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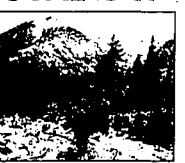
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Pioneer peaks
The towering Pioneer Mountains offer an abundance of scenery. Thursday in The Times-News

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HEEDING THE CALL



Mary J. Inman stands in her backyard in Twin Falls, where she hopes to see these young aspen starts take hold. The area will use less water once the trees are established in a year, she said.

Water conservation measures produce results so far

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Mary Inman heard the City Council passed a water conservation ordinance in early June, she took it as an opportunity. She decided that not only would she follow the city's new rules for conserving water, but that she would also downsize the amount of grass that had to be watered at her home. "It just timed out," Inman said. "I had retired and bought a second home. When I looked at my new yard, I said, 'This is, too much yard.'"

NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** Under a comprehensive water conservation ordinance passed by the City Council two weeks ago, residents were allowed to water their lawns and gardens only on designated days and during certain times of the day.
- **The latest:** It appears that residents are making efforts to follow the new regulations, and some are considering new landscaping.
- **What's next:** City staffers are monitoring water use and hope to see the drop in water consumption continue throughout the summer.

of Kentucky bluegrass by half. She put in a patio and planned a ground cover on the north side of her home after removing grass. She put down weed mat and covered it with gravel. And she enlarged her garden and tree spaces so she could take advantage of the sparing effect of drip irrigation.

Only in cities for two weeks, the ordinance requires that all customers on the city water system avoid watering their lawns between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. In addition, even-numbered addresses are to water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, while people living at odd-numbered addresses are to water lawns on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Residents using drip irrigation for gardens, tree irrigation and other landscaping can water any time. The reason the City Council said it was compelled to pass the new regulations was that its main source of water was dropped by 10 percent over the year. Please see **WATER**, Page A2

U.S. poll of Iraqis finds widespread anger at prison abuse, worry for safety

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A poll of Iraqis commissioned by the U.S.-backed government has provided the Bush administration a stark picture of anti-American sentiment — more than half of Iraqis believe they would be safer if U.S. troops simply left. The poll, commissioned by the Coalition Provisional Government last month but not released to the American public, also found radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr is surging in popularity. 92 percent of Iraqis consider the United States an occupying force and more than half believe all Americans behave like those portrayed in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse photos.



An Iraqi boy holds a grenade launcher as he marches with a group of Shiite muslim supporters of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr holding an anti-USA military demonstration in the Sadr City district of Baghdad on Tuesday.

Ambassador Paul Bremer's interim government and helps oversee the CPA's polling of Iraqis. "While you are saddened that our intentions have been misunderstood by a lot of Iraqis, the truth of the matter is

Bush says he wants to be certain Saddam will remain in custody.

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they have a strong inclination toward the things that have the potential to bring democracy here," he said in a telephone interview Tuesday from Baghdad.

Hamilton noted the poll found 63 percent of Iraqis believed conditions will improve when an Iraqi interim government takes over June 30, and 62 percent believed it was "very likely" the Iraqi police and Army will maintain security without U.S. forces.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said, "Let's face it. That's the goal, to build those up to the point where they can take charge in Iraq and they can maintain security in Iraq."

The poll results conflict with the generally upbeat assessments the administration continues to give Americans. Just last week, President Bush predicted future generations of Iraqis "will come to America and say, thank goodness America

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100 YEARS AGO TODAY: Company forms to market, administer new townsite

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A century ago today, incorporation of the Twin Falls Townsite Co. got the horse back in front of the cart, so to speak.

On May 12, 1904, the first plat filed for this partially surveyed townsite — where downtown's diagonal streets and avenues are today — settled "Ivina Falls," as the new city's name. Scurdy or John Hayes and others had been in a dreadful hurry with that plat to secure the name before a competing townsite snapped it up.

The May 12 plat was filed under Martin DeLong's name for lack of time to organize a townsite company. But the June 16, 1904, incorporation of the Twin Falls Townsite Co., as a subsidiary of the Twin Falls Land and Water Co., was necessary to administer the townsite until the town could have its own government — in short, to make official what Hayes and the others jumped the gun on in May, local writer Mary J. Inman said. Inman, author of "Twin Falls

Utility doesn't give up on rate hike

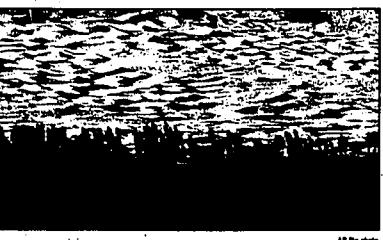
The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Power Co. isn't giving up on its desire to raise electrical rates by 14.5 percent. With its credit rating now under review, the company Tuesday asked state regulators to reconsider their May decision limiting the customer rate increase to an average of 5.2 percent. The request came on the final day it could be made, and followed an announcement by Moody's Investor Service last week that it was reviewing the debt rating for the utility's holding company, IDACORP Inc. The company claims regulators miscalculated the permissible rate increase in several areas. The Public Utilities Commission has 28 days to consider the request. If it refuses to modify the original order, Idaho Power can take its case to the state Supreme Court.

Analysts at Moody's expressed concern about the dramatically curtailed rate increase and a fifth year of drought shifting revenue away from cheap hydroplants to more expensive gas. Please see **POWER**, Page A2

NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** The Idaho Public Utilities Commission in May approved an average 5.2 percent base rate increase for Idaho Power Co. customers, much smaller than the 14.5 percent hike proposed by the company. ■ **The latest:** Idaho Power asked the PUC to reconsider its decision. ■ **What's next:** The PUC has 28 days to respond to the request.



The desert encroaching onto fertile planting fields, about 100 kilometers west of Yin Chuan, capital of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, in northwest China in this 1996 photo.

United Nations warns world's land turns to desert at alarming speed

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The world is turning to dust, with the size of Rhode Island becoming desert wasteland every year and the problem threatening to send millions of people fleeing to greener countries, the United Nations says. One-third of the Earth's surface is at risk, driving people into cities and destroying agriculture in vast swaths of Africa. Thirty-one percent of Spain is

threatened, while China has lost 36,000 square miles to desert — an area the size of Indiana — since the 1950s. This week the United Nations marks the 10th anniversary of the Convention to Combat Desertification, a plan aimed at stopping the phenomenon. Despite the efforts, the trend seems to be picking up speed — in short, to make official what Hayes and the others jumped the gun on in May, local writer Mary J. Inman said. Inman, author of "Twin Falls

spokesman for the U.N. secretary that oversees the 1994 accord. "Intrite parts of the world might become uninhabitable." Soil-and-land agriculture, sloppy conservation, overused water supplies and soaring populations are mostly to blame. But global warming is taking its toll, too. The United Nations is holding a ceremony in Bonn, Germany, on Thursday to mark World Day to Combat Desertification. Please see **DESERT**, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and mid temperatures. High mid 70s. Tonight: Clear skies and cool. Low upper 40s. Tomorrow: Continued sunny, warmer. High near 80.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 77, Low 49, 80/50, 82/49, 82/51, 84/53).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, HI, LO. Lists weather for various cities like Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and mid temperatures. High mid 70s. Tonight: Clear and cool. Low in the 40s. Tomorrow: Fair to partly cloudy skies and mid temperatures. High upper 70s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Little day to day change through the weekend with sunny to partly cloudy afternoons and evenings and mostly clear nights and early morning hours.

BOISE Sunny days and fair nights. Travel conditions will be great as there will be very little day to day change in weather and temperatures through Monday.

NORTHERN UTAH Partly cloudy to variable clouds through Saturday with a fair afternoon and evening temperatures, mostly fair Sunday and Monday.

Weather icons and forecast details for various Idaho locations including Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 5 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes monthly and yearly data.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for June 17 (New Moon), June 25 (First Qr.), July 2 (Full Moon), and July 9 (Last Qr.).

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls on Thursday and Friday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index for Twin Falls on Thursday and Friday, with a note that the higher the index, the more sun protection needed.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for major cities like Denver, Phoenix, and San Diego.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for international cities like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

Advertisement for Sun Valley, Idaho, featuring a scenic view and contact information for Twin Falls 735-GOLD.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities like Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP showing weather patterns across the United States with a legend for fronts, cold, warm, stationary, and occluded systems.

Judge rebukes feds in court battle over no-fly list

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge ruled Tuesday that the government is stonewalling attempts by the American Civil Liberties Union to acquire information about the government's secret no-fly list, which bars potential terrorists from boarding commercial flights.

Power

Continued from A1. generation, Idaho Power, the state's largest utility, also plans to spend another \$640 million to upgrade the power system over the next three years.

nearly 18 percent, but the company later reduced the request to about 14.5 percent.

The Public Utilities Commission, however, approved new rates that would only generate about \$25 million in new revenue each year, an average increase of 5.2 percent.

cent, industrial customers would see their rates drop by 5 percent, and commercial ratepayers would see increases of about 2 percent.

Moody's indicated its review would include an assessment of prospects for revising the Public Utilities Commission's order and steps Idaho Power takes to reduce costs.

Desert

Continued from A1. cation, and will hold a meeting in Brazil this month to take stock of the problem.

The warning comes as a controversial movie, "The Day After Tomorrow," is whipping up interest in climate change, and as rivers and lakes dry up in the American West, giving Americans a taste of what's to come elsewhere.

becomes scarcer and dirtier. Technology can make the problem worse. In parts of Australia, irrigation systems are pumping up salty water and slowly poisoning farms. In Saudi Arabia, residents can use water trucks instead of taking their animals from oasis to oasis...

What's happened

- The United Nations says: From the mid-1990s to 2000, 1,374 square miles have turned into deserts each year... By 2025, two-thirds of arable land in Africa will disappear...

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Water

Continued from A1. past five years. The council had also learned that over the past 50 years it had dropped by 30 percent.

Last year, residents used 161 million gallons during the first week of June. This year, consumption was down to 86 million gallons. That's about a 47 percent reduction.

When city staffers drive around the city during the early mornings to make sure residents are following the new rules, they are seeing almost everyone is complying. During the first two weeks of enforcement, fewer than 20 violations have been noted.

But now you see how the West is flat filling up and growing and anything goes," she said. "People didn't seem to realize the water supply is finite."

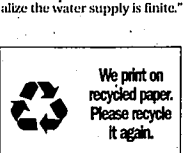
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How to water your landscaping

- Repair all leaks in your irrigation system. • Don't water too much or too much at one time. To find out how much water your yard needs, use your sprinklers, set out some straight-sided, shallow tuna cans. Irrigate 15 minutes to accumulate some water in the cans. Sandy soil holds about 1 inch of available water per foot of depth, while the same soil of silt loam holds 2 inches, and clay loam holds slightly more. So, in silt loam soil, add 2 inches of water to wet one foot of soil. When soil still has some available moisture, it will need less than 2 inches of irrigation for one foot of soil to be "water filled."

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CORRECTIONS

She's president of Rupert chapter of motorcycle club. A photo caption in Tuesday's newspaper incorrectly identified Nancy Jensen, president of the Rupert chapter of the Idaho Motorcycle Club.

Stolen semi didn't have trailer. An article in Tuesday's newspaper contained incorrect information about a truck theft.

Letter to bin Laden was released previously. A comparison of a letter reported by the Associated Press subsequently showed that the purported letter from Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was the same text intercepted and released in February by the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

Halley man died in Vietnam War. The name of a south-central Idaho man killed in the Vietnam War was left off the list of casualties that ran in Tuesday's newspaper.

U.S. Army Sgt. Bill Gene Williams of Halley was killed by hostile gunfire in Cambodia on June 3, 1970.

Iraq Bush wants reassurance of Saddam's imprisonment

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 stood the line and was strong and did not falter in the face of the violence of a few."

The current generation seems eager for Americans to leave the poll found.

The coalition's confidence rating in May stood at 11 percent, down from 47 percent in November, while coalition forces had just 10 percent support. Nearly half of Iraqis said they felt unsafe in their neighborhoods.

And 55 percent of Iraqis reported to the pollsters they would feel safer if U.S. troops immediately left, nearly double the 28 percent who felt that way in January.

"To a certain degree it is self-evident that Iraqis have lost some confidence in us, particularly in our ability to protect them," Hamilton said.

Frustration over security was made worse this spring by revelations of sexual and physical abuse of Iraqis by U.S. guards at the Abu Ghraib prison.

The poll, taken in mid-May shortly after the controversy began, found 71 percent of Iraqis said they were surprised by the humiliating photos and tales of abuse at the hands of Americans, but 54 percent said they believed all Americans behave like the guards.

The prison scandal has also become fodder in the United States, as Democratic challenger John Kerry accuses Bush of failing to set a proper moral tone. "I think the president is underestimating the full affect of what has happened in the world to our reputation because of that prison scandal," Kerry said Tuesday.

Anger at Americans was evident in other aspects of the poll, including a rapid rise in popularity for al-Sadr, the Muslim cleric who has been leading insurgents fighting U.S.-led coalition forces.

The poll reported that 81 percent of Iraqis said they had improved opinion of al-Sadr in May from three months earlier, and 64 percent said the acts of his insurgents had made Iraq more unified.

However, only 2 percent said they would support al-Sadr for president, even less than the 3 percent who expressed support for the deposed Saddam Hussein.

The coalition's Iraq polling of 1,093 adults selected randomly in six different cities — Baghdad, Basra, Mosul — Diwaniyah, Hillah and Baquba was taken May 14-23 and had a margin of potential sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points. Crucial details on the methodology of the coalition's polling were not provided, including how samples were drawn.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush insisted Tuesday he must have assurances Saddam Hussein will stay in jail and not return to power before releasing him to Iraq's interim government, refusing to commit to the June 30 timetable envisioned by Iraq's new prime minister.

Raising concerns about security arrangements once Saddam is out of U.S. custody, Bush said, "He's a killer. He is a drug. He needs to be brought to trial." Bush said it was legitimate to ask the interim government: "How are you going to make sure he stays in jail?"

Bush's reluctance to turn over Saddam raised new questions about the extent of Iraq's authority when the interim government claims sovereignty from the U.S.-led coalition on June 30. Bush has encountered widespread skepticism from world leaders about whether the United States truly intends to relinquish control, with 135,000 American troops remaining in Iraq to maintain security.

Asserting anew that the new government would be sovereign, Bush backed away from a U.S. confrontation with Muqtada al-Sadr, the radical Shiite cleric whose troops have led an insurgency against the U.S.-led occupation. Bush said it would be up to the Iraqi authorities to deal with al-Sadr, who has been named by U.S. officials in an arrest warrant in the assassination of a moderate rival cleric.

"When we say we transfer full sovereignty, we mean we transfer full sovereignty," Bush said at a news conference in the Rose Garden with Afghan President



In these images released by the Department of Defense on Dec. 14, 2003, former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is shown before and after his beard was shaved while in custody, after he was arrested near his Tikrit home.

Hamid Karzai. "And they will deal with him appropriately,"

In Baghdad, Iyad Allawi, the interim prime minister, had said the United States would turn over Saddam by the transfer of sovereignty. Saddam has been in U.S. custody at an

undisclosed location in Iraq since his capture in December. Salem Chalabi, the Iraqi official in charge of setting up a tribunal to try former government figures, said he expected an arrest warrant filed against Saddam and other former off-

icials before June 30.

"We have been working quite hard in the last few days on that, believe me," Chalabi said.

Chalabi said he believed Iraqi authorities would have grounds for holding Saddam if and when he was handed over.

Bush said Saddam's transfer would depend on "appropriate security" being in place. "I mean, one thing obviously is that we don't want — and know the Iraqi interim government doesn't want — is there to be lax security and for Saddam Hussein to somehow not stand trial for the horrendous murders and torture that he inflicted upon the Iraqi people," Bush said.

He said he wanted to make sure that "when sovereignty is transferred, Saddam Hussein ... stays in jail."

"When we get the right answer — which we are confident we will, we will work with them to do so — then we'll all be satisfied," Bush said.

In Baghdad, occupation spokesman Dan Senor suggested that U.S. authorities had grounds to hold Saddam far beyond the handover ceremony, saying the Americans could keep him "until the cessation of hostilities," which, Senor said, weren't expected to stop on June 30.

He said the U.S. goal is to put Saddam "into Iraqi hands" sometime after June 30.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said a U.N. Security Council resolution passed last week gave the United States and its occupation partners the right to keep prisoners indefinitely.

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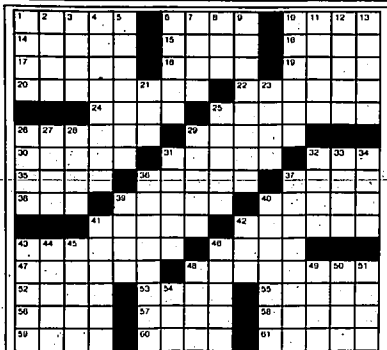
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Taint of suspicion clouds Leo's atmosphere

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF JUNE 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...... you are sure of what it is that you want from life. A little romance or a surge in your popularity may have danced your way in recent weeks, and you will have a second chance for super success at the end of the year. Count your blessings as you blow out your birthday candles.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You could be lured into acting under false pretenses or drawn into relationship woes unless you tread carefully. Misunderstandings are likely, so avoid agreements or contracts.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Because you are in a dreamy and kind mood, you could do some good deeds out of the goodness of your heart. Be aware, though, that the most innocent actions might be questioned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Creative minds can benefit from the planetary align-

ments; spin a wild tale or create a beautiful picture. Imagination is best used on paper. Don't mistake fiction for fact.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You awake in a luscious mood, ready for romantic interludes or willing to lend a sympathetic ear to anyone with a problem. Your charm is at a high point, so rekindle amorous ties and resolve misunderstandings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You still have the ability to overpower conflicts through your charm and warm, loving nature. But be aware that there is a taint of suspicion and resentment clouding the atmosphere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Sensitivity to the plight of others and a sympathetic nature can be taken the wrong way and actually cause offense. Some folks may mistake pity as arrogance. Write down your inspirations, but avoid forcing ideas upon others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today even the very best intentions can be viewed in a harsh light. If you are tempted to lend a helping hand, remember that even the friendliest dog could bite the hand that feeds it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Others in your immediate circle could be anxious to make up and restore harmony. Loving gestures and small kindnesses may warm the cockles of your heart. Take thoughtfulness at face value.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Peace and tranquility can be yours if you listen to the words of someone who cares about you. Your charm can at-

tract some help from the least expected corners.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone's love light is shining for you, and you would be wise to let that beacon guide you closer. You may still carry a heavy workload, but you will find some time for fun and games of an amorous nature.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is still magic working where relationships are concerned, but you would be wise to keep your wallet carefully closed for the moment. Making purchases or deals now could cause an endless drain on your resources.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Although the mood seems serene, actions could be misinterpreted and misunderstandings could arise. If you are overly sensitive, you may feel put upon or abused by others. Wear your emotional armor today.

Some think Canada, U.S. will merge

Q. What's a dimple?
A. A point where the skin is attached to the muscle under it.
Q. Could the Statue of Liberty cut a watermelon in one bite?
A. The statue's mouth is 3 feet wide. Know that much.
Q. How long does it take wasps to go through both the courtship and mating rituals?
A. Less than a minute.



Pitarch told of a Roman fellow divorced from his wife. His friends, who liked the lady, liked him, and asked, "Was she not chaste? Was she not fair? Was she not fruitful?" The Roman showed them his shoe, and asked if it were not handsome, saying, "Yet none of you can tell me where it pinches!"

Q. Next to the United States, what country produces the most food?
A. Guessers usually guess this one wrong: "Switzerland."
If you believe the polls, more than a third of the Canadians think their country will become a part of the United States within the next 50 years.
In restaurants of China, you can order fried lotus leaves. They sell well.
Q. What do prison experts mean by the "Pennywintz System"?
A. Isolation of each convict. Each ate, slept and worked entirely alone. Solitary cells spoked out from an administration hub. A 19th century program, that one, it was abandoned.
What "bovine" is to cattle, "ovine" is to sheep.
Pollsters say men who tackle all household chores dislike one more than any other: cleaning the refrigerator. They never know when it's time to throw away leftovers, they say. If "she" will just toss the bad stuff into the garbage, they say, they'll be glad to haul it out.

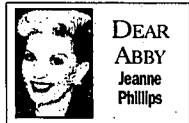
Student deaths take toll on classmates

DEAR ABBY: I live in a small town and attend a local high school that has about 1,400 students. In the last three years, there have been an outrageous number of student deaths. It has become so common that the student body is no longer shocked.

We have lost a student who was run down by a drunk driver, two were murdered in drive-by shootings, two drowned in boating accidents, one died in a car accident that was triggered by an aneurysm, another drowned during class due to an undisclosed medical condition, and three others died in car accidents. Three days ago two more students were in a car wreck that left both in critical condition.

Has our school fallen under a terrible curse? We have suffered enough. There is only so much grief one school can handle. Please, Abby, tell me what can be done to lift the spirits of the students.

—GRIEVING IN LOUISIANA



old woman with AIDS. Before I was diagnosed, I worked - usually as a secretary - in various parts of the country. I had no problem finding work. Then my health deteriorated, and I wasn't able to work for a long time. Recently I was given new medications and I'm now healthier than I have been in a decade.

I am able to work and want to get off disability, but I now have a 10-year gap in my work history. If I mention the reason on a job application, I'm afraid no one will hire me. I could lie and say I was "staying home with the children," but I don't have any children.

Can you advise me on how to handle this?

—WANTS TO WORK IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR WANTS TO WORK: Certain questions are illegal in the job hiring process, including a person's general medical condition, state of health or illness, and/or physical or mental disabilities. You are not legally required to discuss your health. If you are asked, you are within your rights to say that you didn't work for personal reasons.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl and haven't had my period for almost five months. What does that mean?

—NEEDS TO KNOW IN MIAMI

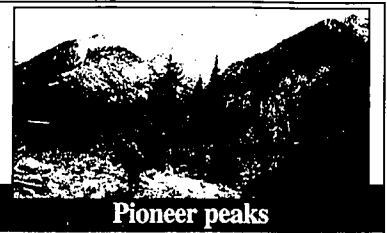
DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: There could be several reasons for it. However, the person to determine the cause should be your doctor. Please do not wait to discuss the problem with him or her. Ask your mother to schedule an appointment and accompany you. It will put your concerns to rest.

DEAR GRIEVING: The first thing to do is recognize that their feelings (and yours) are normal. To be confronted with the fact that life isn't infinite at your tender age can be shocking. It is normal to be sad, angry, confused and frightened when someone close to you dies.

Everyone must cope with the reality of death in his or her own way. A giant step in that direction would have been for the principal of your school to have brought counselors to the campus to help the students work through their grief. Writing letters to the parents of the students who died is another way to get your feelings out, and the parents would treasure them.

A memorial to your deceased classmates might help the rest of you to move on - a mural, a garden, something tangible to ensure they will not be forgotten. Please consider it if you haven't already done so.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-



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WORLD

World Wide Web creator finally profits from invention

HELSINKI, Finland — Tim Berners-Lee, who received a \$1.2 million cash prize Tuesday for creating the World Wide Web, says he would never have succeeded if he had "charged money for his inventions."

"If I had tried to demand fees ... there would be no World Wide Web," Berners-Lee, 49, said at a ceremony for winning the first Millennium Technology Prize. "There would be lots of small webs."



Sir Tim Berners-Lee, right, who was awarded the first ever Millennium Technology Prize for his invention of the World Wide Web, holds his trophy on Tuesday in Helsinki. The award is called 'Peak' and it is designed by a Finnish artist, Helena Holtenen.

World in brief

The prize committee agreed, citing the importance of Berners-Lee's decision never to commercialize or patent his contributions to the Internet technologies he had developed, and recognizing his revolutionary contribution to humanity's ability to communicate.

Berners-Lee, who is originally from Britain, was knighted last December, has mostly avoided both the fame and the fortune won by many of his Internet colleagues.

Despite his prize, he remained modest about his achievements.

"I was just taking lots of things that already existed and added a little little bit," said Berners-Lee, who now runs the standard-setting World Wide Web Consortium from an office at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

U.N. finds no evidence of mistreatment of Tutsis

KINSHASA, Congo — U.N. investigators found no evidence of mistreatment of minority Tutsis in eastern Congo, U.N. officials said Tuesday, refuting the allegations that led to clashes between soldiers and renegade troops in the eastern city of Bukavu.

Brig. Gen. Laurent Nkundwa, an ex-rebel commander, had threatened to resume Congo's 1998-2002 war over what he said was military persecution of his Congolese Tutsi minority.

Nkundwa and fellow Congolese Tutsi commander Col. Jules Mutebutsi captured Bukavu, a strategic city on the border with Rwanda, on June 2 to stop what they claimed were atrocities against Tutsis there.

Congolese troops retook Bukavu on June 9.

Kremlin makes choice for Chechen presidency

MOSCOW — The top police official in Chechnya said Tuesday he will seek to replace the region's assassinated president, and the Kremlin signaled support for his candidacy by publicizing a meeting with President Vladimir Putin.

Chechen Interior Minister Aliu Alkhanov, who was unofficially nominated last week by allies of slain president Akhmad Kadyrov, told Putin he is taking leave from his post to run in the Aug. 29 election.

N. Korea Agrees to New Talks on Nukes

TOKYO — North Korea agreed Tuesday to a new round of six-nation talks next week aimed at

dismissing its nuclear weapons programs. But South Korean, Chinese and Japanese officials involved in the negotiations immediately sought to play down the prospects of a quick resolution to the 20-month-long crisis in which the North Koreans are believed to have significantly expanded their nuclear arsenal.

High-level disarmament talks will take place June 23-26 in Beijing.

Israel considers

West Bank construction

JERUSALEM — Israel is considering building thousands more homes in West Bank settlements, in line with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to keep large chunks of the territory but give up the Gaza Strip, security officials said Tuesday.

In a possible boost for Sharon's Gaza withdrawal plan, Israel's attorney general dropped a corruption case against Sharon, ending months of uncertainty over the prime minister's political future.

Attorney General Meni Mazuz told reporters he is not indicting Sharon on bribe-taking charges because the evidence "does not bring us anywhere close to a reasonable chance of conviction."

The decision clears the way for Sharon to court the opposition Labor Party, which supports a Gaza pullback and has said it would only consider joining the government if the prime minister is cleared of corruption allegations.

Norway drops charges

against terrorist founder

OSLO, Norway — A Norwegian prosecutor dropped all charges against the founder of 'Ansar al-Islam,' a suspected terrorist group, citing a lack of evidence and fears that witness testimony in Iraq was coerced.

Mullah Krekar, 49, a refugee in Norway since 1971, had been in and out of custody on numerous charges, including financing terror and allegations that he plotted to kill political rivals in northern Iraq between 2000 and 2001.

Prosecutor Tor-Aksel Bush said Tuesday that he was drop-

ping the case after more than two years of investigation.

Diplomats float draft

resolution against Iran

VIENNA, Austria — Europe's major powers floated a finely tuned draft resolution Tuesday that reprimands Iran for delaying an investigation into its suspect nuclear activities but refrains from direct threats of sanctions.

Even without such threats, the toughly worded document under consideration at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency maintains pressure on Iran to come clean on aspects of what was a covert nuclear program for nearly 20 years until discovered two years ago.

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EDITORIAL

Smoking ban forces customers to choose

For a law that was supposed to clear the air of second-hand smoke...

doing its job, and passing a law was unnecessary. Still, the new law has hastened the choice for businesses and customers...

Our view: Idaho's new smoking ban isn't perfect, but it appears to be making a difference. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

the service of food is incidental to the consumption of such beverages. Also, a bar cannot serve to anyone under the age of 21.

Meanwhile, for those businesses that are primarily restaurants, the law states clearly that smoking areas must be separate and closed off from eating tables.

No one can argue the law is perfect. It's still baffling why it allows smoking at bowling alleys, which are popular with kids and families...

But on the whole, if freeing non-smokers from second-hand smoke was the law's goal, then it seems to be having the desired effect.

Tiptoeing around 'Under God'

The U.S. Supreme Court filled the nation when it ducked the issue of whether the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance violate the Constitution in public schools.

ERWIN CHEMERINSKY

The lawsuit challenging the words "under God" in the pledge was brought by Michael Newdow, an atheist who asserted that his daughter had the right to be free from government-sponsored religious activity in her Sacramento-area public school.

Newdow claimed that the school was violating the provision of the 1st Amendment that says government may not make any law respecting the establishment of religion.

The fact that the girl's mother has legal custody does not make any difference in the court's reasoning.



keep Newdow from being able to object to his daughter's being exposed to what he sees as religious indoctrination in violation of the 1st Amendment.

The Supreme Court purported to base its decision on California law concerning the rights of noncustodial parents.

Of course, the Supreme Court's decision wasn't really about the rights of custodial versus noncustodial parents at all; it was an effort to avoid a controversial issue.

In ducking the hard constitu-

tional question, the Supreme Court failed to clarify an issue that affects children throughout the country.

As a matter of 1st Amendment law, the Pledge of Allegiance case should be easy. For more than 40 years, the Supreme Court has held that government-sponsored religious activity is not allowed in public school classrooms.

"One nation under Allah," every judge in the country would see that as unconstitutional.

God We Trust" are an American currency. No one feels pressure to say "In God We Trust" when they spend money.

Of the nine justices, one refused himself and three made it clear in a concurring opinion that they believed "under God" in the pledge did pass constitutional muster.

Erwin Chemerinsky is a professor of law and political science at the University of Southern California.

Going beyond a yellow ribbon

NICHOLAS VON HOFFMAN

When my son and his California National Guard unit were sent to Iraq, I thought about hanging a yellow ribbon in front of my house.

He and his comrades need all the support they can get, but not in the form of ribbons. He needs support from the people who sent him there.

He writes that in the months since he has been in Iraq, he has repeatedly mentioned a shortage of ammunition and gun lubricants in his letters home.

But it's not just equipment and training. Judging from my son's letters, the soldiers are often short of everyday items of every sort.

He writes that many of his fellow soldiers do not have a family or friends to help in this kind of support.

He and his friends are grateful not only for the food and toiletries but for knowing they are not forgotten.

the names of the fallen float toward the bottom of the news. As one of my son's buddies has written, "The thing is, people are still dying. But now we are dying in Garrison. We are sitting and waiting for the next rocket to land on our heads."

I don't know, in his letters, my son steers clear of the big picture: It doesn't say much about the general war, and he doesn't generalize about morale.

A letter written home by a soldier friend of his suggests something similar: "Anything that happened before the last time one of your brothers or sisters was killed in action is old news."

Like all parents, I still see my

son as a little boy whom I read Dr. Seuss to, the child whom we tried to protect from ugliness and evil, the youngster whose eyes saw only what was right and happy with the world.

My son was called up and sent overseas for the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Since then he has gotten married and become a middle-aged man, like so many guardsmen.

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Money wasted painting highway 93

As work progresses on restructuring Highway 93 between Highway 30 and Jackpot, the Department of Highways needs to answer some questions for the benefit of the taxpayers who are paying for the work.

Why did you repaint the stripes on the highway less than 30 days before you paved

over how much did the painting cost?

Who is being held accountable for this waste of tax money?

How much money is being deducted from the responsible person's paycheck to pay for this (surely you don't expect the taxpayers to pay for this)?

Since the highway department clearly has too much money, by how much do you

plan to reduce next year's budget request?

If by chance an outside contractor did this, please let the public know that the contractor is getting the cost instead of the taxpayers.

DICK FUEHRER

Show pride by not littering on public land

Terrl Ford brought up some

good points about all the litter alongside the roads and in campgrounds.

I like many of the trails and have started picking up bottles, cans and all kinds of litter which the sloths are throwing out. So, Terrl, there are some of us people who are trying to help clean up our part of Idaho.

He and his friends are grateful not only for the food and toiletries but for knowing they are not forgotten.

Even if they read your letter or mine, they probably will just

laugh or uncaring care less.

One uncaring family who camped out at a campsite in Rock Creek Canyon in the South Hills recently left their trash! It was really disgusting!

Did you know that, in studies using applicants with identical resumes...

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people and backcountry hikers throw away their juice bottles and other garbage along the trails.

I sometimes wonder if these slobs live in a house full of garbage or are their yards full of litter? They certainly can't have very strong morals or pride in their state.

LARRY NORTON

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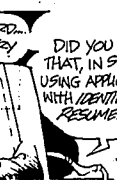
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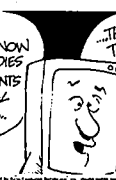
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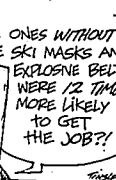
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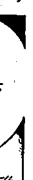
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Alzheimer's care challenges family

My mother has severe Alzheimer's disease. The tangles and plaques in her brain have left her unable to recognize me, her oldest child, and unable to do even the simplest activity. She must be fed like a baby. Lately, she's had difficulty walking, and sometimes I find her sitting limply in a wheelchair, staring vacantly at what only she can see, babbling a language that only she knows.

JANE EISNER

of population is those over 85 years old, and it's estimated that 47 percent of them will develop Alzheimer's. Where will they live? If they stay at home—and that is the best option for those in the mild and moderate stages of the disease—will they be safe? If they must live in a nursing home or care facility, how can we ensure that they'll be treated with dignity and respect?

Alzheimer's isn't just about memory loss and emotional outbursts. It turns all expectations of mental and physical development inside out, as if the carousel of life abruptly stopped and began to turn slowly in reverse and then with gathering momentum, round and round and up and down.

A moderately demented adult is akin developmentally to a 10-year-old child, able to be left alone for an hour or two, able to eat a bowl of cereal but not fix a complete dinner. A person with more severe Alzheimer's is like a barely toddling 1-year-old, only taller and stronger and more difficult to dress.

With its ad hoc system of child-care arrangements, tax credits, subsidies and scrambling, the American workplace has grudgingly recognized that employees need to care for their children. So, too, do we need to more aggressively support those who care for Alzheimer's patients, not only as a social good but an economic necessity.

Money is part of the picture, of course. Home health care workers affiliated with private agencies in New York went out on strike for two days this week, seeking to raise their wages from \$7 an hour to \$10. (Roughly half the agencies settled with the workers.)

Seven measly dollars to tend to adults who may not be able to speak, walk, reason, or control their bodily functions? A national caregiving strategy would figure out how to elevate and better compensate these

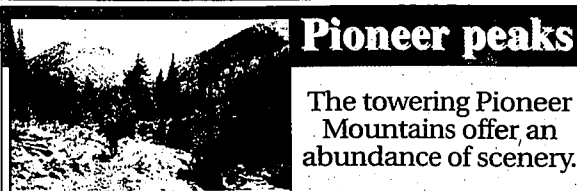
workers, who will become ever more essential as the numbers with cognitive disease double and triple in the years ahead.

The world of Alzheimer's is like that moment just before nightfall, when all but the fireflies is shifting to darkness. There are glimmers sometimes of the voice as it used to sound, the sweetness of character, the smile. My mother may be half dead, but she is also half alive, and the soul trapped in her thwarted body deserves to be nurtured.

I am lucky, for she receives excellent care. Ronald Reagan received excellent care. May we be inspired to provide the same for the millions of average Americans who will suffer from and live with this disease.

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And yet I feel lucky.

I feel lucky because she lives nearby in a specially designed unit of a splendid continuing-care facility, where my father also lives. So I can visit her as I did this week, pretend that her armblings are the stuff of conversation, watch as she waves her long, graceful fingers aimlessly in the air, kiss her cheek enough times to coax a smile—and leave.

I almost feel guilty that I can leave. For I know how many people caring for someone with this terrible disease do so without respite or enough support and resources, even though the caregivers are often old and frail themselves.

The vast majority of the 4 million to 6 million Americans suffering from Alzheimer's disease are cared for at home. A few, a very few, have the kind of resources that allowed Ronald Reagan to live out his life in relative safety, privacy and dignity. Most families struggle with challenges that, frankly, the outside world can barely comprehend.

If this nation genuinely wanted to honor Reagan's legacy and forthrightness about his disease, we would today commit ourselves to developing a strategy to care for the millions more who will succumb to Alzheimer's before any cure is perfected. This will require changes in attitudes and systems—a recognition that Alzheimer's places unique stresses and demands on caregivers and that those burdens are not shared equally in a health-care universe as individualistic and inequitable as ours.

Consider something as simple as bricks and mortar. I've never been to the Reagan home, but I'm certain that his surroundings were designed as safely as my mother's. Since Alzheimer's patients wander and fall, rearrange some things and break others and lose their ability to spot danger, every step and doorknob and picture frame is a potential source of injury.

Even the most consistent care cannot always protect patients from themselves. One morning, my mother woke up with a frighteningly swollen, bruised eye. We surmise that she banged into a shelf during the night, but I will never know. At least the shelf was promptly removed.

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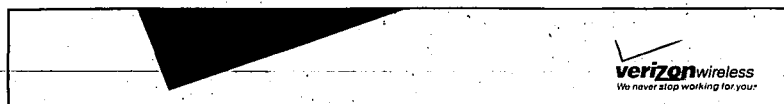
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Simpson plans to meet on wilderness

KETCHUM — U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson plans to unveil this week the framework for legislation that would preserve the Boulder and White Cloud mountains of central Idaho as wilderness and offer economic stimulus to local communities.

The Idaho Republican's staff announced Tuesday that the legislative framework would be available Friday.

The wilderness plan has been named the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Proposal.

Simpson plans a series of town hall meetings at Ketchum, Stanley and Challis at the beginning of July to hear what the public thinks about his package.

The meeting schedule follows:

- Ketchum, from 9 to 11 a.m. July 1, American Legion Hall at 200 Cottonwood, with discussion focused primarily on the wilderness components of the proposal.

- Stanley, from 2 to 4 p.m. July 1, Stanley School on Airport Road, with discussion focused primarily on the recreation components of the proposal.

- Challis, from 9 to 11 a.m. July 2, Challis High School at 1110 Bluff Ave., with discussion focused primarily on the economic development components of the proposal.

Commissioners OK refinancing bonds

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners Tuesday approved Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's plan to refinance \$21 million in current bond debt. The hospital expects it will result in a 2.6 percent savings — about \$530,000 over the next 10 years.

"Any time we can save a half million dollars, we like to do that," Commissioner Tom Mikesell said.

The county-owned hospital decided to hold-off-on-issuing between \$7 million and \$8 million in new bonds until it is closer to breaking ground on an upgrade and expansion of the hospital.

The hospital will reconsider taking on new debt in 2008 when bond payments come down and the hospital is closer to an expansion project.

Water study group will meet today

BURLEY — A subcommittee looking for ways to recharge the aquifer and convert groundwater-irrigated farms to canal water will meet today in Burley.

The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave.

The Water Management Study Group is a subcommittee of the interim legislative group studying ways to stretch southern Idaho water supplies.

The subcommittee is led by state Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, and state Sen. Stan Williams, R-Pingree.

The committee studying the sum of all potential water solutions across the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer is scheduled to meet from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 24 at the Burley Inn.

Hansen will review park improvements

HANSEN — Improvements at the Rolling Hills Park might be good news for ball players.

The City Council Monday reviewed progress at the park. The city has spent \$2,600, raising the ball field's backdrop and buying a pitching machine and batting cage. Installation of these improvements is continuing.

City Clerk Linda Morrill announced that there were still roses available to buy in Dixon Park in honor of the memory of loved ones.

The roses cost \$25. A commemorative plaque also can be purchased for \$25.

A special City Council work session is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday to finish compiling the city's budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

— compiled from staff reports

Ramos case moves to a resolution

Board of Education might make final decision Thursday

By Karin Kowalek
Times-News writer

GOODING — More than a year of turmoil at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind could end Thursday in Moscow when the State Board of Education is slated to consider the fate of the school's embattled superintendent.

Angel Ramos, the school's first deaf and Hispanic superintendent, has been on paid administrative leave since July 30, 2003. The board removed him in response to complaints about his management style and his resistance to a correc-

tive action plan.

A week of hearings in January led to a non-binding recommendation that Ramos be reinstated. The board delayed a decision at its April meeting in order to consider some late-ariving documents.

Ramos won't be in Moscow to learn about his fate in person because he was elected to the state Democratic convention, which is being held at the same time in Pocatello. He said via e-mail that his lawyers and supporters would not be present either.

Ramos did not mention his plans for how he would respond to a positive or negative

decision. His lawyers have not mentioned the possibility of a lawsuit.

As for the decision, Ramos said Gary Stivers, the board's executive director, needs to have a superintendent who shares the same vision for education.

"Whether I am that person or not has yet to be decided," Ramos said. "The only certainty is that I am not a 'yes sir, no sir' administrator. As long as I am superintendent, the children will always come first."

Many people around the state are frustrated that the resolution is so long in coming.

Judge Gooding, a member of the school's foundation board, said the atmosphere in Gooding has been business as usual

for the last few months as people are waiting.

"I'm just disgusted with the State Board of Education for allowing this to drag on," she said.

The cost of the controversy is a large concern for Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, whose district includes Gooding.

"I think it's really very unfortunate," Jaquet said. "It needs to be resolved."

Fear for the future

Joe Lundgren, a member of the school's parent advisory board, has a son entering kindergarten who is being served through the Boise School District.

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Angel Ramos

ADDING SOME COLOR



Rebekah Middleton, 17, left, and Melanie Hoffmann, 17, paint a room in the Ike Kistler Safe House in Twin Falls on Tuesday night. The two were part of a group of volunteers from a local church who painted four rooms in the safe house.

Voters worry about cost of ambulance tax

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — A proposal to create an ambulance taxing district in Gooding County is running into little resistance so far.

The only point of contention, however, is who will end up paying the largest portion of the assessed levy if the district is formed: households or farmers?

A petition signed by 80 qualified county voters prompted commissioners to hold a Monday night hearing on the topic. Because of a substantial reduction in Medicare payments — about \$103,000 over the past three years — the county-operated service has been financially depleted.

Gooding County's three commissioners will make a final decision at their June 28 meeting. An ambulance taxing district does not need voter approval, but commissioners said citizen input at Monday's hearing would influence their decision.

Bliss-area farmer Dick Elliot told the commissioners he doesn't want to see farmers hit with an unfair tax burden.

"I'm not saying we don't need it. I'm just saying farmers don't need to be picking up the lion's share of the bill," he said. A house valued at \$100,000 with a homeowner exemption is charged about \$10 a year for the current county-operated ambulance service. The proposed taxing district would double the cost to the same property owner, bringing his bill to \$20 a year.

As a farmer, Elliot testified that he already pays \$225 on his tax bill for the existing service. His fee would then double to \$450 — an unfair proportion compared to a single-family homeowner, Elliot said.

Mary Carlisle, who farms 10 miles outside of Gooding, offered similar sentiments.

"People in town can get an ambulance in probably five minutes, we're lucky to get one in less than half an hour," she told the commissioners. "And if

minutes count how come I have to pay so much more?"

Carlisle suggested the assessment should be done on a household basis, not just based on the type of property and its value.

"There's no way to get totally equitable," she said. "But at the same time it should be more people-related than it is land-or-business-related."

Walt Nelson, an ambulance district supporter, agreed with Elliot and Carlisle.

"I can see where a businessperson or a farmer will end up paying more," Nelson told the commissioners. "If it could be put on a household basis that would be the best way to do it, but I don't know if it's possible."

Nelson urged the commissioners to find a solution that's in the best interest of every county resident.

Over the past three years the county ambulance service has seen a dramatic drop in its revenue, based in large part on the reduction in

Tracker

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■ **What's next:** The commissioners likely will make a final decision at their June 28 meeting. Ambulance taxing districts don't require voter approval.

Medicare payments.
The county collected \$328,000 in 2001, \$286,000 in 2002 and \$225,000 in 2003.

Vacuum system pulls dangerous gases from beneath INEEL plant

The Associated Press

ANCO — The Energy Department is still developing its plan to remove chemically contaminated waste buried at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory decades ago.

But since the mid-1990s, the government has been operating a giant vacuum system to reduce the spread of the chemical residue and lower the risk of further contamination of the Snake River Plain Aquifer until removal of the waste begins, probably in three years.

"It's not as high-profile as some of our other cleanup projects, but it's been quietly protecting the aquifer for eight

NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** Angel Ramos, the first deaf superintendent at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, has been on paid administrative leave since July 30, 2003, after complaints led the State Board of Education to suspend him.

■ **The latest:** Many people around the state say they are weary for the affair to end, whatever the outcome.

■ **What's next:** The State Board of Education might make a decision Thursday about whether to reinstate Ramos, or to find a new leader for the deeply divided school.

Court upholds burglary conviction

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Court of Appeals has affirmed the fate of a Twin Falls woman who was convicted in a District Court burglary case involving a local pawn shop.

In January 2003 a jury convicted Samantha Barrant-Folsom, 29, of aiding and abetting in the commission of a burglary.

In an opinion filed Tuesday, the appellate court sided with the District Court decision, letting stand the conviction.

On May 24, 2002, Bret Hays reported to police suspicious activity at Quick Cash Pawn in Twin Falls.

When officers arrived, they noticed that locks on several storage containers behind the shop had been cut off.

Hays gave officers a description of a man and a woman who he said had taken items from the containers.

Officers later contacted Barrant-Folsom at a mobile home where she lived.

She gave them their consent to search her property. Police found several stolen items in her home and in her vehicle.

A question of the informant

In her appeal, Barrant-Folsom argued that the District Court should have allowed her to introduce evidence that Hays was a confidential informant for the state in two unrelated cases.

If Hays was acting as an informant for the state, the appellant asserted, that could mean he was motivated to testify in a way that the state wanted, making him a biased witness.

The appellant stated that his cooperation with the state should have been revealed in her case because "this evidence made the existence of Hays's motive to lie more probable," according to court documents.

The appeals court rebuffed that argument, saying that at the time Hays called police, he wasn't acting as an informant, and that he didn't enter into an

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MAGIC VALLEY

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

GOODING — Recent activity in 9th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Lorna Hall, battery; pretrial conference July 26; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Summer Dawn Lund; driving without privileges; plea and sentencing June 28; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Walter W. Osborn; driving without privileges; plea and sentencing June 28; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

court trial June 14; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentences

Dion W. Albertson; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$134 fine, \$35 public defender fee; two years supervised probation; 30 days in jail, 28 suspended, credit for two days served; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; two years supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for two days served; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Ballard Carranza; battery; dismissed by prosecutor; underage consumption of alcohol; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; two years su-

pervised probation; two days in jail; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jaime Moreno-Bonilla; driving under the influence (under age 21) amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs; two years supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 70 suspended, credit for 20 days served; open container; \$150 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$71.50 fine, \$71.50 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 160 suspended, credit for 20 days served; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Ervin P. Pirtle; inattentive/careless driving; \$365.50 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$35 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 30 days in jail, 30 suspended; open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.



Divided panel orders new trial in drug case

BOISE (AP) — A divided federal appeals court panel Tuesday ordered a third trial for two accused drug smugglers, whose earlier convictions were overturned in a case the government maintained had implications for the prosecution of terrorism.

On a 2-1 vote, the majority on the panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held that there was insufficient evidence in either of their earlier trials to prove that Francisco Jimenez Rocio and Adrian Lopez-Meza were involved in a 1997 drug conspiracy, that police uncovered and turned into a sting operation.

They were arrested during a sting operation involving a

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SERVICES

Alonzo Lee Bartholomew of Oakley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center; visitation for family and friends from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

the funeral Thursday at the funeral home.

Richard "Dick" Norton Vice of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Trinity Episcopal Church on Seventh Avenue West and Idaho Street in Gooding (Demary's Funeral Home).

Twin Falls, memorial service at 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the LDS Church in West Yellowstone, Mont. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Ted D. Klinead of Prescott, Valley, Ariz., gathering of friends from 2-4 p.m. June 26 at the Jackass Lounge in Prescott Valley, Ariz. (Bradshaw Chapel).

Sheldon Brigham Jones of the funeral Thursday at the funeral home.

Carolin Maxwell — Carolyn Maxwell, 94, of Chadron, Neb., an elderly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at Crest View Care Center in Chadron.

DEATH NOTICES

Oa Harrison Capilla MODESTO, Calif. — Oa Harrison Capilla, a 77-year-old former Rupert resident, died June 10, 2004, in Modesto, Calif.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 19, 2004, at the Paul Pine Chapel at the Paul Cemetery with Bishop Gary Mecham officiating.

Virginia Surrage Caldwell of Heyburn, service at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Freda L. Tidd TWIN FALLS — Freda L. Tidd, 96, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at Al-

terra Wynwood in Twin Falls. A celebration of Freda's life will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2004, at the Swan Lake Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 until 7 p.m. on Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

OBITUARIES

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Ivan Lee Garnand - Gooding

Ivan Lee Garnand passed away June 12, 2004, at his home in Gooding, Idaho.



He was born Nov. 24, 1915, in Dillon, Mont., the first of three children of Robert and Eva Garnand.

He was particularly proud that he accomplished over 50 years of successful farming. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Alice McCurdy Garnand of Gooding his children, Robert Garnand of Palsade, Colo., Shari (Jim) Stewart of Boise, Joan Adkins of Meridian, Gary (Marlys) McCurdy of Pocatello and Jan (Don) Lemons of Gooding. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren, Kary Lynn, Tom, Steve, Shawna, Michelle, Jason, Cord, Chris and Elisa; also seven great-grandchildren, Simone, Sage, Paige, Ethan, Maddie, Caden and Kollyn, and sister-in-law, Maxine Garnand of Twin Falls.

He spent his early school years in Blackfoot, Idaho, and later graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1933. After high school, Ivan worked alongside his father as a bean inspector for the Agricultural Service and later at a Twin Falls flour mill.

In 1940, he realized his dream and purchased a farm in the south of Twin Falls. There he raised sheep and later developed a grade A dairy as well as producing a variety of agricultural crops.

He married Gwen Snyder in 1938. She passed away in 1964. Ivan married Alice McCurdy in 1967 and they made their homes in Bliss and Gooding. Ivan was very active in his communities, volunteering at schools, churches, on the board of directors of the Challenge Creamery Association and serving as president of the Gooding Farm Bureau 1980-1986.

He also served as chair president for the Hagerman LDS

Ruth Medford Davis - Gooding

Ruth Medford Davis, age 75, of Gooding, died Monday, June 14, 2004, at Sunbridge Care Center in Meridian.

He made their home in Gooding where they farmed for many years. Clyde preceded Ruth to death in 1994.

Ruth married Lee Davis on March 29, 1995, in Gooding. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Ruth enjoyed music, singing and playing the piano and organ. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Gooding First Ward.

Survivors include her children, Mark Medford of Salt Lake City, Utah, Keith (Doris) Medford of McCammon,

Idaho, Gwen (Richard) Broyles of Meridian, Idaho, and Laurel (Barold) Thompson of Chubbuck, Idaho; brother, Glen Field of Boise; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding with interment following at Elmwood Cemetery.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the funeral chapel and prior to service time on Thursday.

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Filer library board seeks new trustee

FILER — The Filer Public Library is seeking to fill an opening on its board of trustees.

The board member must live within the Filer city limits, must be willing to serve different positions on the board and must attend monthly meetings. The term is for five years, with the member serving as chairman the last year of the term. Other duties may include a year as treasurer, secretary or filling in as chairman in the event of an absence.

Anyone interested in the vacant seat should submit an application to the Filer city office or Filer Public Library.

Forest Service plans to rework rogue trail

KETCHUM — The Ketchum Ranger District is proposing to relocate and reconstruct portions of a "citizens" trail that connects Lane's Trail No. 142C to the Adams Gulch Trail No. 142A west of Ketchum.

The proposal would decommission and rehabilitate portions of the unauthorized trail work that began last year. The U.S. Forest Service said it appreciates the public's willingness to help, but that construction was undertaken in a steep gully without regard for potential erosion and sedimentation in the Big Wood River.

Foresters will be looking for an average grade of 10 percent

Magic Valley in brief

on the new 1-mile trail. If no significant natural resource or social issues are identified, trail construction will begin this summer using volunteer labor.

Send written comments by July 9 to the Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 2356, Ketchum, 83340, to the attention of Joe Mitzelski. Call him at 208-622-5371 for more information.

Paul council approves city noise ordinance

PAUL — The City Council has approved a noise ordinance to curb loud stereos and other sounds coming from homes and cars.

The ordinance prohibits noise that is "plainly audible within any residence not within the source of the sound, or is plainly audible upon a public right of way or street at a distance of 100 feet or more from the source of the sound."

Exceptions to the ordinance include emergency vehicles, authorized activities on publicly owned property, special events such as parades and fireworks, railroads and burglar alarms.

Infractions are punishable by \$100 fines.

— compiled from staff reports

Women's shelter moves one step closer to reality

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT — Representatives of the Mini-Cassia Women and Children's Shelter got a boost Tuesday when the City Council agreed to move forward with the proposal to demolishing the current structure so a new modular home can replace it.

"It's going to benefit the city to have this building," Councilman Mike Brown said. "We need to work with them."

Shelter volunteers have raised enough money to purchase the modular home, which would be provided at cost by Cary Hamilton of Home Sweet Homes in Heyburn.

Due to the cost of the structure, volunteers asked for a long-term agreement with the city.

Councilman Layne Rutschke said the city should consider the proposed 10-year lease with an option for two five-year renewals, meaning that the agreement could cover a 20-year span.

City Administrator Roger Bagley expressed concern because the proposal would result in a non-city building located on city land.

"What if the shelter folds?" Bagley asked.

He suggested if this happened that the city have first rights of refusal to purchase the building, otherwise it could be removed or donated to the city.

"I think it would be great for the neighborhood," Bagley said. "We've got a goal of having this completed by Oct. 1," Hamilton said.

He then asked the city to establish a timetable for completing demolition and recommendations on how best to situate the home on the lot.

Mayor Audrey Neiderh said that when the proposal first came up it was during the winter when city workers were far less busy.

But streets Superintendent Bob Russman said he thought the demolition could be done in time to meet the Oct. 1 target.

Russman said the best way to demolish the existing house would be by controlled burn, depending on materials used in construction. Otherwise it could be torn down without much trouble, he said.

Council members voted to have City Attorney Kelly Anthon draft the proposed lease agreement for review at their July 6 meeting.

Animal control fees

Prior to passing a resolution to increase fees at the Minidoka animal control shelter, Bagley said the council the proposed increases would need to be published and a public hearing held.

Council members agreed to hold off on the resolution until their July 6 meeting, at which time there could be a public hearing.

Councilman Robert Christensen, who also is Chairman of the Animal Control Board, pointed out that each of the other entities that utilize the shelter also would need to hold hearings.

He suggested that publication of the increase include information on hearings for each entity in order to share costs.

The fee increase coincides with Heyburn's decision to leave the joint animal control agreement between Minidoka County and its cities due to budget cuts. But the increase will do little to replace the loss of Heyburn's \$32,000 share under the former agreement.

"We're not going to generate a lot in extra fees, but it will help" Bagley said. He estimated increased fees will bring in an additional \$2,500.

The primary reason for raising the fees is to bring them in line with other agencies and veterinarians so as not to compete for business, Christensen said.

Proposed increases are: euthanasia, \$10 to \$25; reclaiming or adopting a dog, \$25 to \$30; board and feed, \$5 to \$10 per day; and quarantine, \$100 for 10 days. No change to the dog license fee has been proposed.

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Vacuum

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1987. It pulls the chemical vapors from the ground and sends them through a high temperature and a device similar to a car's catalytic converter that converts the vapor into low levels of hydrochloric acid and water.

Technical improvements made in the past year have increased the system's efficiency and tripled the amount of contamination it treats, project

manager Lisa Harvego said.

Since 1996, the area of underground contamination has been reduced from about 1.2 miles across to barely a half mile, she said, and about 14,000 gallons of chemicals have been destroyed.

The impact on groundwater remains unclear some monitoring wells still show low concentrations of chemicals, some slightly above safe drinking water standards.

But INEEL hydrologist Eric

Neher said the 600 feet of rock and soil above the main aquifer has protected drinking water wells from any contamination, and over time the chemical levels reported through the monitoring wells will become diluted to safe levels.

The government intends to operate the vacuum system for up to 10 years after the buried waste is removed to assure even latent chemical vapors are eliminated.

Schools

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past year.

Holly Pedrow, a first-year teacher, will fill a fifth-grade position.

One position for a sixth-grade teacher is still open.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of Lani Schofield, who has taken a teaching position in his hometown of Buhl.

In other business, Lawrence LaRue reported that \$22,000 in scholarships were awarded this

year through the Loren and Sylvia Wetzel Endowment.

There were 29 applicants this year for the scholarships, which are awarded on the basis of citizenship, merit and need, said LaRue, the endowment's committee chairman.

LaRue shared letters from recipients expressing appreciation for the scholarships.

"For them it makes it possible to get a college education," LaRue said.

Burglary

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agreement with the state until two months later.

Additionally, his testimony in other cases had no connection with the Tarrant-Folsom case, the appeals court said.

Further, the court said, if evidence is believed to be relevant then the probative value — or that which can prove something — is "substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues or misleading the jury..." the court wrote.

The court, then, concluded that the exclusion of that information in this case was appropriate.

Did a burglary occur?

The appellant also argued that the state showed insufficient evidence during the trial to prove that a burglary was

committed.

The point of contention was the definition of burglary and whether the containers that were broken into fell within that category under the "other building" wording of the law.

The appellate court invoked a 1927 decision, State vs. Marks, wherein — a defendant — was charged with the burglary of an outhouse.

The defendant said the outhouse was a "wooden box" and not a building. Therefore, no burglary occurred. In that case, the court said that, when writing the law legislators meant to include every building that served to protect property inside.

The containers in question at the pawn shop were 8-by-10 feet, except one which was 8-by-40 feet. They were made of steel and had a separate door, which was padlocked. They did-

not have windows but they performed the function of a building, the court said.

As such, the court ruled that an entry of a building occurred and was done so with the intent to commit theft.

In January 2003, District Judge Nathan W. Filger sentenced Tarrant-Folsom to six years' imprisonment, with four years fixed, but granted her a period of retained jurisdiction.

In October 2003, the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department issued a most wanted bulletin for her in connection with forgery and a probation violation of the charge of aiding and abetting burglary.

She was sentenced in the forgery case in March.

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Ramos

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He said the decision about Ramos will tell a lot about the direction in which the board wants the school to go.

Lundgren said before Ramos came, the school was on a custodial path, just taking care of students and not working hard to prepare them for life.

"Angel was brought in to change a lot of that," he said.

Lundgren said he has a gut feeling that the board will not reinstate Ramos and that it will send the school back, especially in the area of higher expectations for students.

"The issues that he stands for aren't going away," Lundgren said.

Some parents do not want their children at the Gooding school with the current state of affairs.

Randy Smith, an alumnus of the Gooding school, has a deaf daughter attending a mainstream school. The original plan was for her to attend the Gooding school, but as it now stands without Ramos, he does not want to send her there, Smith said via e-mail.

Smith said he has seen superintendents and teachers come and go at the school without properly addressing the needs of deaf students. Smith said Ramos improved the school significantly, but if he is not reinstated, the school will lose a role model for the deaf students.

"They will gain or regain once again the feeling that they cannot compete with the hearing person, or that the hearing people will always put them down," Smith said.

Smith said he is not very optimistic about the board reinstating Ramos, because the board has rejected several favorable recommendations.

"They have shown themselves to be people without integrity," Smith said.

Easing tensions

One of Ramos' most vocal detractors, Kelye Whitman-Vera, who has a 15-year-old deaf daughter with cerebral palsy that's been in the school for 11 years, said she expects Ramos to be dismissed.

"I can't imagine them taking all that time and effort just to bring him back," she said.

She said several staff changes and the time off during the summer will help disperse the tense atmosphere at the school.

Lorna Irwin, whose daughter graduated from the Gooding school in 1999, has been following the incredibly polarizing issue from a distance.

She said if Ramos is dismissed, the board might have a difficult time finding a new superintendent to replace him after the controversy has been known nationally.

"The deaf world is a very small world," Irwin said. "It's missed the board might have a difficult time finding a new superintendent to replace him after the controversy has been known nationally."

In the end, whatever happens, she said she hopes people on all sides of the issues will shake hands and get on with educating the children.

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Critics call science panel biased

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Environmental groups are accusing a National Academy of Sciences panel of bias in its review of Superfund cleanup plans for Idaho mine wastes. Critics say the panel is biased for inviting a mining industry consultant to own this week's review of Superfund cleanup plans for Idaho mine wastes. Critics say the panel is biased for inviting a mining industry consultant to own this week's review of Superfund cleanup plans for Idaho mine wastes.

Hagadone was in Europe and could not be reached for comment, but Hagadone's Hospitality spokeswoman laughed at the suggestion the company would try to influence the committee findings. "Our company will provide the same high quality service to the National Academy of Sciences as to anyone," Jaeger said. "They are coming to us as welcome customers."

Wallace resident Ron Roizen, a member of a Silver Valley science committee that also sought the panel review said Osborn's objections were ridiculous.

"Does anyone think that eating pork chops is going to affect the NAS committee's objective scientific findings? ... If this is going to determine the discourse, we might as well give up," Roizen said.

The critics were especially angry that Art Horowitz, a prominent U.S. Geological Survey scientist, has bowed out of Thursday's meeting in Coeur d'Alene because the panel also invited Thomas Pedersen, a University of Victoria science dean and mining company consultant.

Ihorowitz, who has published peer-reviewed studies of mine wastes in Lake Coeur d'Alene, claims that rather than participating in a peer-reviewed lake study, Pedersen instead criticized Horowitz in Hagadone's Idaho newspapers.

"When I heard Tom Pedersen was coming, I changed my mind about going to Coeur d'Alene. He's a mining company consultant and he's never done any work on the lake. I refuse to dignify this with my presence," Horowitz said.

Pedersen was not in his office Monday and Tuesday and could not be reached for comment. The science panel wanted to hear from Pedersen because there are several theories on how metals are behaving in Lake Coeur d'Alene, National Academy of Sciences study director Karl Gustavson said.

Candidates won't debate north of Salt Lake

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - Republican gubernatorial candidates Jon Huntsman Jr. and Nolan Karras won't be debating north of Salt Lake City before the June 22 primary.

Huntsman had rejected debate offers from northern Utah groups for several months, but reversed course last week and asked to face off against Karras

at the Ogden Rotary Club's Wednesday meeting. Greg Hays, of the Ogden Rotary Club, said Huntsman's campaign manager called Friday - about a month after the candidate had decided against debating in Ogden - to ask for the meeting debate.

But because of Huntsman's previous wavering, the club decided against the meeting. "A couple of board members were offended by the whole thing," Hays said.

Huntsman campaign manager Jason Chaffetz said the candidate tinkered with his schedule last week and discovered Wednesday was open.

"We understand they cannot accommodate us," he said.

CLEARING A PATH



Goats belonging to Dale Walker and Rick Russell work at eating grass near Klamath Falls, Ore. as they clear a marsh area for the Oregon Department of Transportation as part of a restoration project on Monday.

Family seeks normalcy

Relatives of missing Oregon girl carry on

VENETA, Ore. (AP) - Though their lives might never be the same, the parents of Brooke Wilberger are trying to resume some of their familiar routines. The family has celebrated a couple of birthdays in recent weeks, and Greg and Cammy Wilberger went to Corvallis Sunday to attend a graduation ceremony for their son, Bryce.

Greg Wilberger, a process engineer for Borden Chemical, recently flew to California on a business trip, and Cammy returned to her Bethel School District classroom Monday to clean up for the summer break. She plans to continue teaching in the fall.

"Even when Brooke comes back, our lives will never be the same," Cammy Wilberger said. "The healthy thing for Brooke and ourselves is to try to be the best we can be. That includes trying to get back to some of these regular things." Brooke Wilberger, a student at Brigham Young University, vanished from her sister's apartment complex in Corvallis on May 24.

Police believe she was abducted. Wilberger's parents and her extended family kept vigil in Corvallis for 1.5 weeks while thousands of volunteers searched wooded areas, riverbanks and fields near where Wilberger was last seen.

"I always wondered how people could keep up hope for a long period of time," Cammy Wilberger said. "But time fades and you don't even realize how much time has gone by. It seems like yesterday." Despite the attempt at normalcy, the mysterious disappearance remains at the center of the Veneta couple's lives. On Saturday night, Greg and Cammy attended a community concert in Corvallis organized to thank volunteers for their help in looking for their daughter and to benefit the search fund.

On Monday, Greg was back in Corvallis to meet with OSU Federal Credit Union officials about the fund set up on behalf of the search effort. As they begin their summer, the Wilbergers plan to stay close to home and tapped into the investigation. A German exchange student who stayed

with the family for a year plans a long visit. Pictures and descriptions of Brooke, along with the details of her abduction, remain plastered in public places across the region.

Corvallis police continue to take a strong interest in Friday's report of an attempted kidnapping of a teenager in Lebanon, 18 miles from where Wilberger disappeared. Authorities are searching for the man who was driving a silver Honda Accord with a gold tint. He might have since approached two other young women on that city's streets, police said Monday.

"We're going to treat this as a very high priority of interest," Corvallis Police Capt. Robert Deutsch said.

Nuclear regulators inspect Palo Verde after shutdown

PHOENIX (AP) - Federal nuclear regulators arrived Tuesday at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station to begin an inspection following the unexpected shutdown of all three units at the plant.

The inspectors planned to look at the causes of the shutdown and the response. Nuclear regulators were concerned that diesel generators that are supposed to provide backup power did not do so, said Victor Dricks, a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The units are supposed to

each have two diesel generators that will operate if power is lost. Only one of the generators at Unit 2 worked properly, Dricks said.

"We believe in redundant power capabilities so that's not a good thing," he said. The plant shut down as a fail-safe on Monday morning after a disruption in the western power grid. The disruption caused roughly 65,000 Arizona customers to lose power for about an hour. Customers in New Mexico and Northern California were also apparently affected.

Lightning ignites small fires near St. George

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) - Storm lightning ignited a series of small wildfires in southern Utah Tuesday, including a 200-acre blaze in the same general area where more than 30,000 acres were burned in 2003.

The largest fire Monday was burning near the Shivwits Reservation, where last year's Apex fire burned.

Two helicopters and a single-engine tanker were fighting the fire while ground crews were battling the smaller blazes. No homes were threatened and there were no evacuations, fire information officer David Boyd said.

A Golden Heart stopped beating, hard working hands laid to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best. The family of Don (Easy) Puschel would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food and flowers during Donnie's battle with cancer. A special thank you to the Community of Castleford and the "girls" for a wonderful benefit.

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Hudsons Shoe Store advertisement featuring a Summer Clearance Sale. It includes an image of a boot and a sneaker, and text stating 'Save 20% to 50% OFF' and 'On Men's and Women's Shoes'. The store is located at Lynwood Shopping Center, Twin Falls, with phone number 733-6220.

Champion Windows advertisement. It features an image of a window and text: '33% OFF Windows', 'Showroom Open 7 Days • Life Size Windows on Display', 'Factory Direct since 1959', 'Trust Champion to make your house more like home'. It lists the address as 743 W. McGregor Ct • Boise and provides a phone number: 208-424-1818.

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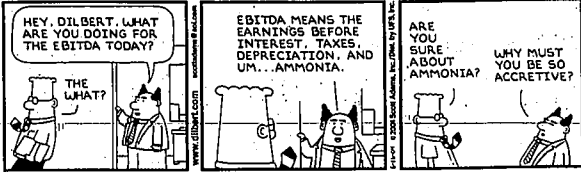
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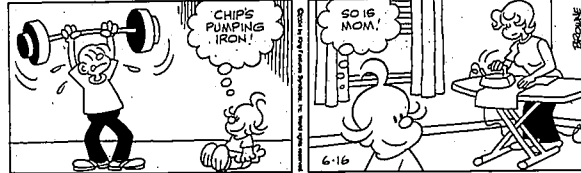
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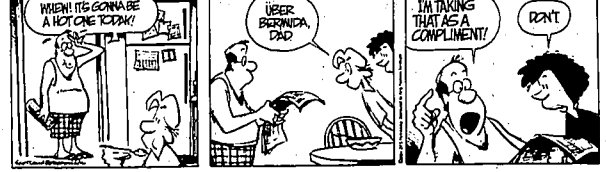
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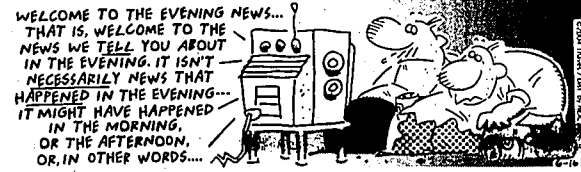
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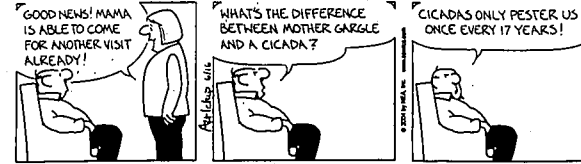
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NATION



Members of the Somali community look on during an interview with Somali community leaders on Monday in Columbus, Ohio. Nuradin Abdi, 32, a Somali native living in Ohio, was charged with plotting to bomb an Ohio shopping mall in a four-count indictment announced by Attorney General John Ashcroft.

U.S. indicts Ohio man in bomb plot

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — This city does not have the tallest skyscrapers or any high-profile monuments.

Yet Columbus is where authorities say terrorists plotted to bomb a shopping mall.

Experts say the attraction could be Columbus' central location in a state easily accessible to much of the nation and a diverse population that allows outsiders to blend in. Even its modest size and its ordinariness could be part of the allure.

"I think it's important that people remember that the heardand is out there," said James Ellis, a terrorism specialist with the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism in Oklahoma City, created after the bombing there.

The government disclosed charges Monday against Nuradin Abdi, 32, a Somali man accused of plotting to blow up an unidentified mall. He is accused of conspiring with convicted al-Qaida operative Iyman Faris, a former Columbus truck driver who sought to sabotage the Brooklyn Bridge. Family

members say Abdi hated terrorists and is innocent.

Though Columbus' tallest building is less than half the height of the World Trade Center, the city's interstates, malls and even its farmlands are the type of "soft targets" that terrorists are focusing on more often, experts said.

Malls are symbols of thriving commerce to terrorists intent on hurting the nation economically, and they have many unguarded entrances.

"It really doesn't have the same symbolic value of attacking something that is a large monument or symbol of military power," Ellis said. "But out of frustration or because it's kind of an amateurish do-it-yourself group, they could go for soft-er targets."

Col. Paul McClellan, superintendent of the State Highway Patrol, does not believe Ohio's capital is more vulnerable than any other city but noted that Ohio is the crossroads of interstate highways.

"Statistically, if you get anything to the state of Ohio by air, rail or water, by truck it can reach two-thirds of the country within one day," McClellan said.

Doctors, lawyers feud over malpractice debate

CHICAGO (AP) — A South Carolina surgeon dropped a patient when he found out her husband was a trial lawyer.

In New Hampshire, a neurosurgeon told the head of the state's trial lawyers that he wouldn't treat him for non-emergencies.

The long-running battle over the high cost malpractice insurance has taken an angry turn. Many doctors blame trial lawyers and their malpractice suits for causing huge jumps in insurance premiums. Lawyers blame it on the insurance industry.

At this week's meeting of the American Medical Association, many doctors stayed out of the fray. They angrily shouted down a proposal by Dr. J. Chris Hawyk of Charleston, S.C., to refuse treatment for attorneys involved in medical malpractice cases.

But the actions of other doctors and hospitals suggests

that plenty of them agree that taking out their anger on lawyers — and sometimes their families — is an acceptable response to what they see as a threat to their livelihood.

Virginia warns against sex with minors

The Washington Post

RICHMOND, Va. — The blunt message will be pasted on billboards and barroom coasters across Virginia: "Isn't she a little young?" it will say in bold pink and white, the wording against a black backdrop. "Sex with a minor," the lettering will continue. "Don't go there."

The Virginia Department of Health is launching a campaign in Northern Virginia, Richmond and Roanoke to stop men from engaging in sex with underage girls. Health officials say they hope their program will reduce the number of pregnancies that result from such illegal conduct.

The campaign, to begin this month with the distribution of hundreds of thousands of coasters, cocktail napkins and postcard-size messages in Arlington, Alexandria and Falls

Church, is one of the few such programs in the nation, public health officials and consultants said.

"We are concerned about minors who are coerced into sexual relationships with adult men and the resulting health and social problems, which include pregnancy, fatherless children, sexually transmitted diseases and mental health problems," state Health Commissioner Robert Stroube said.

Virginia health officials said they became alarmed when they reviewed state studies showing that in 1999 and 2000, 219 babies born to 13- and 14-year-old girls were fathered by men over age 18. They also cited nationwide statistics that show that men older than 21 are three times as likely to father children with junior high school girls than are junior high school boys.

While uncommon in its specific goals, the Virginia campaign is among many programs nationwide that focus on men's behavior to reduce the incidence of sexual abuse, health consultants and experts said.

"There are programs across the country that are doing this in bits and pieces, but the Virginia Health Department's campaign is unusual," said Alan Berkowitz, a psychologist and consultant based in Trumansburg, N.Y., who helps colleges, universities and communities design public health programs.

Several groups that traditionally have worked at informing women on issues involving sexual conduct will begin their own campaigns targeting men. For instance, the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network, an advocacy organization in Washington, will focus on col-

lege campuses to encourage men to police themselves and their friends.

"The onus can't be just on a woman to keep herself safe," said Sarah Graham Miller, a spokeswoman for the organization. "The other 50 percent of the population has to have a role as well in reducing sexual abuse."

The Virginia campaign, which targets men 18 to 29, will cost about \$85,000 over its first several months, officials said. Its messages will appear on 255,000 cards, posters, coasters and napkins distributed to nearly 150 bars, restaurants and stores in the three areas as well as on nine billboards in Richmond and Roanoke.

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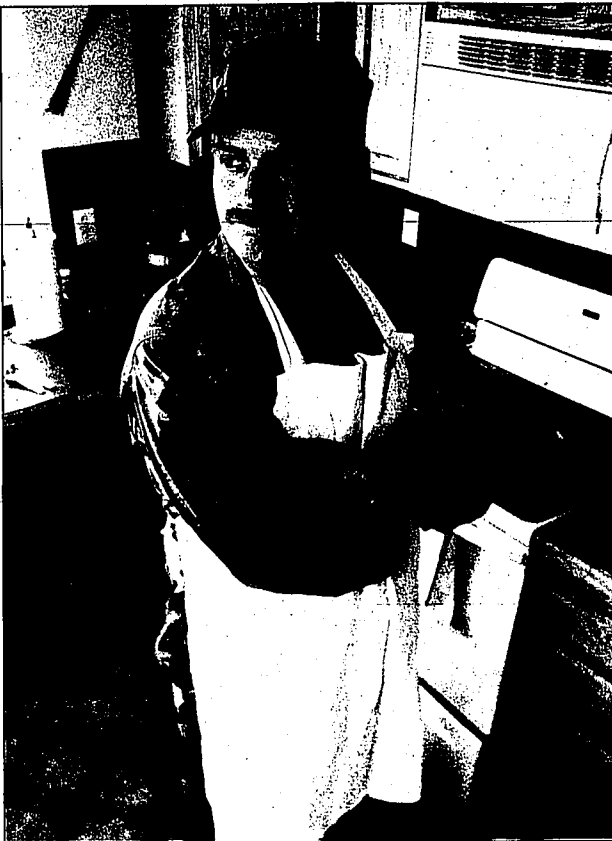
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Steve Dayton, a cook for the Idaho Air National Guard, stands in his kitchen at his home in Shoshone. Dayton, who enjoys cooking meals for 500 people, may get his chance soon if he gets deployed to Iraq.

ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

BEEF MEATBALL-STROGANOFF

3 meatballs and 1/4 cup of gravy per serving
Use 3 (18 by 26 inch) sheet pans and 3 (12 by 20 by 4 inch) steam table pans
3 1/4 ounces (3/4 cup) nonfat dry milk
3/4 cups water
9 2/3 ounces (6 eggs) slightly beaten
1 1/2 ounce (3/4 cups) fresh chopped parsley
1 1/4 ounce (2 tablespoons) salt
1/2 ounce (2 tablespoons) black pepper
1 tablespoon ground thyme
2 teaspoons red ground pepper
1 teaspoon garlic powder
2 pounds 10 ounces dried bread
20 pounds beef pattie mix or ground beef
10 2/3 ounces (2 cups) dry chopped onions
3 pounds 8 ounces (1 1/2 quart) canned mushrooms, sliced
1 pound 2 ounce (1 1/2 cups) general purpose wheat flour, sifted
1 1/2 quarts water
5 1/2 ounces or (7/8 cup) beef soup and gravy base
1 1/2 gallons hot water and reserved mushroom liquid
1 ounce or (1/4 cup) paprika, ground
2 teaspoons black pepper
3 pounds or (1 1/2 quarts)

sour cream
Reconstitute the milk. Blend in eggs, parsley, salt, black pepper, thyme, red pepper and garlic powder. Place bread in mixer at medium speed for 5 minutes or until coarse crumbs are formed. Pour milk mixture over bread in mixer. Mix lightly at low speed 1/2 minute. Let stand 10 minutes. Add beef and onions to bread mixture. Mix at low speed 1 minute. DO NOT OVERMIX. Shape into 300 meat balls weighing 1 1/3 ounces. Place 100 meat balls on each sheet pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes or until browned and done. (160 degrees)
Place 100 balls in each steam table pan, or keep warm in oven. Drain mushrooms, set aside. Reserve liquid. Combine flour and water, stirring until smooth. Reconstitute soup and gravy base with mushroom liquid and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, gradually add flour mixture stirring constantly. Add paprika and pepper. Return to a boil, reduce heat. Simmer 5 to 10 minutes or until thickened. Add mushrooms. Stir. Turn off heat. Remove 1 quart sauce. Stir into sour cream until smooth, combine with remaining sauce. Mix well.
Pour about 3 quarts sauce over meat balls in each pan. Cover. Place in 300 degree oven. Heat for 30 minutes.

TAMALE PIE

Serves 100
Use 8 (12 by 20 by 2 1/2 inch) steam table pans
7 pounds (4 3/4 quart) cornmeal
4 1/4 ounces (1 cup) chili powder
3 ounces (4 2/3 tablespoons) salt
3 gallons water, boiling
16 pounds beef pattie mix or bulk ground beef
2 pounds (1 1/2 quarts) dried chopped onions
1 pound (3 cups) sweet fresh finely chopped peppers
12 pounds 12 ounces (1 1/2 gallons or 2 number 10 cans) canned crushed tomatoes
1 ounce (3 2/3 tablespoons) dehydrated garlic
1 ounce (1 2/3 tablespoons) salt
4 1/4 ounces (1 cup) chili powder
1 tablespoons red ground pepper
1 1/2 ounce (6 tablespoons) ground cumin
6 pounds 10 ounce (3 quart or 1 number 10 can) canned whole kernel corn
7 pound 5 ounce (3 quart or 8 number 300 cans) drained ripe sliced olives
3 pounds (3 quarts) cheddar or American cheese shredded

Mix cornmeal, chili powder and salt together; gradually stir into water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Simmer 25 minutes stirring frequently until a stiff paste is formed. Set aside. Cook beef with onions and peppers in its own fat until beef loses its pink color. Stirring to break apart. Drain or skim off excess fat. Add tomatoes, garlic, salt, chili powder, red pepper, cumin, corn and olives to beef mixture. Simmer 15 minutes stirring frequently. Set aside. Spread 2 1/3 cups cornmeal paste over bottom and sides of each greased pan to form a thin crust. Pour 2 quarts meat mixture over crust in each pan. Spread 4 2/3 cup cornmeal mixture over meat mixture in each pan. Bake 50 to 60 minutes. Remove from oven. Sprinkle 1 1/2 cups cheese evenly over each pan. Let stand 10 to 15 minutes to allow filling to firm and cheese to melt cut each pan 3 across and 4 down.

A COZY supper for 500

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — This local cook feeds Air National Guardsmen out of Boise on monthly maneuvers and at summer camp, and may soon be feeding troops in Iraq.

By day, Steve Dayton works for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. He's married and has two children who still live at home.

Dayton joined the Idaho National Guard in 1988 for the adventure and educational benefits. Originally he trained to be a medic, but didn't get enough contact with real people. He wanted a more hands-on job and noticed that cooks were always busy.

He applied and was retained as a cook. He started cooking with the Guard's 11th Cavalry Division in Twin Falls, then transferred to the Air National Guard in Boise. In the past Dayton worked in a cook's truck (mobile kitchen) but now in Boise he has a modern stationary kitchen "with all the bells and whistles," he said. The mobile kitchens are now located in large modules that look like big storage units and are hauled on the back of semi-trailer trucks. They have built in generators and are modern kitchens.

The military uses a worldwide menu, which means that everywhere around the world military personnel — whether Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard — are eating the same meal on the same day. Occasional exceptions occur if a military unit is stationed in an area where a particular food is not available. For years, military cooks used a card system that is now being phased out in favor of a computerized system. Ingredients in recipes are measured in weights. In the Guard, Dayton typically cooked for 250 to 300 people at a meal. In the Air Guard, it's for 500 at a time. At summer camp, the mess truck is the highlight of the day for most soldiers. They're training hard and go to the truck, take off their gear, sit down and have a social meal or snack. Somebody is always coming to the cook's truck looking for denture cookies, cake or other goodies. The coffee pot is always on, Dayton says.

The following recipes from Dayton are "proportioned to feed an army" in 100-person portions. Divide them by two and get 50 servings, by four and get 25 servings, by eight and get 12 servings, by 16 and get six servings and so forth. When you get the recipe down to three or six servings, you'll have to adjust the spices to taste, he says.

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FLORIDA LEMON CAKE

Serves 100
Grease and flour 2 (18 by 26 inch) sheet pans, preheat oven to 350 degrees.
10 pounds (2 number 10 cans) yellow cake mix
1 pound 5 ounces (1 1/4 number 10 can) lemon flavored pie filling prepared mix
2 pounds (20) eggs, whole
4 pounds (2 quarts) salad oil
4 pounds (2 quarts) water
1 1/2 ounce (3 tablespoons) lemon flavoring
Place mix, contents of both soda pouches (in cake mix cans) and pie filling mix in mixer bowl. Beat at low speed for 1 minute. Add eggs. Blend at low speed for 1 minute. Add salad oil gradually while mixing at low speed for 2 minutes. Add water and lemon flavor while mixing. Blend for 3

minutes at low speed. Pour about 10 pounds 10 ounces (1 1/4 gallons) of batter into each of 2 greased and floured 18 by 26 inch pans. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes at 350 degrees or until done. While cake is still warm prick with a fork. Glaze
3 pounds (3 quarts) powdered sugar, sifted
3 ounces (6 tablespoons) butter or margarine, softened
12 ounces (1 1/2 cups) boiling water
1/2 ounce (1 tablespoon) lemon flavor
Combine the sugar, butter or margarine, boiling water and lemon flavoring. Mix until smooth. Drizzle 2 3/4 cups of glaze over each cake. Cut pans six across and 9 down.

Low-carb dieters knew it all along ... scientists start to re-consider

Los Angeles Times

Obesity rates are rising, but science has barely weighed in on the best way for people to shed fat. That state of affairs is starting to change, and doctors are getting a surprise or two. Last month, the popular carb-slashing Atkins diet received a deluge of endorsement from two studies after years of being pooch-pooched by health specialists. The studies, published in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*, showed that the meat- and fat-rich regimen caused faster weight loss in the short term than a conventional low-fat diet. More important — because many had feared that the diet, even if slimming, might unfavorably affect cholesterol levels and be bad for the heart — the low-carb regimen also seemed to improve the dieters' blood fat profiles.

But Atkins, like every other diet, is no miraculous fat-melter. The longer of the two studies suggested that a low-carb regimen might be harder to maintain beyond six months compared with a low-fat approach. By the end of the year, the low-fat dieters had caught up and lost the same weight — very modest — amount of weight. In addition, even though on average people on low-carb diets didn't experience rises in their so-called "bad" (or LDL) cholesterol levels, about 30 percent of individuals did. Even with these caveats, "we can no longer dismiss very-low-carbohydrate diets," said Dr. Walter Willett, a nutritional epidemiologist at the Harvard School of Public Health, in a written editorial accompanying the papers. To maximize the diet's healthfulness, he added, people should avoid going hog

wild on fatty bacon and red meat — opting instead to eat healthy oils (monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats) and get protein from fish, beans, nuts and chicken. The weight-loss regimen popularized by the late Dr. Robert Atkins — rich in meat, eggs and cheese but almost bereft of grains, potatoes and fruit — is highly popular but had not been tested in a scientifically rigorous way until last year, when two studies reported that very obese and moderately obese people lost more weight initially on the Atkins diet than on a conventional diet. The studies published last month bolster and extend these findings. Conducted at the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the first study enrolled 132 severely obese adults who had an average weight of 288

pounds. Many of the patients in the study had diabetes or other risk factors for coronary artery disease. Roughly half of them were instructed to pursue a low-fat diet in which they were to eat 500 fewer calories a day. The others followed a regimen in which they were to limit their carbohydrate intake to less than 30 grams daily but were not instructed to count calories or fat. Both groups were counseled on the diets each week. The scientists reported last year that at six months, the low-carbohydrate group had lost an average of about 13 pounds, compared with four pounds for the low-fat group. Last month, the scientists reported that after one year, individuals on the Atkins-style diet largely kept the weight off but did not continue to lose more weight. The low-fat group



Atkins followers tend to eat high-protein foods, such as meat and nuts, but shun fruits and vegetables. An average of 11 to 19 pounds for the low-carb group and seven to 19 pounds for the low-fat group.

FOOD & HOME

The burger king? That would be L.A.

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — We own the hamburger. L.A. is burger town, U.S.A.

We're passionate about our burgers, the way New Yorkers are about Cantonese food. Besides religion and politics, the subject you shouldn't raise at the dinner table around here is who makes the best burger. Or if you must, stick the Apple Pan people and the Fatburger people at opposite ends of the table.

We hear the patties sizzle, and we smell the smoke from the grill, and a bell goes off. We're about to enter the burger dimension — a jolly jangle of rich browned meat, crunchily lettuce, tangy pickles, red onions and sweet and sour condiments. Life is good. Life is adorable.

Why do we care so much about the hamburger? It's the symbol of eagerness and independence. It's the food of the car culture that has been the estate of L.A. youth since the 1940s.

That's why so many hamburger stands have kept their old-fashioned signs, and new ones often adopt a retro style. Going to the burger stand or drive-in suggests the whole James Dean, ducktail haircut, "American Graffiti" state of mind, and we know what that means: Go where you want, grab a burger when you feel like it, cruise with your homies. The swirl is your oyster — or rather, your combo with fries.

It's no accident that so many national burger chains began here. Bob's Big Boy started in Glendale, a suburb north of downtown Los Angeles, in 1936. McDonald's in San Bernardino in 1948. Carl's Jr. in Anaheim, in 1956 and Johnny Rockets on Melrose Avenue in 1986. Fatburger, which was founded on the corner of San Vicente and South La Cienega boulevards in 1952, is just beginning a major national expansion. And we have loads of local burger haunts that have been around for decades.

And so has the hamburger itself. It's the iconic American fast food of the 20th century.

The title of birthplace of the hamburger has been claimed by a number of places around the country. The problem is, they don't have evidence they were serving a fried ground beef patty as a sandwich (rather than as a "hamburger steak" on a plate) before 1941.



PRIMO PATTY: The cardiac burger — topped with bacon, mushrooms, cheese and ham — is a favorite at the Bucket, an Eagle Rock stand that's been around since 1935. L.A. has dozens of vintage independent burger joints where the classic sandwiches are better than ever.

But there are news stories about hamburger carts in Chicago and Los Angeles dating from 1894. (Fine work, Chicago, but in the end you didn't have the vocation for it. Can anybody name a famous Chicago hamburger stand?)

So those other towns that have been claiming to be the home of the hamburger had better rethink their boasts. I'm talking about you, Seymour, Wis.; Athens, Texas; and Summit County, Ohio.

And especially about you, St. Louis, Mo. For decades the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair has been called the origin point of the hamburger, but as of right now that claim is out of the question. Maybe the World's Fair publicized the hamburger, but face it, everybody — this year isn't the 100th anniversary of the hamburger. It's at least the 110th.

People often say the history of the hamburger is shrouded in myth. It sure is.

You read repeatedly that Russians brought the idea of

chopped meat to northern Germany in the 14th century, having learned it from the Tatars, "who shredded, low-quality beef from Asian cattle to make it edible and digestible." According to this evidence-free tale, that's how the port city of Hamburg got the custom of eating chopped raw beef.

Well, come on. People have been chopping meat for a long time — a second century Roman cookbook has a whole chapter on chopped meat dishes. The Germans didn't have to learn about it from anybody else.

It's true that Central Asian people such as the Tatars have always been big on chopping meat, but it's hard to see how this could have led to the hamburger, even by way of 14th-century Russians moving to Germany. Central Asians don't eat chopped meat raw — or in patties. They fry it up loose, stirring carefully to keep all the ingredients separate.

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What's hot for the grill

Knight Ridder News Service

Everyone knows all you really need to grill a tasty burger or chicken outdoors is a fire and a grate. What could be simpler? Yet cooking over flames has come a long way since the Stone Age. Grilling is now as much about entertainment as getting dinner on the table. For many outdoor cooks, it's a hobby that borders on obsession.

Enter the gadgets — often frivolous, designed to satisfy the hobbyist's burning desire for more tools. Catepots and stoves are filled with new ways to flip, monitor temperatures and even roast marshmallows.

To help you sort through the choices, we worked with a dozen tools to determine what's essential, what's useful and what's downright ridiculous.

Essentials

Chimney starter: If you cook with charcoal, you can't beat this simple cylinder for starting a fire without chemical starters, which can leave its off-flavors on your food. Just add a couple of sheets of newspaper in the bottom chamber, fill the top one with charcoal and light the paper with a match. In 20-30 minutes, you'll have perfect glowing coals. From \$10 at hardware stores, cookware shops and even supermarkets.

Spring-loaded tongs: The workhorse of the kitchen, these tools function just as well outdoors to move food around on the grill. Available in a variety of lengths, the extended ends act like an extension of your hand and the spring makes it easy to grip and hold everything from peppers to steaks. Tongs give more control than a spatula and don't puncture meat like a fork. Stainless models start at about \$8 at housewares stores such as Bed, Bath & Beyond or Macy's.

Instant-read thermometer: Experienced grillers can tell by touch whether a steak is done. The rest of us need a thermometer to get it right. Instant-read thermometers tell you in a snap whether your burger is raw in the middle or well done, so you don't have to cut it repeatedly to check.

Digital models are the easiest to read. Prices range from about \$8 to more than \$50 at housewares stores.

Fireproof gloves: A good pair of gloves with long gauntlets will keep you from getting grill marks on your hands and your arms as well as your steak. We like leather, but manufacturers are making extra-length barbecue gloves from silicone and heat-resistant neoprene that look promising. From about \$15 at housewares stores.

Helpful extras

Grill basket: Whether you're cooking salmon filets or boneless chicken breasts, an adjustable wire basket with a long handle makes it easy to move food around the grill or flip it without tearing delicate flesh. On the downside, the basket can be difficult to clean. From about \$8 at housewares stores.

Grilling sock: With its perforated surface and sloping sides, this square, porcelain-coated version of the classic wok is just the thing for cooking small items such as shrimp or vegetables that might slip through the grill's grate. You can stir-fry in it, too. From about \$15 at barbecue and cookware stores.

Silicone basting brush: At first glance it's hard to believe this new brush with its spaghetti-thick bristles would work, but it does a great job brushing marinades and sauces on everything from chicken to vegetables. The silicone bristles can withstand temperatures up to 500 degrees, which makes the brush better than a mop or standard kitchen brush. What's more, it cleans up easily and can go into the dishwasher. About \$15 at Sur La Table and online.

Remote thermometer: This high-tech tool removes the temptation to lift the cooker lid unnecessarily to check on your turkey or brisket. Insert the probe into the meat, attach the long cable to the transmitter outside the grill and close the lid. The receiver will let you know the internal temperature of the meat whether you're in the garage or next to the grill. We tried the Redi Check unit from Maverick Industries and it was right on the mark, although

the receiver's bell clip was useless. From about \$40 online and at barbecue and housewares stores.

Not necessary but fun

Food flipper: This stainless steel shaft with a sharp circular tip — or pig tail — gets points for style. But it also works. Just catch the hook on a piece of chicken or steak and flip it over with a twist of your wrist. You'll look like a pro and the food won't show a mark. Sure, you can use tongs, but this is cooler. From \$15 at barbecue stores and online.

Beer can chicken rack: Sure you can cook a chicken with just a party full beer can to support it (see recipe at right), but it can be tricky to position the bird's legs so it all balances on the grill. This gadget eliminates the balancing act. There are several versions on the market. From about \$13 at barbecue shops and online.

More trouble than it's worth

Marinade injector: Unless you compete at barbecue events or entertain large groups with huge hunks of meat, this big syringe is not likely to be very useful. Marinades must be stirred so they don't clog the needle, and the injector is a pain to wash. We found the flavor advantages were minimal on the turkey breast we roasted for the test. On the other hand, the price is low — about \$6 at barbecue shops and online.

Mallou Master: The promise of "the perfect roasted marshmallow every time" is irresistible, and the wand-like device does produce a marshmallow with a meltin' goosy interior. The secret is in the pair of wires you squeeze together before affixing the marshmallow. When the wires spread back to their original position, your marshmallow is done. But the device focuses only on the interior of the marshmallow, not the exterior, which is the difficult part to get just right. So, aside from the fact that the wires retract into the plastic handle, why pay \$12.95 plus tax and shipping for something a

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Compost at every stage defines the Pogo Organic Tree Products compost site in Brookeville, Md. Increasingly, gardeners recognize that the beneficial fungi and bacteria in compost foster a healthy world of microbes that work to strengthen and invigorate everything from turf grass to oak trees.

If life hands you lemons, make compost

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Anyone who thinks Yankee ingenuity is dead should meet Clarkson Sherwood Jr. Pogo to the world at large. The owner of one of the largest private composting operations in the Washington region, he has employed this business stratagem: Landscapers who need a place to dump the detritus of their residential yard work pay him \$25 a cubic yard to haul it away. He waits for this jumble of grass clippings, old mulch and brush to turn into compost, which he then sells back to them for \$27 a cubic yard.

For Pogo, who likes to call himself a pirate, this is not quite the buried treasure it seems: Turning trash into soil is a lengthy endeavor with high overhead. The microbes that heat the piles to 160 degrees work for free, but everything else costs.

"The equipment just kills you," he said as he stood in front of a new wood-grinding machine that sells for \$340,000 and shanks itself to bits in a few short years. But "I'm not complaining. I make 10 percent" profit on the enterprise.

In recent years green recycling has become big business: the Montgomery County, Md., government converts residential yard waste into 77,000 tons of commercial compost a year, most of it bagged and sold as Leafgro to consumers through mass merchandisers.

Bulk compost is another commercially popular item, which homeowners and landscapers alike use to dig into and improve poor soil, to create vegetable beds, and to lay thinly on lawns at seeding time.

Increasingly, gardeners recognize that the beneficial fungi and bacteria in compost foster a healthy world of microbes that work to strengthen and invigorate everything from turf grass to oak trees.

Many ardent gardeners make their own, but for those who don't, or who need lots of the stuff, the reliance on commercial sources also means a heap of faith: There are no government standards for selling compost so consumers don't know, for example, if a load was adequately composted to kill weed seeds or even the ingredients in it.

Pogo says he has produced compost in as little as six weeks, but abandoned that model in favor of a slower method that he believes produces a finer product.

The compost is known as some of the best on the East Coast, said James Sotillo, who runs an organic landscape business in East Hampton, N.Y. Sotillo has bypassed closer sources to buy compost from Pogo, which Sotillo uses to brew a "tea" that he sprays on the estates of wealthy clients in the Hamptons.

Pogo, he said, is interested in making good compost, not in simply processing debris, and like fine wine, it cannot be hurried.

As Pogo, 50, flits from pile to pile at his remote farm near Brookeville, Md., he is clearly consumed by the idea of tiny creatures feeding off wood and brush, and turning it into gardeners' gold.

He declares himself still a hippie, but then modifies the description to a "guerrilla cap-

alist." Like the compost itself, he has mellowed with time. He has, after all, come a long way from difficult beginnings. He dropped out of high school, worked as a race-track blacksmith and descended into drugs and alcohol. When he picked himself up, sober, he bought a chain saw at a yard sale and went door to door looking for tree work. This later blossomed into a bona fide tree company that continues today, along with the nursery in Olney, Md. He operates under a number of enterprises, including Pogo Organic Tree Products (www.pogocompost.com).

He sells the compost and mulch from a second site, a small yard that gives little clue to the scale of the mother compost operation or the vision behind it.

For that, one travels a long, winding and unmarked dirt road to reach the 180-acre site, a former farm whose terrain today is defined by maintenance sheds, heavy equipment, and the eerie sensation of walking not on mud or dirt but a vast brown-black sponge.

On this ground rise dozens of piles of various sizes, textures and shades of brown, from a light tan to near black. Some are as high as 20 feet and almost as long as a football field.

One pile consists of raw logs and stumps, some from trees that look to be a century old or more.

These are too coarse even for the grinding machine, so a machine with a steel beak snips them into long shards. Bleached by the sun, the splintered trunks look like stacks of dinosaur bones. Front-end loaders and dump trucks move the piles from one area to another, for additional grinding and aerating.

Old mulch, brush and topsoil make for easy compost—the mix is screened two or three

times before fully decomposing—but the more woody material takes as many as a dozen grindings and screenings and at least seven months before it yields a product that satisfies Pogo.

Some of his finished compost derives mostly from leaves.

It is black and rich looking and finely textured. Pogo picks it up in his callused hands as if to cradle the rich microbial life it supports. "This tested nicely," he said, referring to the laboratory tests of microbial life in this dirt.

Pogo now is moving beyond compost production to embrace organic gardening's next big thing—the use of brews of beneficial bacteria and fungi to feed and medicate turf and ornamental plants.

The most common product is a compost tea—non-chlorinated water brewed into a plant broth by aerating a submerged tube full of compost, sugars, proteins, acids and other ingredients for 24 hours.

The result is a liquid teeming with microbes that are then applied to plants, sometimes as foliar sprays.

The makers of brewing kits sell directly to gardeners, some garden centers sell the brew by the gallon, and commercial systems are available for organic farmers.

Pogo is interested in the next step: providing compost tea and other organic products to homeowners with regular visits from the tanker truck.

This already is big in the Pacific Northwest and California. Sotillo, an arborist for 20 years, began his treatments on Long Island in December of 2001. "Here, it's huge, and on the West coast, it's gigantic."

Each property's soil is tested for microbe levels, and the tea ingredients are adjusted for site specific needs, he said. "It works, it works great," he says.

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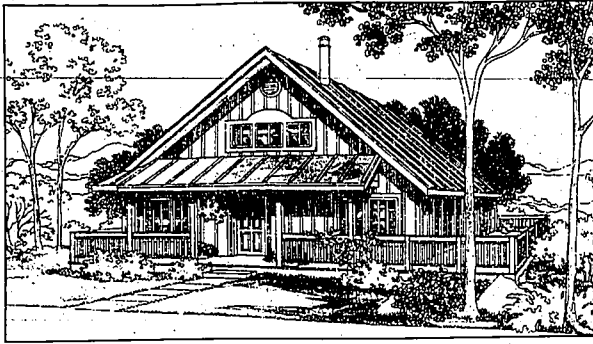
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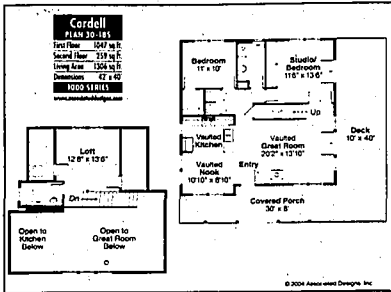
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Outdoor living spaces figure prominently in the Cordell, a small home designed as a vacation retreat. Simple wooden posts support a wide covered porch that spans the front and transitions to a deck bounding the entire right side. Durable metal roofing adds color and textural variety.

A rustic wooden handrail goes the distance, breaking off for the front entry. The front porch is an ideal location for a porch swing, while the side deck provides privacy for outdoor dining, sunbathing and other relaxing pursuits. Families with toddlers could further enclose this space to create a large, safely contained outdoor play area for the little ones.

Entering, you step into a large vaulted great room outfitted with a freestanding woodstove. Kitchen and nook are to the left, bounded by a half wall and overhead plant shelf. Natural illumination washes in through wide windows on two walls, and more spills down through a threesome on the second level.

Working at the kitchen sink, you can converse with family members in the great room, or appreciate views of ever-changing seasons through double windows facing both the street and the side deck. Sink, stove



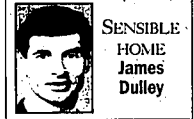
and refrigerator are laid out in a step-saving triangle, and counters wrap around three sides. Laundry appliances are close by, hidden behind folding doors. Smooth wooden railings ring the open stairway that ascends to the loft and a bathroom with a tub. Two easily accessible attic storage spaces flank the loft. One of the Cordell's bedrooms offers direct access to the deck through French doors. Abundant light here also makes this room ideal for use as an art studio. In the other bedroom, a

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Canister-style vacuum cleaners often have the greatest deep cleaning power. They use powerful motors, 1200 watts or more, and the compact air flow path results in high air flow. It is the air flow velocity at the tool inlet which causes the dirt particles to be drawn into the vacuum cleaner.

Don't necessarily be impressed by marketing hype showing the vacuum cleaner hose has enough suction to pick up a bowling ball.

High suction (measured in inches of water lift) does not always result in high air velocity at the tool. The internal design and filters also affect air flow velocity.

Even the most powerful vacuum cleaner is not effective if it cannot keep the dust and allergen particles inside of it. This is a function of the quality of the filtration system and the airtightness of its construction. From my testing, price is not the best indicator of cleaning effectiveness.

It would be wise to select a model with a HEPA filter. HEPA filters were originally designed for hospital operating rooms. The entire system, not just the final filter, on several European models (True-HEPA meets HEPA standards. After vacuuming with one of these, the room air is actually cleaner.

Multistage filters are the most effective. Look for models with two filters and a bag or just the two filters on a bagless model. A design with a filter before the motor and a HEPA exhaust filter after the motor is effective. The HEPA filter also catches the fine dust from the electrical brushes inside the motor. Optional charcoal filters also remove room odors.

Before you select a vacuum cleaner, open it and remove the filters. Inspect the quality of seals around the filters, particularly the exhaust filter. There is a vacuum in front of the motor, so just some air might leak in a poor seal. The air after the motor is under pressure.

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Survey: People love their walk-in closets

Have you ever considered what your home would be like if you designed it yourself? Readers of this and other newspapers nationwide did just that a few months ago, when they participated in the 2004 Home from the Heart survey.

When the Associated Design staff tallied the results, they found a wider diversity of preferences than in recent years. Typically, upwards of 90 percent yearn for a fireplace, deck/patio, pantry, master suite walk-in closet, and extra storage space in the garage.

This year, the highest level of agreement was 83 percent. The winner was that favorite, the master suite walk-in closet. Deck/patio, pantry, isolated master suite, and kitchen open to the family room all dropped into the 70 percent range.

One-story homes were again the favorite. A preference for 2000-3000 sq. footage still reigns, even edging up a few percentage points higher this year. Almost 50 percent chose brick/stone exteriors.

Votes for a formal living room continued to plummet, dropping to 25 percent from last year's 40. What most opted for instead is a great room, combining the functions of living, dining and family rooms. Seventy percent wanted the family room, whether separate or part

Homes from the heart

of a great room, to be open to the kitchen. That's up a bit. Similar to last year, more than 70 percent preferred an isolated master suite, and most wanted it on the main floor. The average number of desired bedrooms and bathrooms held firm, at close to 3 and 2.5, respectively.

As usual, changes in most reader preferences were incremental, but over time those small changes evolve into trends that are well worth watching.

Some firms are now dedicated to producing "green" building materials. These are produced in a way that minimizes environmental and social impacts. Examples include: recycled post-consumer glass, paint, insulation, etc.; compact fluorescents, Energy Star appliances; double-pane windows, and tighter construction to reduce drafts.

Buildernews Magazine recently reported that an estimated 50 million Americans are interested in utilizing green products. More than a third of our responding readers said they'd be willing to spend an additional 5 percent or more to incorporate these materials into their home.

Often the use of green prod-

ucts has the beneficial side effect of reducing airborne toxins as well. Using green paint, flooring and carpets can improve air quality significantly. Our readers' response to this issue was even greater. Thirty percent said they'd spend an extra 5 percent to use these materials, and nearly as many said they'd spend 10 percent more.

The optimum size issue comes as a response to the trend toward building ever bigger homes—dubbed "McMansions"—by some. Sarah Susanka sent the pendulum swinging the other way with her recent best-seller, The Not So Big House. Her premise is that families might find their homes more satisfying if they customize for maximum utilization of space and increased aesthetic appeal, even if it means building smaller for the same cost.

On this question, nearly 60 percent of those who responded said they preferred smaller to larger. However, the largest group of readers still wanted homes in the 2000 to 3000 sq. ft. range.

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Drink water. With age, the taste buds are less able to sense thirst, making it easy to become dehydrated.

It's important to drink eight to 12 cups of water a day. Fill a container with water and place it in the refrigerator. Be sure to drink the container dry before going to bed each night. Foods considered high in water content include apples, celery, cucumbers, grapefruit, grapes, watermelon and shellfish.

Snack smart. Look for clever ways to make every calorie count. For instance, dried fruit is a concentrated source of nutrients and fiber that you can keep in the pantry. Smoothies are another way to get a serving of fruit and remain hydrated. Puddings and soups can add calcium while counting toward your hydration needs.

Taking stock. Stock up on canned and frozen fruits and vegetables and juice-packed fruits when they go on sale. Stretch meat by combining it with beans for added fiber content or by serving with cheese, eggs or peanut butter. Also, the supermarket salad bar is a great way to buy small quantities of fresh vegetables.

Pump it up. If food doesn't taste as flavorful as it once did, use basic low-sodium seasonings to boost the flavor. Dried spices and herbs last for six months. For longer storage, keep them in the freezer. For year-round flavor, grow a fresh herb or two in the windowsill.

Breaking down what's in a recipe

Watching your carbs? Keeping tabs on your sodium intake? Monitoring your cholesterol? For anyone on a restricted diet, it's critical to know just what's in your food.

Since her daughter was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, Shelley Lowenstein has been on a crusade to break recipes down into their component parts, such as calories, protein, carbohydrates, fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, sodium and dietary fiber.

As the founder of Per Serving, a grassroots nutrition education coalition, Lowenstein has lobbied editors of America's newspapers, magazines, cookbooks and Web sites to include nutrition analysis on every recipe they publish, regardless of whether the recipe is original, syndicated, adapted from another source or from a reader.

The coalition includes such nutrition, health and consumer organizations as the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the American Obesity Association and the Idaho Research and Wellness Foundation.

A 2002 survey conducted by an independent polling firm found more than half of Americans said the inclusion of per-serving nutrition facts would be extremely helpful for them and others they know, while 39 percent said the facts would make them more likely to use the recipes.

"It's not a big sexy issue. I think it's a small but important change," Lowenstein says.

The calculations can be made using a computer software program. A professional program costs about \$600 and requires knowledge of cooking and ingredients to make judgment calls.

Still, Lowenstein has met with resistance from some editors who view her as the "food po-

lice," but with the current obesity epidemic she says she's just trying to get the information people need to maintain a healthy diet.

"Americans have to be responsible for what they eat. It's an individual thing," she says. "However, there are a lot of barriers ... I think not having food access on recipes is one of those barriers."

To learn more about Per Serving, go to www.perserving.com.

Facts on fiber

When Tufts University introduced the 70-plus Food Pyramid for Older Adults in 1999, it added a fiber icon to nearly every food group depicted on the graphic.

So just what's all the fuss about fiber?

It doesn't supply vitamins, minerals or calories. Still, it's essential to the body and helps prevent disease.

Americans "don't eat enough, and it's an important nutrient," says Debra Sullivan, an associate professor of dietetics and nutrition at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Fiber acts like a broom, sweeping out the intestines. Eating fiber is associated with lower cholesterol levels and reduced risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer.

Seniors tend to avoid fiber for a variety of reasons.

Seniors grew up in a time when enriched white bread and refined starches were the norm, says Linda Netterville, project director of the Meals on Wheels Association of America.

Poor dental health and dentures make it difficult or painful to chew.

Limited cooking and a lack of interest in cooking can also lead seniors to choose inexpensive, easy-to-prepare foods, like soup and crackers.

To increase fiber intake, simply eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains, although be sure to increase the amount gradually to avoid the possibility of painful bloating.

How do you know if you're getting enough fiber?

Although fiber recommendations vary from 20 to 35 grams per day among various health organizations, Sullivan points to the 2002 Dietary Reference

CHICKEN AND VEGETABLE SOUP WITH BARLEY

The vegetables and barley add plenty of fiber to this soup. For ease of preparation, make some Honey Mustard Chicken and Carrots one day and enjoy this Chicken and Vegetable Barley Soup the next.

Makes 6 servings
2 teaspoons olive oil
3/4 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
2 (1/4 1/2-ounce) cans fat-free, sodium-reduced chicken broth
1 cup water
2 cups chopped, cooked skinless chicken breast (may use a portion of Honey Mustard Chicken and Carrots)
1 cup chopped, cooked carrots (may use a portion of Honey Mustard Chicken

and Carrots)
1/2 cup frozen peas or mixed vegetables
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
1/4 teaspoon rubbed sage
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1/2 cup quick-cooking barley
Heat oil in Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add onion and celery and cook, stirring frequently, until vegetables are very tender but not brown. Add remaining ingredients. Heat to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 20 to 25 minutes.

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"Most of these injuries can be prevented if young children are properly supervised or simply kept out of the work area," said Heather Paul, executive director of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign. "Parents must ensure that children to play in an area where someone is operating a lawn mower or riding mower or any outdoor power equipment."

To keep your yard beautiful and safe, follow these safety tips:

- Keep children away from the work area. Period. Kids should remain inside while any type of walk behind, riding or hand-held outdoor power equipment is used.
- Riding mowers are designed for just that: mowing while riding. Riding mowers have many safety features for the operator but are not built for passengers or for towing children behind mowers in carts or trailers.
- Children should not be permitted to play on or around the mower when it is in use or in storage. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Turn off the mower if children do enter the work area, and store the ignition key away from a parked mower when not in use.
- Clear the mowing area of any objects such as twigs, stones and toys that could be picked up and thrown by lawn mower blades.
- Always look down and behind for children before, and while backing up.
- Do not allow a child to operate a riding mower, or any type of outdoor power equipment. Only allow responsible adults who are familiar with the instructions to operate a riding mower.
- If necessary, hire a babysitter for an hour or two while you're doing your yardwork. Babysitters can be a cost effective way to help you prevent injuries.
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All recent homes in a top school district — homes with decks and fireplaces and hardwood floors, homes with oak cabinets in airy kitchens and carpeted rec rooms in the basement.

Real estate agent-Dawn Dierker was showing one on the other day — a spotless two-story in a tucked-away neighborhood along a winding, winding road. Just six years old, the house boasted soaring ceilings, a bay window, ceramic tiles in the kitchen, even a goldfish pond by the patio, and 2,100 square feet of space. Asking price: \$239,900. Her clients, Chakra and Lekshmi Valluri, clearly liked it.

But lingering in the pale yellow family room, Chakra Valluri, a software engineer, shook his head. "The road behind the house might be too loud," he said, straining to hear the faint hum of traffic.

"It's a buyer's market," Dierker said, resigned.

All the recent explosion in housing prices in California and parts of the East Coast has split the country into two distinct cultures when it comes to purchasing a home.

In Los Angeles County, prices shoot up practically every other week — they jumped more than 25 percent this winter alone, compared to the first quarter of 2003 — and many homes sell in days. Caught up in the frenzy, buyers waive inspections, offer tens of thousands above the list price, even write groveling letters to the seller, wanting to take good care of the property.

Here in the heartland, real-estate agent Sharon Hutson put it, "everything kind of mellow." Buyers like the Valluris who now rent an apartment, spend months sorting through online listings, rejecting one home after another because they lack decks or basement playrooms, before picking out a few dozen. In four months of hunting, the Valluris have studied listings for at least 35 homes in their price range in their preferred school district. They have toured only three.

Yet they don't consider themselves picky, just prudent: "We go see only the ones we like best," said Chakra Valluri.

That laid-back approach is typical of much of the Midwest. In Southern California, the most desirable communities are hemmed in by the ocean or the mountains, with little space to grow. In the nation's mid-section, however, there's plenty of room to build suburbs on former farmland — and because traffic tends to be light, even the newest developments are often just 30 to 45 minutes from downtown.

The ample inventory here helps keep housing prices in check. The median sale price for an existing house in Los Angeles County in April was \$317,000. In Ventura County, it was \$463,000, in Orange County, \$424,000.

In the St. Louis metro area, the median stands at \$135,000. "We're generally a steady-as-she-goes market," said Bryan Kelsey, the CEO of Redaction Realtors in St. Louis.

Certainly, local property values are rising. But at a modest 4 percent to 6 percent a year. Bidding wars do occasionally break out, and the best homes can sell quickly, especially in the older, more exclusive, brick-and-cobblestone neighborhoods near downtown.

But in the swings-and-sandboxes subdivisions a bit farther from the city, that type of frenzy is rare enough to be thrilling; agents pass on the stories in a breathless hush, averted to report that a four-bedroom near Kiefer Creek Creek offered several thousand dollars over list price.

While homes in Los Angeles tend to sell in a week or two, the typical home here remains on the market 45 days. Homes selling for more than \$200,000 tend to be available longer still, often sitting for three full months.

The buyers, not the sellers, have the upper hand — which helps explain Carrie Lovell's spreadsheet.

Her agent programmer with an 11-year-old son, Lovell decided this spring to buy a home after years of renting.

Her dream house, she knew, would have at least three bedrooms and be in good shape. No fixer-uppers. She wanted a level back yard, with lots of room for her son, Zach. The neighborhood school had to be excellent.

She wanted a laundry room on the main floor so she wouldn't have to lug clothes to the basement. A master bedroom big enough to fit her king bed, dresser and armoire. She was looking for a spacious master bath.

For this, she was willing to spend up to \$200,000.

Her agent, Kathy Hoffman, gumbled a bit to herself: It was getting tougher and tougher to find homes in that price range that really "wowed." Still, within a week, she had shown Lovell nearly two dozen listings in and around this suburb of 31,000.

Meanwhile, Damon is offering to make a \$1 donation throughout the summer to America's Second Harvest every time someone clicks on the Strike Out Hunger logo at www.strikeout.com.

And until the end of the month, all 820 Publix stores will participate in Produce for Kids. Sponsors in the produce industry will make a donation to Children's Miracle Network-affiliated hospitals every time products are shipped to Publix.



Janet Marinell, publications director for the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, looks at a Queen of the Palms plant during a tour at the garden in New York on June 4. The plant, also known as Meadow Sweet, is among the plants Marinell grows in her private garden to attract butterflies, moths and other pollinating creatures.

Moth gardens' show begins at night

NEW MARKET, Va. (AP) — Anyone working the night shift knows it can be an out-of-sight, out-of-mind kind of experience. You sleep when you can and socialize as you can. And so it is with many insects, like the much-maligned moth.

The moth is a creature of the night — seldom noticed, therefore little regarded when compared with its more visible daytime cousin, the butterfly.

Butterflies seem to reap the glory although moths do as much, if not more, to help your garden grow.

Moths transfer pollen from flower to flower; some produce silk and still others add dramatic splashes of color to your yard provided you don't mind seeking them out in the darkness.

All that disrespect exists despite the population dynamics — moths greatly exceed butterfly species in the order Lepidoptera. In North America, about 750 butterfly species are recognized and about 10,500 moth species," says John Snyder, a biology professor at Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

Some adult moths are as small as mosquitoes while others grow larger than bats, wingtip to wingtip. "The vast majority are small or brownish-gray in color," Snyder says. "But others are not. Some are gorgeous animals. I've seen virtually every color of moth."

Butterfly gardens are the rage, nationwide, but when was the last time you were invited to tour a moth garden?

"It's not the conventional way to garden, so I don't know many people who do," says Janet Marinell, director of publications for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York. "Other than me, of course."

Marinell is an equal opportunity Lepidoptera gardener. She plants flowers for both butterflies and moths. But while butterflies are attracted primarily to colors, moths respond more strongly to fragrances.

"Basically, there are some general rules about such things as moth gardens," Marinell says. "Most moths fly at night so luminous light (colored) or luminous green flowers attract them. Also flowers with a great scent. People doing studies have discovered moths cover an amazing distance following odors."

If you want adult moths frequenting your yard, then you might try cultivating plants considered appetizing by their offspring — so-called larvae plants.

"Giant silk moths don't eat at all as adults," Marinell says. "They just live to mate. The larval stage is usually where they do the leaf-eating."

"The same with butterflies: The adults just go around looking beautiful. Caterpillars do all the munching."

Despite the garden's good they do eat, moths are not without their critics. Need I mention the liberal use of mothballs by the world's wool sock collector? Still, Snyder believes much of that criticism is undeserved.

"For all their great numbers, moths turn out very, very few pests," he says. "Only a few hundred (species) concern the agricultural entomologists in that they'll attack crops."

"The vast majority eat only what we call weeds. Virtually every species of plant will attract moths or their larvae."

Sphinx moths (family Sphingidae) grow medium to large with elongated forewings. Their bodies tend to be thick and they usually have a long proboscis — what biologists call "a drinking straw kind of tongue" — enabling them to draw nectar from deep-throated flowers.

An example includes the hummingbird clearing moth which, because of its size, dainty flight patterns and ability to hover, often is mistaken for its namesake bird.

Silkworm moths (family Saturniidae) also run medium to large. Have prominent antennae and thick bodies covered with hairlike scales. Snyder says, Luna, Polyphemus and Chinati sheen moths are among the silkworm color guard.

Tiger moths (family Arctiidae) are frequently bright in color, with distinctive markings on their wings and body.

Flowers favored by moths include four o'clocks (Mirabilis jalapa), blazing stars (Mentzelia laevis), night-blooming jasmine (Cestrum nocturnum) and narrowleaf evening primrose (Oenothera fruticosa). All are fragrant and all are nocturnal bloomers.

Certain plants have proven to attract both butterflies and moths, notably lilacs, viburnum, phlox, vincas, petunias, blackberry and thistles.

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Charity begins in the pantry

Knight Ridder Newspapers

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Seniors

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Intake guidelines: Adult males 50-plus should get 30 grams a day while adult females in the 50-plus age range should get 21 grams a day.

"Breakfast is probably the best place to put some fiber in your diet," Notterville says. Be sure to check nutrition labels: For a food to be considered a "good" source of dietary fiber, look for at least 2 grams of fiber per serving.

Look for whole-grain breads rather than breads made with refined flours.

Substitute brown rice for white rice.

Choose whole fruits rather than juice.

Berries are particularly high in fiber.

Eat legumes instead of meat at least twice a week. And to wash all that fiber through the body, it's important to drink plenty of water.

PORK CHOPS & SUCCOTASH

Corn and lima beans add fiber which many seniors do not get enough of in their diets. We used frozen vegetables for ease of preparation. Simply use the amount you need and save the rest for another meal.

Makes 4 servings
 2 center-cut boneless pork chops, about 1 pound
 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
 1/4 teaspoon popper
 2 teaspoons olive oil
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1/4 cup water
 1 cup frozen lima beans
 1 cup frozen corn
 1 tablespoon minced parsley
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Cut each pork chop in half. Rub surface of pork chops with

dry mustard and pepper. Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high. Add chops and cook until browned. Turn meat and add onions. Cook, stirring onions, until chop is browned on second side.

Add water, cover and cook over low heat 20 to 30 minutes or until pork chops are tender. Add lima beans, corn, and parsley. Increase heat to medium-high. Cover and cook 5 to 10 minutes.
 Per serving, based on 4: 263 calories (32 percent from fat), 9 grams total fat (3 grams saturated), 67 milligrams cholesterol, 19 grams carbohydrates, 26 grams protein, 209 milligrams sodium, 3 grams dietary fiber.

ROASTED FISH AND VEGETABLES

The American Heart Association encourages Americans to eat at least two fish meals a week.

If fresh fish is difficult to find frozen fillets work well. We tested the recipe with orange roughy, but any firm white fish will do.

The roasted vegetables in this dish are beautiful to look at but also offer plenty of lush flavor. There's also plenty of fiber, vitamins and disease-fighting phytochemicals.

For instance, tomatoes contain lycopene which may be a stronger antioxidant than even beta carotene.

The red peppers add lutein and carotenoids to the diet, both antioxidants which may prevent cancer, heart disease, macular degeneration and possibly cataracts.

Asparagus contains plenty of fiber, as well as vitamin B6 which are believed to boost the immune system.

Cooking tip: To trim the asparagus, simply bend the stalk until it snaps; discard the woody end.

Makes 2 to 3 servings
 1/2 small onion, cut into quarters
 1/2 red pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
 1/2 zucchini, cut into 1-inch pieces

4 small, new potatoes, scrubbed and halved
 4 asparagus spears, tough stem ends removed
 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon olive oil, divided

1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, divided

2 (4-ounce) fish filets, such as orange roughy, snapper, or cod (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained
 1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves

Place onion, red pepper, zucchini, potatoes and asparagus in resealable zip-top plastic bag.

Drizzle 2 tablespoons oil over vegetables and sprinkle with salt-pepper-and-25-teaspoon-garlic-powder; seal bag and shake to coat vegetables evenly.

Arrange onion, red pepper, zucchini and potatoes in 9" by 13-inch baking dish. (Reserve asparagus.) Bake, uncovered, at 400 degrees 30 minutes.

Brush fish with remaining 1 teaspoon olive oil. Str vegetables, and move to sides of dish. Place fish filets in center of dish.

Blend together tomatoes, remaining garlic powder and basil; pour tomatoes over fish. Arrange asparagus on top of tomatoes. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork and vegetables are crisp-tender.

Per serving, based on 2: 344 calories (5 percent from fat), 2 grams total fat (trace saturated fat), 23 milligrams cholesterol, 60 grams carbohydrates, 25 grams protein, 373 milligrams sodium, 5 grams dietary fiber.

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Wilson's BATES

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Burger

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However, it happened, chopped meat did become associated with—the city of Hamburg, where it is said to have been popular with seamen. OK, now it would be nice to know how the "Hamburg steak" became an upscale dish in America. There's a menu from the famous Delmonico's dating from 1834 or 1835 that lists Hamburg steak. How did the fanciest restaurant in New York start serving a dockside snack?

The fact is, we don't know for sure that Delmonico's Hamburg steak was chopped, because some Hamburg steaks weren't. The "Hamburg steak" in "The Boston Cooking-School Cook Book" (1884) was round steak pounded thin and rolled around a filling of fried onions.

That sort of Hamburg steak—and maybe Delmonico's, for all we know—might not have anything to do with the German sailors' snack. Hamburg was one of the wealthiest cities in Germany, with many contacts with the outside world, so there were any number of reasons for a restaurant owner or cookbook writer to associate a dish with it.

We start finding recipes for ground meat hamburgers in the 1880s. A typical one appears in "Aunt Babette's Cook Book" (1889): "Hamburger steak. Is made of round steak chopped extremely fine and seasoned with salt and pepper. You may grate in part of an onion or fry with onions."

Most recipes suggested a perfectly reasonable patty thickness, half an inch. But the cookbooks were always talking

about hamburger steaks, served on a plate with gravy or melted butter, eaten with a knife and fork. They weren't hamburger sandwiches. (As late as the 1940s, "The Joy of Cooking" was a little unclear on the concept: "The Joy's" broiled hamburger was toast smeared with ground beef and stuck under the broiler.)

For much of the 20th century, the East was loyal to the hot dog, rather than the burger. It was immigrant tradition; Europeans had been used to sausages as a

street food. Only with the prosperity that followed World War I, and the triumph of chains that specialized in all-beef hamburgers (in many places, hamburger had been a way of using up kitchen scraps), did the hamburger turn into a national favorite.

Los Angeles always took the hamburger seriously. In 1935, when SI was the usual tab for a whole meal, the swank Brown Derby in Hollywood had a \$1 hamburger.

"And worth the price," mar-

veled a restaurant guide.

It's not settled where or when the idea of putting lettuce and tomato on a hamburger started, but it's pretty likely it was here in the fresh vegetable capital of the country.

In 1944 a court awarded the copyright to the term "cheeseburger" to the owner of a restaurant in Denver, Colo., who claimed to have invented the concept in 1935. But Pasadena boy Lionel Clark Sternberger said he'd invented it in the 1920s. Backing up Sternberger's claim,

there is evidence that Angelinos were putting cheese on hamburger patties around here well before 1935. A 1928 menu from O'Doll's Fine Foods listed a "cheeseburger," although this happened to be a cheeseburger steak, not a sandwich.

New Orleans claims to have invented the chiliburger in 1934 and even celebrates an annual Chiliburger Day. Now, everybody agrees that a 24-hour L.A. chili parlor with the wonderful in-your-face name Ptomaine Tommy's invented the chili size,

a burger patty smothered in chili. In the 1920s, and it's short jump from there to the chiliburger.

New Orleans has popcorn shrimp and jambalaya, and blackened redfish, and it wants to claim the chiliburger?

For that matter, someone else probably claims to have invented the double burger, the bacon cheeseburger and the double chili-cheese.

Let it go, let it go. We've got things to do, places to go and burgers to eat.

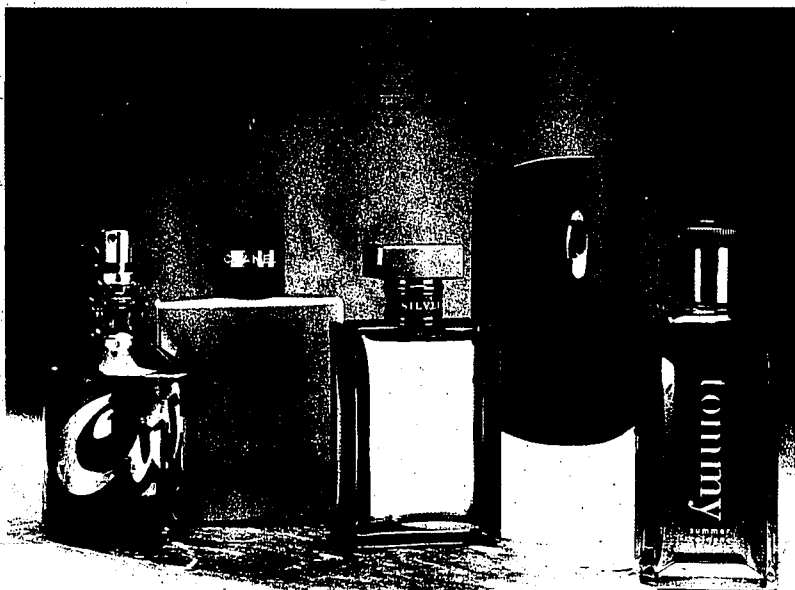


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Grill

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BEER-CAN CHICKEN (Serves 4-6)

1 1/2 cups mesquite wood chips

1 large whole chicken (4-5 pounds)

3 tablespoons Memphis rub (see below) or commercial rub of your choice

1 can (12 ounces) beer

Soak wood chips in cold water to cover for 1 hour, then drain. Remove and discard the fat just inside body cavities of the chicken. Remove package of giblets. Rinse chicken, inside and out, under cold running water, then drain and blot dry, inside and out, with paper towels. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of rub inside the body and neck cavities, then rub another 1 tablespoon all over skin. If you wish, rub an additional 1/2 tablespoon between the flesh and skin. Cover and refrigerate.

Set up grill for indirect grilling, placing a drip pan in the center. If using a charcoal grill, prepare ash-covered coals for medium heat. If using a gas grill, place all 1 1/2 cups mesquite chips in smoker box and preheat grill to high; when smoke appears, lower heat to medium.

Pop tab on beer can. Using a "church key" style can opener, make 6-7 holes in top of the can. Pour out top inch of beer, then spoon remaining dry rub through the holes into the beer. Holding chicken upright, with opening of body cavity down, lower chicken onto beer can.

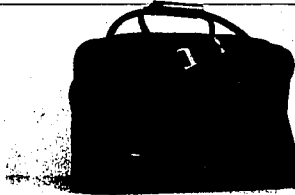
When ready to cook, if using charcoal, toss half the wood chips on the coals. Oil grill grate. Stand chicken up in center of hot grate, over drip pan. If you're not using a beer-can chicken roaster, spread out legs to form a sort of tripod to support bird. Cover grill and cook chicken until it's falling-off-the-bone tender, about 2 hours. If using charcoal, add 10-12 fresh coals per side and remaining wood chips after 1 hour.

Using tongs, lift bird to a cutting board or platter, holding a large metal spatula underneath beer can for support. (Have board or platter right next to the bird to make the move shorter. Be careful not to spill hot beer on yourself.) Let stand 5 minutes before carving meat off the upright carcass. Toss beer can out along with carcass.

Per serving: 405 calories, 42g protein, 24g fat (7g saturated), 3g carbohydrate, 424mg sodium, 133mg cholesterol, 0g dietary fiber.

For Memphis rub: mix, 25 cup paprika, 1 tablespoon each firmly packed dark brown sugar and granulated sugar, 2 teaspoons salt and 1 teaspoon each celery salt, black pepper, dry mustard, garlic powder and onion powder. Add 1 to 3 teaspoons cayenne pepper, to taste.

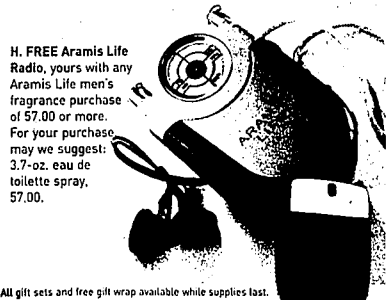
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SPORTSQUOTE

I'm just a golfer, man. I chase a little white ball around and work on my farmer tan, that's it.

Tiger Woods

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

The Pistons' worst season in franchise history was 1979-80, when they were 16-66. Who coached the team that season?

...answer below

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RBI Tournament

at Warburton Field, Rupert
Mullin A vs. Highland, 5 p.m.
Mullin AA vs. Boise, 7:45 p.m.

IN BRIEF

T.F. Triathlon takes place July 10

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Triathlon and mile swim will be held on July 10 at Dierkes Lake just outside of Twin Falls.

The triathlon, which features a half-mile swim, 17-mile bike and 5-mile run, will begin at 8 a.m. A mile swim will also be held at the lake at 9 a.m.

For applications, stop by the Twin Falls City Pool or call 734-2336.

Burley GC sponsors Buick Scramble

BURLEY — The Burley Municipal Golf Course will host the Workman Buick Scramble on Saturday. Registration is \$55 and includes bonus gift certificates, lunch, one dozen Nike golf balls, entry into the hole-in-one contest on all par three holes, and a \$50 test drive gift certificate from Workman Buick. Each team is required to have one course member and certain IGA handicap requirements will apply.

Regatta Golf

Scramble approaches

BURLEY — Burley Municipal Golf Course will hold a Chamber Golf Scramble on Thursday, June 24 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. before the competition, but teams are encouraged to fax (679-4794) or call (679-4793) their team member names and handicaps before June 17. Participants are also encouraged to provide their own golf carts if possible, as there may be a shortage of rentals. Please call ahead if you plan to bring your own cart.

Golf tourney takes place in Jackpot

JACKPOT — The 19th Annual Jim Sinclair-Dr. Glenn A. Hoss Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 26 at the Jackpot Municipal Golf Course. Funds raised will benefit the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's healthcare programs.

All various levels of sponsorships are available: Gold sponsor, four players, \$600; Silver sponsor, two players, \$300; Bronze sponsor, one player, \$150; and individual, \$100.

For more information on this or other MVRMC Foundation programs, call the foundation at 757-2480.

TFHS weight room opens evenings

TWIN FALLS — Current and incoming Twin Falls High School athletes can use the weight room from 7-9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays this summer.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Dick Vitale coached them for 12 games, winning four. He was replaced by Richie Adubatu.

No doubt

Pistons pound Lakers to clinch improbable NBA title

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Motown is Tidetown. The descendants of the Bad Boys made sure of it with a stunning upset that was really no contest at all.

Without a superstar, among them and without being given much of a chance, the Detroit Pistons humiliated the Los Angeles Lakers 100-87 Tuesday night in Game 5 of the NBA finals for their first title in 14 years.

With finals MVP Chauncey Billups and Ben Wallace leading the way, the Pistons were at their very best in the clincher, defeating Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and the rest of the Lakers in every facet of the game. It was both methodical and shocking the way they pulled ahead and pulled away for one of the biggest surprises in NBA finals history.

Wallace took a big step toward becoming a superstar with an 18-point, 22-rebound effort that helped Detroit become the first Eastern Conference team to win the title since the Michael Jordan-led Chicago Bulls in 1998.

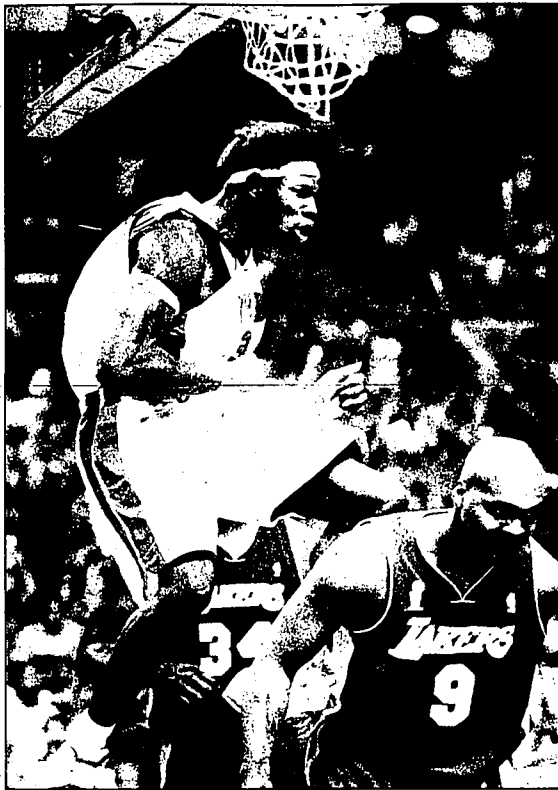
Equally important was 14 points from Billups, the best guard on the floor throughout the series, 21 from Richard Hamilton and 17 from Tayshaun Prince.

Game 5 was so lopsided that Lakers owner Jerry Buss, carrying his jacket and accompanied by an entourage, headed for the exit before the third quarter was over. By the time the last timeout rolled around, fans were already being urged to keep their celebrations under control.

As the final buzzer sounded and confetti began dropping, Pistons coach Larry Brown stoically walked to midcourt and received an affectionate handshake and warm smile from Lakers coach Phil Jackson and a hug from Bryant.

Many fans at The Palace stood through the final several minutes, savoring every moment they had waited for since the Bad Boys of 1989 and '90 won back-to-back titles.

The game steadily got away from the Lakers from the second quarter on, unraveling completely over the latter part



Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace reacts after a dunk on Los Angeles Lakers forward Bryon Russell during the third quarter of their Game 5 NBA Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Mich., Tuesday.

of the third quarter when it became clear they weren't going to make a game of it.

On one especially telling sequence, Bryant missed a

3-pointer, got his own rebound but missed on a drive, and Wallace soared high above everyone to snare his 14th rebound. Bryant was then called

for a blocking foul as Billups brought the ball upcourt, and an "M-V-P" chant greeted the point guard as he went to the line and made it 80-59.

Away from the rink



Hockey player Chanda Gunn, who recently wrapped up her college career as a standout goaltender at Northeastern University, takes a break from teaching a hockey clinic Wednesday, in Huntington Beach, Calif. Gunn, who was living in an epilepsy-induced fog a few years ago, facing the possibility of brain damage or even death, has set her sights on playing in the 2006 Olympics.

A young hockey star wins a gritty fight with epilepsy

By Ken Peters Associated Press writer

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Chanda Gunn is a dynamo on skates, charging up and down the rink with her young students, banging her hockey stick on the ice and yelling words of encouragement.

She is a long way from her epilepsy-induced fog of a few years ago, when she faced the possibility of brain damage, even death.

The 24-year-old Gunn was first diagnosed with epilepsy when she was 9, but medication brought it under control. As she grew up, she stayed on the same medication and dosage, not checking with doctors. That caught up with her when she was a freshman at Wisconsin.

"I just started having seizure after seizure, didn't know my name, didn't know where I was, my motor skills were off," Gunn said. "I don't remember a lot about it because I was out of it. I was having so many seizures, I didn't have time to recover from one before I had the next one."

At 95 AND COUNTING



Greek-American Peter Ctenzos, who represented Greece in the 1932 Olympic Games, poses for a photo with memorabilia from his days as a pole vaulter in Pasadena, Calif. Ctenzos is expected to be the oldest torchbearer in the U.S. Olympic Torch Relay when it begins Wednesday, a day after his 95th birthday, in Los Angeles. The 2004 summer Olympics will be held in Greece.

Former pole vaulter on Greek team will carry Olympic torch

By Greg Rising Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — In 1932, a 23-year-old Greek pole vaulter named Peter Ctenzos marched into the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for the Summer Olympics.

On Wednesday, Ctenzos will be back — a day after turning 95. The man believed to be the oldest living Greek Olympian is expected to be the oldest person in the Olympic torch relay when it begins in the United States.

For Ctenzos, who will walk with the flame about 400 yards outside the Coliseum, the relay is another chance to honor the country that gave birth to the Olympics and hosts them Aug. 13-29.

"It is one of the biggest thrills of my life," he said. "To know that the flame will end up in a country that will be born again with the Olympic spirit is just amazing."

The torch is set to arrive in Los Angeles after a flight from Athens.

Armstrong disputes claims in new book

The Associated Press

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Lance Armstrong juggled controversy and ceremony Tuesday, promising to take action against "absolutely untrue" racing accusations and announcing a new sponsor.



Just 2.5 weeks before he begins his attempt to win an unprecedented sixth consecutive Tour de France, Armstrong strongly denied claims by a former assistant in a new book. The assistant says Armstrong once asked her to dispose of used syringes and to give him makeup to conceal needle marks on his arms.

"I can absolutely confirm that we don't use doping products," Armstrong said at a news conference at the headquarters of Discosport Communications, which will begin sponsoring his team next year.

"This is not the first time I've lived through this. I heard it in 1999. I heard it in 2002, again in 2003. It happens all the time."

Armstrong said he usually ignores such claims but decided he had had enough. He also said he was frustrated to have to deal with a distraction so close to the Tour de France.

"We're sick and tired of these allegations and we're going to do everything we can to fight them," he said. "They're absolutely untrue."

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Calendar says U.S. Open, but course says British

The Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Brad Faxon found his shot, a dead deep in green grass along the first fairway, typical of tee shots at the U.S. Open that miss by the smallest margins.

What happened next reminded him of another Open.

His wedge hit the front of the green and hopped high, rolled toward the back of the green and, just when it looked as if it might stop, curved to the right and gained speed until it dropped out of sight, into a deep bunker.

Faxon smiled as if he had seen this before. "British Open," he said. "The calendar says U.S. The links-style course says U.S. Everything about Shinnecock Hills and the 104th U.S. Open has the feel of a British Open, from the stately clubhouse to the waves of waist-high grass framing the fairway, to the strong sea breezes that blow south from the Atlantic or north from Great Neck Bay."

About the only things missing are fish and chips and bacon rolls sold at the concession stand.

Kevin Sutherland arrived Monday morning to overcast skies, flapping flags and weather cool enough for a sweater.

"When I got out of the car, the temperature, the grass, the white tent — I thought I was at the British Open," he said. "And that was even before I saw the course. The only difference between this and Lytham is they have ice here."

Tiger Woods stood on the 399-yard eighth hole Tuesday morning with a driver in his hand, surveying a fairway he could barely see and a landscape that made him wonder if he was really in New York.

"This looks like the back nine at Carnoustie. Only that would be the size of the fairway," he said.

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Food cents
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Germany	0.2%
United Kingdom	0.2%
United States	0.2%
France	0.2%
Spain	0.2%

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Groups hold open house, ceremony

HAILEY — The state's Job Service office in Blaine County and the Hailey Chamber and Visitors Center will jointly hold an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at their offices in Hailey on Tuesday.

The event is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday and will feature Idaho's director of commerce and labor, Roger Madsen. The manager of the Hailey Job Service office, Amy Hookland, and Hailey Chamber of Commerce President Jim Spinelli will also be hosts. Refreshments will be served.

The two entities share a building at 513 N. Main St.

For information, contact the Hailey Chamber and Visitors Center's Executive Director Tom Smith at 788-2700.

Nurses can now renew licenses online

TWIN FALLS — Licensed practical nurses now can renew their Idaho licenses online at www.state.id.us/lpn, the Idaho Board of Nursing announced Tuesday.

The service is available to the state's nearly 4,000 LPNs.

To renew online, users need a computer with Internet access, a valid nursing license number and additional identifying information. The \$50 renewal fee and a \$3.50 online convenience fee can be paid using a Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card.

The entire renewal process takes less than 10 minutes, the Board of Nursing said. Users can print out a receipt or receive one via e-mail. Licenses are re-issuing within five working days after renewal requests.

Idaho licenses for practical nurses are renewable in even-numbered years. This year's LPN renewal period extends from June 1 to Aug. 31.

For more information, call the Idaho Board of Nursing at 334-3110.

Pier 1 Imports posts drop in earnings

FORT WORTH, Texas — Pier 1 Imports said Tuesday that its first-quarter profit fell to \$11.7 million, or \$1.11 million, in the same period last year.

Earnings per share for the Fort-Worth based retailer with a Twin Falls store were 13 cents, compared with 21 cents for the same period last year.

First-quarter sales increased 7.3 percent. Sales in comparable stores — those open at least one year, an industry benchmark — declined 1.8 percent.

"Even though the first quarter started out positive, sales slowed after the Easter holiday and remained weak," said Marvin Girouard, the company's chairman and chief executive. "We were disappointed with our performance for the quarter."

Girouard attributed soft sales and traffic to factors such as "less effective advertising, merchandising issues and inconsistent store performance in certain areas of the country."

"We are developing strategies, both near- and longer-term, designed to drive customer traffic, increase conversion rates and gain market share," he said.

— compiled from staff reports

Does the state owe you money?

Check out the Unclaimed Property List for Jerome, Ketchum and Shoshone.

Thursday in Money.

Old look comes back

New owners uncover brick of downtown landmark

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — There's no place like home.

Just ask Janet Gorringer, the original owner of Inspirations, who is renovating the old Roper's Building downtown for her newest business venture.

"I've always been like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz," Gorringer said. "If I had ruby slippers, I wouldn't have stayed as long as I did. I missed home."

Gorringer missed the Magic Valley after working in Atlanta for three years. She now wants to help make your house a home. In order to do so, Gorringer is restoring the historic building at 125 Main Ave. W. — which she and her partners bought in May — and opening a home furnishings and interior design store.

That's where The Christian Bookstore closed its doors this spring after operating in the landmark downtown structure since 2000. Previously, the building was home to a Roper's clothing store for half a century.

The new owners are aiming for a look much like the original by uncovering hardwood floors, tin ceilings and brick walls, both inside and out.

Gorringer and one of her business partners, James Lancaster, hired Lyle Signs Inc. to remove the building's false front. Demolition began Tuesday.

Windows and brick hid under the salmon-colored, slatted facade. At the very archway that once rested below the Roper's sign came down early in the morning.

"We're going to do some really interesting things," Gorringer said. "We're going to restore those buildings back to what they were when they were built."

Restoration has been a popular theme during Twin Falls' centennial year. Gorringer and Lancaster hope to locate a photograph of the structure's original front. The building was built during the first few decades of the 20th century.

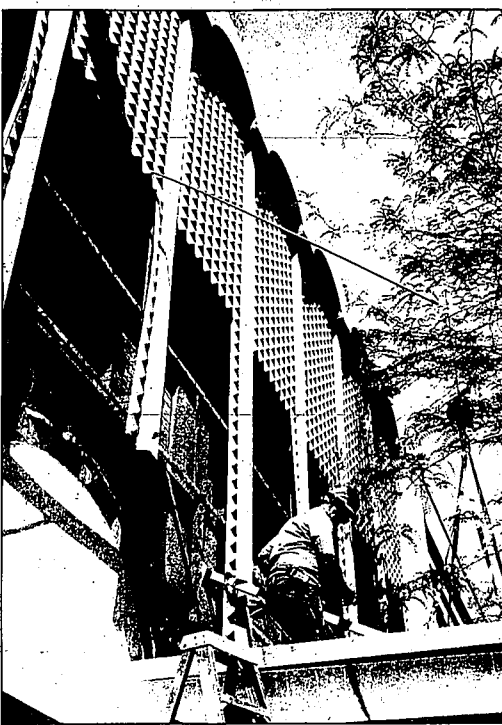
Renovations on the building began next week once the artificial face comes down.

"We're going to try to expose the tin ceilings," she said. "It's a big project, and we're really getting excited about it."

Gorringer credits Tom Ashenbrenner of Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, with inspiring her to select downtown over a mall for her new store. Ashenbrenner had hired Gorringer as his interior decorator, and Gorringer's work on Rudy's convinced her that downtown was the place to be.

"That's when I really kind of fell in love with downtown," Gorringer said.

Gorringer and Lancaster intend to have three distinct storefronts for their business. They will open a main store called Art



John Peterson, with Lyle Signs Inc. of Twin Falls, tears down the facade on the former Christian Bookstore in downtown Twin Falls on Tuesday. The building's new owners are aiming for a look more like the structure's original appearance.

of Inspired Living which will contain two additional stores inside.

Hand-built furniture and furnishings for the home and office will be found in Art of Inspired Living. When the store opens in early to mid-October, it also will feature over \$1 million in area rug inventory.

Customers will enter the shop through a main door. To the left, the side nearest Magic Valley Bank, customers will be able to access one of the two secondary stores. Please see STORES, Page D6

FRENCH FRIES AS VEGETABLES

Judge rules batter-coated, frozen snacks qualify as fresh veggie

WASHINGTON — French fries may be the bane of low-carb diets and obesity foes, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a federal judge in Texas have another name for the popular food: fresh vegetable.

U.S. District Judge Richard Schell last week endorsed little-noticed changes by the USDA to federal regulations that govern what defines a fresh vegetable.

The changes were made at the behest of the french-fry industry, which has spent the last five decades pushing for revisions to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

Known as PACA, the law was passed by Congress in 1930 to protect fruit and vegetable farmers in the event that their customers went out of business without paying for their produce.

Under an obscure USDA rule, most frozen french fries have been considered fresh vegetables since 1995. Now they all are, under a revision last year that added batter-coated, frozen french fries to the list of fresh produce.

In his ruling last week in a lawsuit that challenged the designation, Schell sided with the USDA argument that the PACA law is so ambiguous on the defini-

tion of fresh fruits and vegetables that it should be left to the agency to define what it means.

The Frozen Potato Products Institute appealed to the USDA in 2000 to change its definition of fresh produce under the law to include batter-coated frozen french fries, arguing that rolling potato slices in a starch coating, frying them and freezing them

Gold's Gym fitness chain gets new owner

DALLAS — Gold's Gym has a new owner who wants to pump up the California-based fitness chain made famous by Arnold Schwarzenegger.

TIT Holdings said Tuesday it has signed a deal to buy Gold's Gym from private equity firm Brockway Moran & Partners. Terms were not disclosed, but the Los Angeles Times reported the sale was worth \$160 million.

Terrill Philten, the chief financial officer of TIT Holdings, said

the privately held Irving, Texas-based company plans to build and buy new locations for the 550-store Gold's Gym International, which has 2.5 million members.

"We wanted a very strong brand. The name Gold's clearly had that ability. When it came on the market this spring, we jumped on it pretty hard," Philten said in an interview Tuesday.

In Twin Falls, a Gold's Gym franchise operating from a storefront recently started con-

struction on a new, large facility.

Founded by bodybuilder Joe Gold, Gold's began as a single gym in 1965 in Venice, Calif., where it still is based. The gym became familiar to millions through the 1977 movie "Pumping Iron" starring Schwarzenegger, now governor of California.

Gold's has gyms in 43 states and 25 countries, said gym spokesman Dave Reisman. Gold's also licenses the Gold's name for products such as apparel, exercise equipment and food and drink supplements.

TIT, which also owns Omni Hotels, was impressed that 56 percent of Gold's members are women despite its original macho image. Philten said Gold's can quickly grab a larger share of the fitness industry by buying smaller chains and building new stores.

TIT Holdings was formed in 1989 by Texas oil explorer Reese Rowling and his son, Robert. The company still has some oil interests, but is more focused on the Omni chain.

Former wives of chain's founders seek more stock

DENVER — The legal drama haunting Quiznos just got personal.

The ex-wives of the chain's father-and-son owners are now warring in court over the value of the Quiznos stock awarded to each of them in their divorce settlements more than three years ago.

Irene Hellman-Schaden, former wife of Quiznos chief executive Rick Schaden, and Kathleen Schaden, former wife of Quiznos vice president Dick Schaden, claim they each should have received stock worth \$12 million, not the \$4

million cash originally agreed upon, court records show.

This week, Dick and son Rick Schaden asked a Boulder County District Court judge to block access to court records regarding the dispute — as well as block access to any personal financial records. They cited the need for their children's privacy and the potential adverse impact on Quiznos.

The domestic bickering makes the latest legal problems plaguing the Schadens and their sandwich chain, which includes a franchised location in Twin Falls.

Last week, five Quiznos franchisees sued the company, alleging deceptive trade practices, breach of contract and fraud related to advertising fees and proximity of other Quiznos stores.

Quiznos also remains tangled in three shareholder lawsuits that claim the chain didn't pay a fair market value for public shares when the Schadens took the business private in 2001.

In January, District Judge Robert McGehey ruled in one shareholder case that Quiznos shares were worth \$32.50, not the \$8.50 a share paid to one group of large shareholders. The judge added that the company acted in "bad faith" when executives took the company private. Quiznos has appealed.

The ruling evoked ire from

shareholders, as well as from the Schaden ex-wives. The women received \$8.50 per Quiznos share as part of the separation agreements, and they now argue that their stock should have been worth far more in light of McGehey's ruling.

Irene Hellman-Schaden and Rick Schaden were married for 11 years before divorcing in 2000. Kathleen Schaden was married for 13 years to Dick Schaden before their 2001 divorce. Each couple had two children.

Irene Hellman-Schaden and Kathleen Schaden now threaten to sue their ex-husbands if a mediator fails to resolve their complaints.

COURT FILINGS

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Joseph Miles Stout and Karen P. Pearson, also known as Karen P. Stout, 835 S. 1300 E., Eden, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-41219.

Barbara Lynn Ingalls Pace, 531 Burton Ave., No. 12B, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-41224.

Benjamin Micheal Larson, 3002 S. 22nd E., Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-41237.

Carlos A. Marsh, 319 Sixth Ave. N., No. B, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-41250.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Frank Dean Smith, doing business as Wood River Glass & Mirror, 314 Sixth St., Bellevue, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-41218.

Gordon Curtis Morrissey, 720 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl, and Theresa Renee Newberry, also known as Theresa Renee Morrissey and Theresa Renee Kroecheck, 252 Seventh Ave. E., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-41220.

Douglas Vincent Bailey, 2058 Yale, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-41226.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Brian Lee Sherman and Rachelle Janine Sherman, 512 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-41217.

Anahita Isom, also known as Ann Lita Isom and Ann L. Isom, 1950 Granddun Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-41225.

Lucrecia Reyes, 6581 Grouse Lane, Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-41238.

Chapter 7, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

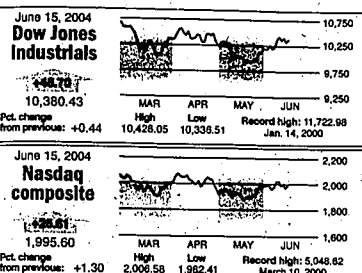
David H. Rodriguez and Aida Rodriguez, 630 S. Wallace St., Wendell, individual, business (construction), Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-41235.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$80,000 to \$100,000

Donald R. Johnson and Kristie M. Johnson, 2051 Kings Row, Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-41232.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Dennis F. Helmer and Anne Helmer, also known as Anne Clark, 894 W. 200 S., Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-41244.



Inflation worries ease as stocks rise

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors got some reassurance about inflation and the economy from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan Tuesday and sent stocks higher as the market's interest worries ebbed.

Testifying before Congress at his reconfirmation hearing, Greenspan said that, in the short run, inflation was not a major concern, though he reiterated that the Fed would be aggressive if it needed.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD. Lists various stocks and their performance metrics.

Web distributor: Attack behind sluggish Internet sites

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Several major Web sites — including Yahoo!, Microsoft and Google — were inaccessible at times early Tuesday due to what the company that distributes them online called an attack.

Fries

Continued from D4. The USDA agreed and, on June 2, 2003, amended its PACA rules to include what is described in court documents as the "Batter-Coating Rule."

Tim Elliott, a Chicago attorney who recently challenged the revision in a state federal court, on behalf of a french fry food distributor, said defining french fries as fresh vegetables defies common sense.

"I find it pretty outrageous, really," said Elliott, who argues that the Batter-Coating Rule is so vague that chocolate-covered cherries, packed in a candy box, would qualify as fresh fruit.

"After partial dehydrating, the potato strips are coated with an aqueous slurry," the patent says. "The aqueous starch emulsifying slurry... is comprised of a combination of ingredients modified"

Web distributor: Attack behind sluggish Internet sites

infrastructure. However, there was no evidence that non-Akamai infrastructure was affected. Amit Yoran, head of the Department of Homeland Security's cyber security division, declined to comment on the alleged attack and its scope, deferring questions to Akamai.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes columns for Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

INDEXES

Table showing indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial, and others with their values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks such as Albertson, Home Depot, and others with their market data.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange.

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Table listing NASDAQ national market stocks with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD.

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CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

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NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange

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Stores

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In the building called Alfred and Viola...
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NATION

Networks schedule new shows year-round

NEW YORK (AP) — Life, say some philosophers, is a cycle with no beginning or end. Sort of like the scheduling philosophy nowadays at the broadcast networks, blurring the time-honored lines between one season and another.

Granted, CBS rejects the cosmic oneness of a never-ending TV season.

But check out Fox, now embarked on what it calls "a trailblazing year-round programming initiative with a slate of new summer shows, then more in November, more yet next January, and on, presumably ad infinitum."

Fox — like ABC, NBC, UPN and the WB — has evidently seen the light: TV series are born, TV series die, and round and round it goes. Which leaves viewers to live each day blissfully accepting this cosmic truth: What's on TV tonight may bear little resemblance to the program lineup next month, or even to what's on next week.

For viewers, the journey through prime time surpasses understanding. But just because the schedules seem to run riot doesn't mean there isn't a higher plan: Keep viewers occupied by keeping them befuddled. Then they'll forget to look elsewhere. Live on cable.

More than ever the broadcast networks are trying to dazzle the audience with routine-shattering specials: minis and limited-run series.

Also, promotional sleight of hand. NBC has made a grand show of bulking up episodes of its like "Friends" with added commercials, then hyping the experience as "sponsored."

But NBC, as well as others, is also offering viewers more of something truly worthwhile, in fact downright revolutionary: First-run series with no mandatory repeats. NBC's "The West Wing," ABC's "NYPD Blue" and the WB's "One Tree Hill" are among the series that will air just once. They do not rerun. Say again? No reruns!



Melina Kanakaredes, left, and Gary Sinise appear in this scene from CBS' "CSI: New York," in this undated publicity photo.

Of course, that doesn't mean episodes of other series won't still be repeated, and even recycled again, within the same week.

Besides, even a series that only airs brand-new episodes often feels a lot like a retreat of some other show. On television, as elsewhere — in the physical world, nothing is created or destroyed. Just made to look like something else.

In April, Fox announced "The Next Great Champ," an upcoming reality series about boxing, not long after NBC announced "The Contender," an upcoming reality series about boxing.

Meanwhile, networks have made a science of breeding spinoffs from their hit shows. Call it "TV series husbandry."

NBC will spawn "Law & Order" No. 4 — the third "L&O" offspring since 1999 — early next year.

And CBS will premiere the

third in what is less like a bloodline than a product line, "Crime Scene Investigation."

With "CSI: New York," look for a new shade of tell-tale "CSI" color coding: The chosen filmic look is Urban Blue. "CSI: Miami" will surely stick with its original series, set-in-Las-Vegas-favors Midnight Chrome. Thus will "CSI" be available in three decorator colors!

That's only part of what's to come, though it's too soon to say exactly what. Right now, TV critics have gotten a look at some of the new shows but are prohibited from writing about them.

"We're providing these tapes for background only and UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THEY BE USED FOR REVIEW PURPOSES," declares CBS in an advisory similar to those from the other networks.

The early, rough-cut versions

aren't (in industry lingo) "reviewable," a fact all too obvious with certain new sitcoms, where canned laughter hasn't yet been added to the actual responses from the studio audience. Each hilarious punch line is received with a few hollow chuckles. Before the final, reviewable versions can be sent out, the laughs will have to be added.

A note with the ABC tapes cautioned that "the role of Mary Alice in 'Desperate Housewives' is being recast, which will result in some reshooting."

Likewise for NBC's new Matt LeBlanc sitcom, "Joey," where a secondary character — a sexy neighbor — is being revamped, calling for a new actress (not yet chosen) to play her.

For these and other series premiering in August and thereafter, the next few weeks will be a frenzy of minor tweaking and major surgery.

Southern Baptists quit federation

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention quit a global federation of Baptist denominations Tuesday as SBC leaders denounced the Baptist World Alliance and other groups for accepting liberal theology.

At a meeting that has affirmed the SBC's conservative values 25 years after its rightward shift began, more than 8,000 Southern Baptists also elected as President Bush — speaking through a live video link — stressed his support for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Outgoing SBC President Jack Graham called Bush "a man of personal faith whose leadership is great for America" as he introduced him.

The SBC is the world's largest Baptist denomination and America's largest Protestant body, with 63 million members. It helped launch the alliance 99 years ago and was a strong supporter before its move toward strict conservatism with the election of a right-leaning president a quarter-century ago.

On Tuesday, it took just a show of hands vote to approve the withdrawal from the alliance after a brief debate.

The alliance, based in Falls Church, Va., is a federation of 46 million Baptists in 211 denominations.

The SBC's pullout means it will lose \$300,000 next year — the alliance's current budget is \$1.7 million — but "our concern is not financial," said the Rev. Denton Lee, general secretary of the alliance. "Our concern is schism and division. Christians need to be a united voice."

The Rev. Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, told the meeting the problem was a liberal drift within the alliance.

Patterson said some in the group question the inerrancy of the Bible and that one U.S. member denomination, American Baptist Churches, includes a group of "gay-friendly congregations."

Graham's address as outgoing president said the 2004 "election matters because there are two different viewpoints on where this culture needs to be on the moral issues of our time."

He urged Southern Baptists to lobby Congress in favor of an anti-gay marriage amendment.

Bush, who has spoken to the

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The Southern Baptist Convention has the second largest membership of any denomination in the United States.

Largest memberships of major U.S. churches

Roman Catholic Church **153 million**

Southern Baptist Convention **63 million**

United Methodist Church **5.5 million**

Church of God in Christ **5.4 million**

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints **5.4 million**

NOTE: All numbers are in millions.

SOURCE: 2004 Yearbook of American AP & Canadian Church.

annual Baptist meeting three years running, delivered what sounded much like a campaign stump speech. He was greeted warmly, with a minute-long ovation, and got the biggest applause when he said that "I support a constitutional amendment to protect marriage as the union of a man and a woman."

A Tuesday night presentation will urge congregations to join the SBC's new voter registration campaign. And it's possible that on Wednesday a resolutions committee will ask the meeting for formal action on the gay marriage issue.

The SBC also elected the Rev. Bobby Welch of Daytona Beach, Fla., as Graham's successor. He easily defeated a last-minute challenge from the Rev. Al Jarrell, of Riverside Baptist Church in Merry Hill, N.C.

Welch, 61, will mark 30 years as senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach this summer. He has traveled the country promoting his congregation's method of evangelism — which is coordinated with Sunday schools — and giving speeches at "God and Country" meetings.

As president, Welch plans to meet SBC officials and members in all 50 states, traveling the country by bus later this year. He also hopes to visit American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Welch, a native of Fort Payne, Ala., nearly died of a wound he sustained while serving as an Army Green Beret platoon leader in Vietnam. He felt the call to the ministry while recuperating.

Zoo: gorilla escaped by leaping over wall

DALLAS (AP) — A gorilla that was shot to death by police after breaking out of its enclosure at the Dallas Zoo in March escaped by leaping from a mound of dirt over a 12-foot wall, officials said Tuesday.

Jabari, a 340-pound western lowland gorilla, went on a 40-minute rampage March 10, snatching up a toddler with his teeth and injuring three other people.

Zoo investigators believe the gorilla climbed a dirt hill that was roughly as high as the wall but about 12 feet away.

They said Jabari probably got a running start and sailed over the wall, clearing an electrical wire atop it that is supposed to give a mild shock.

"This is strictly a gorilla doing something that no one ever anticipated that a gorilla could do," zoo Director Rich Buickerood said as the zoo re-

leased the results of its investigation and reopened part of the exhibit.

The wire was not broken and had no hair on it, suggesting the gorilla was airborne when it cleared the wall, zoo spokeswoman Ellen Villeneuve said.

"Young gorillas such as 13-year-old Jabari sometimes engage in athletic displays for other animals, Buickerood said.

"We know gorillas are typically not leapers," he said. "But we do know that particularly these younger guys like to do these display runs. And they charge around the habitat showing off. And we think that's exactly what Jabari did."

The zoo investigation found no human errors that might have led to the gorilla's escape, such as doors left open.

The zoo is raising the walls to 15 feet.

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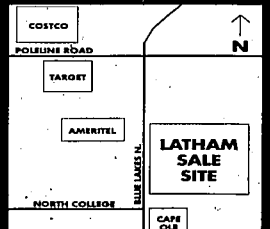
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