklin Garcia and Ensberg had a two-run single against Nate Bump.

Cardinals 5, Braves 1

ST. LOUIS — Woody Williams, an 18-game winner last year, won for the first time in seven starts this season with eight strong innings for St. Louis.

Mike Matheny drove in two runs with a bases-loaded groundout in the second and a squeeze bunt in the sixth.

Williams (1-3) entered with a 6:27 ERA and only four victories in his last 18 starts (dating to last July). Shoulder tendinitis limited him to five innings in spring training, and he struggled to start the season. He outpitched Jared Wright (2-3).

American League

Red Sox 5, Indians 3

BOSTON — Pinch-hitter David McCarty had a two-run home run tie, and Pedro Martinez struck out 11 to lead the Boston Red Sox over the Cleveland Indians 5-3.

Alan Embree (1-0) won despite giving up Victor Martinez's solo homer in the eighth — the only hit he allowed. Keith Foulke pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Victor Martinez doubled in two runs in the first, but Boston tied the score on two homers by Cube Kapler in the third and David Ortiz in the fourth. Martinez gave Cleveland a 3-2 lead in the eighth, but Boston scored three runs in the bottom half against Jose Jimenez (0-2).

Rangers 5, Devil Rays 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Hank Blalock homered twice and Laynce Nix had a two-run shot to help Texas hand Tampa Bay its sixth straight loss.

Blalock's second homer of



Houston Astros starting pitcher Roger Clemens delivers a pitch in the first inning against the Florida Marlins Tuesday in Houston.

the game in the eighth inning tied the score at 4. Kevin Mench's bases-loaded grounder later in the inning knocked in the game-winner for Texas, which has won eight of 11.

Erasmo Ramirez (2-2) won in relief, beating Doug Waechter (1-3). Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his 11th save in as many opportunities.

White Sox 15, Orioles 0

CHICAGO — Mark Buehrle got his first victory since April 10, and Magglio Ordonez had five RBIs for Chicago.

Ordonez went 4-for-5. Frank Thomas hit a three-run homer and Jose Valentin homered and drove in two runs for the White Sox, who snapped a season-long three-game losing streak.

Buehrle (2-1) allowed four hits in seven innings and struck out six. Sidney Ponson (2-3) gave up 11 hits and seven runs in six innings.

Royals 5, Blue Jays 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Juan Gonzalez hit a tiebreaking single in the sixth inning off AL Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay, and Kansas ended Toronto's six-game winning streak.

Mike Sweeney added a two-run double in a three-run seventh for the Royals, who had lost seven straight home games against Toronto since July 29, 2002.

Rookie Shawn Camp (2-0) allowed one hit in 3 1-3 shutout innings in relief. Halladay (3-4) gave up five runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Athletics 5, Tigers 4, 15 Innings

DETROIT — Damian Miller hit a tiebreaking, two-out single in the 15th inning to give Oakland its fourth victory in its last five games.

Eric Chavez and Jermaine Dye hit singles off Danny Patterson (0-2), and Scott Hatteberg was intentionally walked to lead the bases with two outs to set up the game-winning hit. Dye and Bobby Crosby hit leadoff, solo homers in the second and third innings to give Oakland a 2-1 lead.

Justin Duchscherrer (1-1) allowed only one hit in five innings, and Jim Merri pitched the 15th for his second save.

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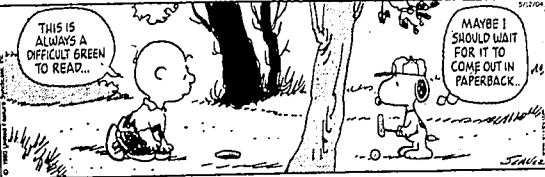
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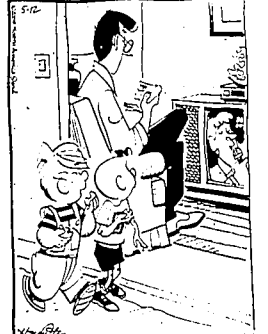
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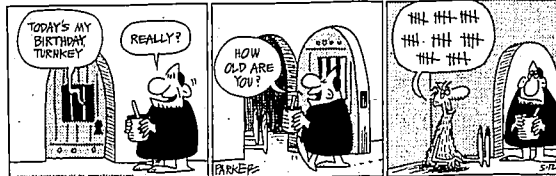
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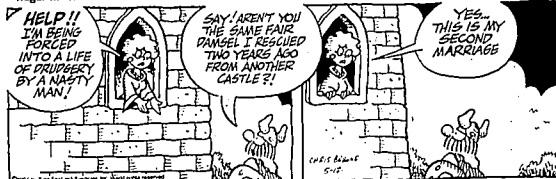
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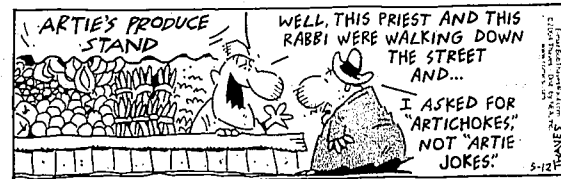
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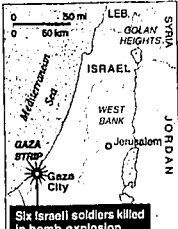
By Art Sansom & Chip



WORLD

Gaza clash kills six Israeli soldiers, seven Palestinians

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian militants blew up an Israeli armored personnel carrier on Tuesday, killing six Israeli soldiers in one of the fiercest battles in Gaza City in months. Seven Palestinians were killed, including one in an Israeli airstrike.



Militants displayed some of the remains of the dead Israeli soldiers, and they were warned that Israel would retaliate harshly if the body parts weren't returned for burial, security officials said.

For more than 16 hours, explosions and machine gun fire from tanks and helicopters were heard across Gaza City. Gray smoke rose into the air. The army initially entered the crowded Zeitoun neighborhood for a pinpoint search for weapons workshops. After the attack on the armored personnel carrier, hundreds of soldiers flooded the area in search of soldiers' remains scattered in the blast.

The death of six soldiers — the highest casualty count in a single army operation in nearly two years — was expected to increase public pressure on Prime

SOURCE: ESRI

Minister Ariel Sharon to withdraw Israeli troops and settlers from the Gaza Strip. Sharon is pushing for a withdrawal, but the plan was vetoed by his Likud Party in a referendum last week.

Sharon summoned his Security Cabinet for a special meeting later Tuesday. Security officials preparing recommendations to the Cabinet said they would propose pinpoint attacks against Palestinian militants, but ruled out targeting Yasser

Arafat, security officials said on condition of anonymity. Sharon told parliament that Israel would strike back hard. "We will not stop fighting him (the enemy) and hitting him, wherever he acts and hides," Sharon said.

The Israeli army's southern front commander, Maj. Gen. Dan Harel, said soldiers would stay in Gaza until the bodies are recovered. "We are checking every roof and every balcony to find the remnants of the APC and the bodies of our soldiers," Harel said.

Asked about the display of body parts, Harel said, "I was disgusted."

Lamas gunmen displayed pieces of metal and bits of human remains they said they collected after the blast. Two naked men on a motorcycle held up a bloodied turban sack with remains. Two other militants, the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades and Islamic Jihad, said they also had remains of soldiers and were ready to negotiate with Israel.

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Muslim protest turns violent after killings

KANO, Nigeria — Angry young Muslim men attacked "non-believers" with machetes Tuesday, while others burned cars, stores and apartments in apparent revenge for last week's killings of hundreds of Muslims by a Christian group.

Three corpses — one charred and another badly mutilated — lay in the streets it was unclear who killed them. There were unconfirmed reports of several others killed by young men who barricaded streets with burning tires and garbage.

The violence came hours after thousands of Muslim protesters — some carrying daggers, sickles and clubs — marched from the main mosque in the northern city of Kano, traditionally a hotbed of religious tensions.

Amma Usman, a 19-year-old university student, recounted seeing two mutilated bodies next to a makeshift checkpoint where young Muslim Hausa-speaking men armed with sticks, knives and clubs were searching cars for Christians and Muslims and asking passengers to recite Muslim prayers.

"It was hell," said Mohammed Aliyu, another university student, who said he saw five bodies in another part of Kano, Nigeria's largest Muslim city, one with a burning tire around its neck.

Exiled opposition leader lands in Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan — Exiled opposition leader Shuhbaz Sharif flew into the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore on Tuesday, but the government immediately deported him amid an intense crackdown that has seen hundreds of his supporters arrested.

Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told The Associated Press that a Pakistan International Airlines plane carrying Sharif had taken off from the Lahore airport en route to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. "His plane has left," Ahmed said. The plane took off just 90 minutes after Sharif arrived after more than three years in exile.

U.S. and Panama agree on ship searches

PANAMA CITY, Panama —

World in brief

Panama and the United States have agreed on allowing American officials to board ships carrying the Panamanian flag and search them for weapons of mass destruction on the open seas, a Panamanian official said Tuesday.

The agreement, to be signed Wednesday in Washington, is similar to an accord the State Department reached in February with Liberia, the world's No. 1 shipping registry, Panama is No. 1.

The accord gives the U.S. Navy the right to board thousands of commercial ships in international waters to search for weapons of mass destruction.

India's stock market plunges after election

NEW DELHI — India's stock market suffered its deepest plunge in four years Tuesday due to fears the government's liberal economic policies might falter if the prime minister's ruling alliance fails to get a majority in Parliament, as predicted by exit polls.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was widely expected to return to power, but exit polls showed his alliance would lose more seats than expected. Investors fear a weak or unstable coalition in Parliament could slow or even halt economic liberalization.

Sudan group will check human rights violations

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudan swore in a presidential committee Tuesday to investigate allegations of gross human rights abuses in the western Darfur region, where rights groups say the government and allied militia are carrying out a campaign of "ethnic cleansing." Officials rejected the accusations Tuesday, saying a United Nations report alleging government complicity with a fierce Arab militia was false.

Khartoum chided the rights groups for not writing about violations by autonomous-seeking rebels the militia is fighting. — compiled from wire reports

Dog dials emergency number

OSLO, Norway (AP) — An emergency services switchboard couldn't understand a word the caller was saying, so they sent a crew to investigate.

There was nothing wrong with Ilaa — apart from being a puppy. Barking into the phone was a way of communicating, the state radio network NRK reported Monday.

Lars Lemes, of the Nord-Trendelag police district, said a call came through to the medical emergency number at about 1 a.m. Sunday.

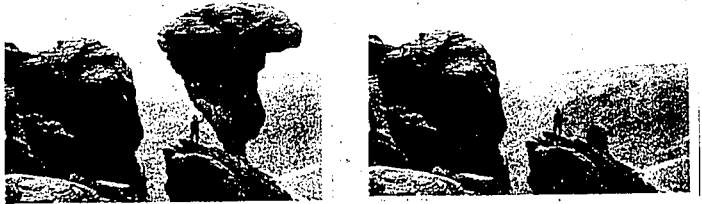
"They were afraid someone needed help and was trying to say so they asked for assistance from the police," he told NRK.

The police went to the house, rang the doorbell and woke up 24-year-old Aleksander Elden, whose family owns the four-month-old Norwegian Elkhound.

"It could only have been her that called. She was the only one there," Elden told The Associated Press by telephone, adding he found the puppy lying on the floor next to the phone.

The police took the confusion with a sense of humor. Their log says the pup probably dialed the wrong number.

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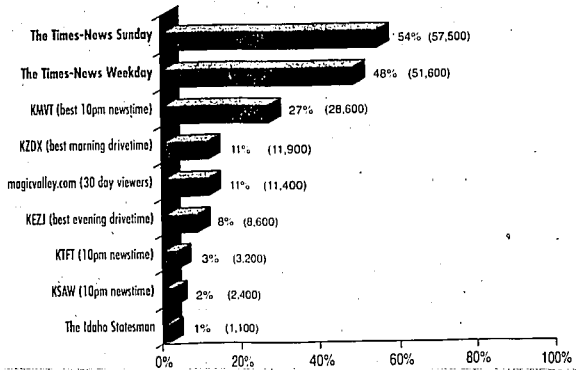


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Loan

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would be eliminated.

Doyle, a spokesman for the SBA, said that the changes to the micro-loans were not widely used and that similar-size loans are available through the agency. Moreover, he said, increasing 7(a) fees would help put that financially troubled program on firmer footing.

"Our No. 1 priority is to be sure the program stays up and running," Heys said.

Rescuing the 7(a) program - which the SBA suspended for a week in January because of a money shortage - makes sense to Matt Lathrop, director of governmental relations for the International Franchise Association.

"What our members have told me is that it preserves the program and that's the most important thing at the moment," Lathrop said. "If we don't want to see a lot of franchise businesses would go away."

But others fear the changes could hurt small companies. "Some in Congress have been especially critical, including presidential candidate for the Sen. Kerry D. Mass, who is on the Senate's small business and entrepreneurship committee."

"These are the most anti-small business proposals we've seen in four years," he complained last month in a news release.

Julie Weeks, executive director of the National Women's Business Council, argued that ending the micro-loan program would disproportionately harm her members.

"Our analysis shows that something like over four in 10 micro-loans are going to women-owned businesses," she said.

Nonetheless, the micro-loan program is relatively small. It accounts for only a tiny number of businesses that depend on 7(a) loans, the proposed changes to that program have sparked the most concern.

The proposed change would increase the fee from 1 percent on the federally guaranteed portion to 2 percent.

Thus, if a business got a \$100,000 loan with \$20,000 of it guaranteed, the firm would pay a \$1,600 fee, twice what it would pay today.

Lenders also would see a slight fee increase, which they would not be permitted to pass on to borrowers.

And the biggest worry stems from the proposal to reduce the federal guarantee for 7(a) loans to 50 percent.

That might cause many banks to stop participating because their loans would become riskier, said Anthony Wilkinson, president of the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, which members make a majority of 7(a) loans.

And that, he added, could make it tougher for small businesses to get financing.

"Women and minorities are the fastest-growing segment in the 7(a) program," Wilkinson said. "So they're going to be impacted."

If the change in the federal guarantee percentage is approved, many lenders will have no option but to require business taking out 7(a) loans to have other collateral, such as other things, said Les Crabb, a senior vice president at Heritage Bank of Commerce in San Jose.

"Start-up loans will be, I think, more difficult to obtain," he said. "It will have a negative impact on the small business."

Boomer

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Harper, one of 29 agents who sued in the 2001 case, in 2002 received Allstate's offer of an option not only to save on retirement benefits but to avoid employment laws.

"In essence, what they did was they outsourced us," said the 52-year-old Harper, who now owns a pizza restaurant in Thomson, Ga., where he had worked for Allstate. "They outsourced us jobs to ourselves."

"Why'd they do it? They did it because we're old," and because of those bonuses. Allstate disputed that and so did a federal judge in Philadelphia.

Judge John Fullam said last month Allstate had improperly required the agents to sign a release giving their right to sue. Allstate disputed that in order to stay on as independent contractors, clearing the way for a trial. But he ruled that the employer did not commit age discrimination because, even though the median age of those affected was 50, "em-

ployees of all ages were treated alike."

In another case, John Guzz said he had worked at Vista, an insurance brokerage, after being laid off at age 49, charging he was illegally fired - in part because of his age. He had earned major promotions, merit raises and generally favorable work reviews in 22 years with the San Francisco-based engineering and construction company.

But the California Supreme Court held in 2000 that older workers fired during staff reductions may not claim age discrimination simply because some younger employees were retained.

Age discrimination is "very difficult to prove right now," said Michael Lieder, a Wash. state-based attorney in the case against Allstate. "Right now the burden is on the plaintiff for proving that the employer has some sort of stereotype that prompted them to take the action."

But the plaintiffs to be created before the U.S. Supreme Court expects to come out of the production this week.

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Age discrimination in the workplace extends beyond layoffs, of course, but it's even harder to prove the existence of an age-related "glass ceiling" - the invisible barrier that prevents employees from advancing any higher.

Workplace consultant Connie Wang suspects many older professionals feel they're the victims of age discrimination but wouldn't challenge their employers because of an underlying concern that "who's going to hire that many members save the day when an employer decides to eliminate an older worker's position and 'restructure' it into a job filled by a younger worker."

"We may have a much bigger problem than we can prove on paper," said Wang, managing director of C&W Global, a Connecticut-based consulting firm specializing in diversity issues.

Wang says that many older employees are being black balled, but they won't risk a formal claim.

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faith to assist Delta in lowering costs.

Labor is Delta's biggest cost - about 40 percent of expenses - and pilot salaries top the labor costs, Black said.

Asked how Delta's Salt Lake operations will change after a bankruptcy filing, Black said, "I would not want to speculate on what may or may not happen based on the possibilities."

Airport

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"These changes put Salt Lake's airport at a disadvantage of any bankruptcy action by Delta," said Philip Gee, spokesman for SkyWest, a Delta partner that runs 196 daily flights out of Salt Lake City including the ones to Twin Falls.

"We benefited quite a bit from the restructuring," Gee said. "We added about 50 flights a day more from Salt Lake City than we had before."

SkyWest, which also does business with other airlines, also has experienced the Chapter 11 filing of another major partner, United Airlines, which

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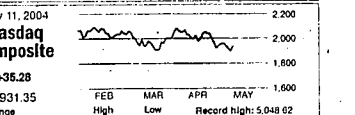
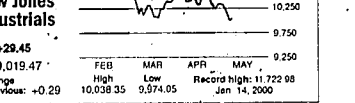
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TECH LEAD RALLY ON WALL STREET

NEW YORK (AP) - A surge in technology shares led a moderate rally on Wall Street Tuesday as investors sought bargains, picking up interest rate-sensitive stocks that may have been discounted in the market's latest downturn.

Investors bought tech shares, small-cap stocks and financial companies despite the fact they were the most vulnerable to the impact of a potential rate hike, which could come at the Federal Reserve meeting in June. Interest rate fears sent the three major indexes into a 3 percent plunge during the previous three sessions.

Analysts said the unusual buying choices represented bargain hunting by some investors, but noted that volume was much higher than during the three-day sell-off.

Higher yields, you're seeing the market panic a bit. I think we're re-evaluating the sell-off to the interest rates, said Stephen Sachs, director of trading for Rydex Investments.

"We definitely have room to go down here, but near-term, say this week, we're at some very near-term support," Sachs said.

According to preliminary calculations, the composite index gained 35.28, or 1.9 percent, to 1,931.35 after dipping below the 1,900 mark at Monday's close.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 10,000, one day after slaying below that benchmark for the first time since Dec. 2003. The Dow gained 29.45, or 0.3 percent, to 10,019.47.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 0.33, or 0.4 percent, at 1,095.43.

Buyers spread nearly across the board, with only healthcare and other defensive stocks suffering as investors took the chance on higher risk stocks - at least for the time being, analysts did not believe.

My Department Stores Co., operator of Lord & Taylor's, Macy's, Hecht's and Foley's stores, lost 86 cents to \$27.92 after missing Wall Street estimates by a penny. The company posted earnings of \$76 million.

A buyout settlement helped Mylan Laboratories Inc. meet Wall Street estimates for its first quarter earnings. The company reiterated its yearly outlook, but said it hinged on Food and Drug Administration approval of its latest cancer pill, imatinib, which is used to treat chronic myeloid leukemia.

Weak revenues at MCI prompted the embattled telecommunications company to announce 7,500 job cuts late Monday.

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