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# COWBOY SOLDIER

## Vietnam vets prepare for tour in Iraq

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

DONA ANA BASE CAMP, N.M. — The soldier they call "the cowboy" keeps the bottom bunk closest to the door. Spec. Roy Roberts much prefers wide-open spaces to the confines of an Army hooch. Before being deployed, back when he was a weekend warrior with the 2-116th Cavalry Brigade of the Idaho National Guard, he always slept in his sleeping bag outside the tent during war games — even when there was snow on the ground. He was born with a wandering soul and the heart of a cowboy.

"My parents told me I was born 150 years too late," Roberts said. Now 51, Roberts, who was based at the Twin Falls armory, is stationed with other soldiers of the 2-116th at Dona Ana Base Camp in the southern New Mexico desert just west of the Texas border. He's a truck driver, loading and hauling ammunition and other supplies out to the ranges.

He'd much prefer to be on another kind of range, though — his ranch in Yellow Pine in northern Idaho, where he has 17 quarter horses of his own and boards many others. His wife, Connie, and other family members are taking care of things during his 18-month deployment that will include a one-year tour of Iraq.

It won't be his first war. He was lost a kid when he went in the Army in the spring of '73 and was sent to Vietnam. "I was young and cocky and had a chip on my shoulder," Roberts remembered. "I fought all the time when I was growing up. No one could knock it off."

He said a hard-nosed drill sergeant tried to straighten him out by going one on one with him in a boxing ring, but even that didn't mend his attitude.

What did? "The war," he said. During his time in the jungles of Vietnam, he took a bullet in the leg, shrapnel in the face, a knife in his arm and a bayonet in the back. And he saw many of his friends die. The chip on his shoulder disappeared.

"Seeing your friends die, it does something to you," Roberts said.

War, he said, teaches many lessons about friendship and loyalty.

"You meet all kinds of people from all different walks of life," Roberts said. "Some you liked, some you didn't, but you were like one big family. You trusted them, and they trusted you. A



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Spec. Roy Roberts, 51, a truck driver in the Supply Platoon of the HHC 2-116th Cavalry, sits in one of the Oshkosh Hemit vehicles he drives at the Dona Ana Base Camp in New Mexico. Roberts will transport supplies such as ammunition and water in Iraq, just as he did in the Vietnam War in the 1970s.

Soldiers with the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team are in the midst of an 18-month deployment that eventually will take them on a one-year tour of duty in Iraq.



Idahoans in Iraq

**Keeping in touch**  
This is the last of the daily dispatches from reporter Sandy Miller and photographer Ashley Smith at the Dona Ana Base Camp in New Mexico, where they've been embedded with the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team. But watch for a comprehensive wrap-up of their week with the troops in Sunday's Times-News.



Spec. Robert Davenport, 18, of Twin Falls relaxes between training missions by playing a first-shooter video game called 'Halo' while Spc. Chad Dunn, 21, of Boise, both of 2nd Platoon Bravo Company 2-116th Cavalry, sleeps in the background Tuesday afternoon.

battle buddy would take a bullet for you just like you would  
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## Home schooling numbers rise across U.S.

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — For Sabrina Messner, the hour-and-a-half one-way bus ride to Hollister Elementary School was too much

to put her children through. She has found home schooling her three children works much better.

The Messners live south of Twin Falls in the Filer School District, but if her children at-

tended Hollister Elementary, they would spend three hours of bus time each day for the otherwise 12-mile trip to school. Two of her children attended Filer schools for a year and a half while she was caring for the

newborn third. She said she didn't like them being in the largely unsupervised environment for so long. She also prefers to teach them her own religious values  
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## Statue of Liberty reopens to public

The first time since 9-11

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Statue of Liberty, hailed once again as "a beacon of hope," welcomed tourists inside on Tuesday for the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks, with hundreds of visitors returning despite warnings of terrorist threats.

In an hour-long reopening ceremony, Mayor Michael Bloomberg urged Americans to visit the statue and demonstrate that the country would never be "coerced into abandoning any symbol of America."

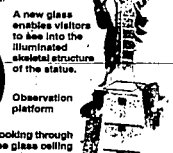
Free tickets were quickly snapped up for the first trips back inside, with some disappointed visitors left out in the

### Looking Inside the Liberty

The Statue of Liberty welcomed back visitors on Tuesday for the first time since it was shut down after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Visitors can only go as high as the statue's foot.



SOURCE: National Park Service



A new glass viewing platform allows visitors to see into the illuminated skeletal structure of the statue. Looking through the glass ceiling  
AP

summer heat. "It's pretty awesome. It's a privilege to be here," said Den-

nis Wallace of Sheldon, Iowa, who drove 21 hours with his girlfriend  
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## Crossing's fate may be decided today

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY — While details trickle in regarding the death of two draft horses participating in a trial run of the annual Three Island Crossing, the event's organizing committee had not yet determined Tuesday if the re-enactment will take place this year.

"It's just a tragic accident," said Peggy Bybee, events coordinator for the Three Island Crossing Committee.

On Sunday two Belgian horses drowned while pulling a wagon across the river during a rehearsal for the Aug. 14 re-enactment. For the last 18 years, people have relived Oregon Trail pioneers' journey across the Snake River during the 1840s, drawing thousands of spectators annually.

Although no people have died during the event, several including U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo, have survived spills in the adventure. Until Sunday, only two animals had been killed during previous crossings.

According to Perry Pleyte of Bliss, the 2,000-pound horses Sunday began turning in a circle after the wagon driver and others could not release the wagon. As a result, he said, the horses' kept getting pushed down river by the current off the crossing track and into a deep hole. The accident, Pleyte said, will probably lead to improved release mechanisms to separate wagons from teams.

"That crossing is always a tough crossing, that's what the pioneers faced," Pleyte said. "There are a lot of precautions taken. The horses are near and dear to us."

The organizing committee's verdict on the incident is still out.

"We're trying to put everything together," Bybee said.

The committee will consider the facts surrounding the incident and evaluate safety precautions. Bybee said she could neither comment on the nature of the accident nor divulge the committee's findings this far. The committee is expected to reach a decision today.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation likely will support the actions of the organizing committee.  
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### Tracker

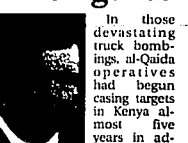
- **Last we know:** Two draft horses died on Sunday during a practice run for the Three Island Crossing re-enactment.
- **The latest:** The Associated Press reported Tuesday that the horses drowned after getting tangled in wagon rigging and being pulled downstream into a deep river hole.
- **What's next:** The Three Island Crossing Committee will decide this week whether the event will continue as scheduled on Aug. 14.

## Ridge defends warning despite age of intelligence

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Tuesday defended the decision to tighten security in New York and Washington even though the intelligence behind the latest terror warnings was as much as four years old.

Law enforcement officials were trying to determine whether the plot was current, with terrorists still trying to organize such an attack — in an investigation made more urgent by revelations linking the suspect behind the intelligence with the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in east Africa.



In those devastating truck bombings, al-Qaida operatives had begun casing targets in Kenya almost five years in advance. The warnings Ridge is playing attacks on specific buildings in New York, Washington and Newark, N.J., have prompted authorities to elevate the terror alert level for the financial sector in those areas.  
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and mostly dry. High near 90.
Tonight: Mostly clear skies and breezy. Low upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and very warm. High low 90s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

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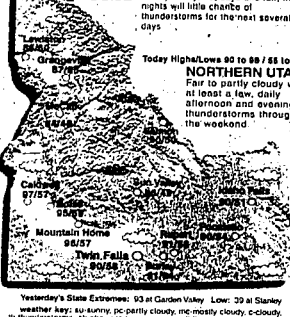
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny to partly cloudy and very warm. High low 90s.
Tonight: Fair and mild. Lows lower to middle 50s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and very warm. High low 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Fair to partly cloudy with isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms through Friday. Warm days and cool nights through the period.

Today High: 77 to 86. Tonight's Low: 44 to 64.
BOISE: Mostly sunny, hot days and fair, mild nights with little chance of thunderstorms for the next several days.



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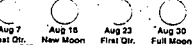
Sunrise and Sunset

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Pollen Count

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Moonrise and Moonset

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Atlanta, Baltimore, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

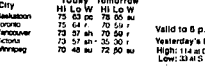
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Today's National Map



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School

Continued from A1 and give them individual attention. "I'm not anti-public school," Messner said. She just believes she can better teach to her children's individual levels.

schoolers she knows, there are people who do it for religious reasons—people who are focused on getting the best possible education, people who are really interested in backpacking who take their children on extended trips, and even a homosexual couple who didn't want their children to be ridiculed.

reported school violence is down. "That sense of anxiety—fueled by terrorism warnings, high-profile school shootings and a desire to keep children out of harm's way—probably has helped home schooling grow, said Ted Feinberg, assistant executive director of the National Association of School Psychologists.

Crossing

Continued from A1 organizing committee, said Jennifer Couture, communication manager for the department. "We're in support of the community," she said. "Of course, our main concern is the safety of park patrons and the animals involved."

events' fate. In order to host the re-enactment, the organizing committee applies for a permit with the Elmore County Sheriff's Department. The sheriff could not be reached for comment Tuesday evening.

Liberty

Continued from A1 friend and five children to visit the statue. "The announcement of the orange alert will not stop us," visitors found tightened security measures at the 117-year-old national monument, including a new anti-bomb detection device that blasts air into clothing and then checks for particles of explosive residue.

Why home? In national surveys, parents offered two main reasons for choosing home schooling: 31 percent cited concerns about the environment of regular schools, and 30 percent wanted the flexibility to teach religious or moral lessons.

Warning Continued from A1 guests that terrorists were recruiting using the information from the intelligence activities.

Iraq

Continued from A1 for him." He was on one of the last helicopters out from the U.S. Embassy after the fall of Saigon. Like other Vietnam veterans, he didn't get a hero's welcome home.

about the time the Vietnam War ended. "He's got stories about moving houses." Franko said she saw a picture of Roberts sitting on top of a house being moved on a truck.

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Advertisement for CORRECTION: Colner Is GOP Senate nominee. An article Tuesday about a state water committee should have said that Colner is the Republican nominee for the state Senate in District 24.



NATION/WEST

# Report shows money funneled to pay debt

**BOISE (AP)** — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's political campaign committee repaid most of its 2002 debt with money that was intended to be used to either finance a 2006 campaign or underwrite current office expenses.

Campaign treasurer Larry Jeffries doubted on Tuesday that the \$10,000 in contributions were improperly applied, but said he would have to review report and backup documents before commenting on whether state campaign finance laws were violated.

Kempthorne's campaign covering the first six months of 2004 showed Kempthorne raising \$50,000 under a now-repealed provision allowing contributions up to \$5,000 outside normal campaign limits if the money pays office expenses.

Another \$7,300 was earmarked for the 2006 primary election. While Kempthorne, 56, says he is not running, he did not seek a third term, he pulled that statement back earlier this year because of the restrictions it placed on political fund-raising.

His designations are expected to ensure that campaign contributions from individuals or corporations and organizations are limited to \$5,000 for primaries and \$5,000 for general elections.

Kempthorne's campaign opened this year with \$21,000 in the bank and raised \$50,000



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

more in contributions with no strings attached. That gave the campaign a total of \$129,000 in deposits available for debt repayment, according to contribution designations.

Still the campaign reported paying \$82,000 in bills from 2002 that still leaves nearly \$120,000 in unpaid debt. On creditor, the estate of the late political strategist Tony Payton, has advised the governor's office it will pursue payment in court.

Three quarters of the contributions earmarked for Kempthorne's current office expenses came from donors who had either not contributed or contributed only up to the limit to the 2002 campaign, but funneling their cash into the campaign under the expenses loophole before it was repealed on March 22 left those donors open to future contributions for 2002 debt reduction.

Violation of the campaign finance laws are misdemeanors which bring up to \$2,500 fines and six months in jail. In previous years, fines have only been levied for filing late campaign finance reports.

# Officials: Utah man told witness he killed wife

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — The husband of a missing pregnant woman told a "reliable citizen witness" in the psychiatric ward that he killed his wife as she slept and then threw her body in a wash bin, according to a court filing.



Mark Hacking

The document, released Tuesday by the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department, also says investigators found human blood on a knife in the bedroom of Mark Hacking's apartment and on the couple's headboard, and bedrail.

Blood found in the bedroom matched traces of blood found in Lori Hacking's car, according to the statement.

Mark Hacking was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated

murder, even though his wife's body has not been found. Lori Hacking has not been seen since July 19, when Hacking said his wife failed to return from a morning jog.

Investigators believe the 27-year-old woman was killed in the couple's apartment and that her body is buried somewhere in 3,000 tons of trash at the county landfill. Searches using dogs were to resume Wednesday night.

Mark Hacking, 28, has not been formally charged. He is being held without bail and was placed on suicide watch.

While thousands of friends and volunteers turned out to search for the missing woman, police already were investigating her husband and searching the couple's apartment.

Police were seen removing a box spring — but no mattress — from the apartment. They refused to confirm that they had seized an old mattress from a nearby trash bin.

On the morning that Hacking reported his wife had disappeared, police have said, he was buying a mattress even though he told friends and authorities he had been searching her jogging route.

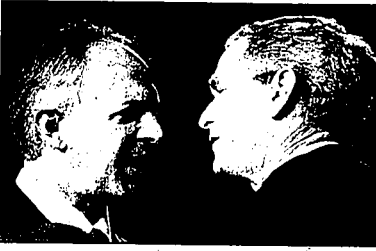
Two days later, news organiza-

tions discovered that Hacking had lied about graduating from the University of Utah and lied about being accepted at a medical school in North Carolina, where the couple was to have moved within just days.

Mark Hacking was hospitalized after he was sent running around naked outside a room, hours after making an emotional appeal on television for help in searching for his wife.

Lori Hacking's brother, Paul Soares, told "The Early Show" on CBS on Tuesday that the situation is unexplainable.

"It's been described as surreal and that's really how we feel a situation that you just can't believe is happening," said Soares.



President Bush, right, is introduced by Carl Anderson, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, at the 122nd Annual Knights of Columbus Convention Tuesday in Dallas.

# Commissioner: Use sales tax to repair Capitol

**BOISE (AP)** — A member of the Idaho Capitol Commission wants to extend the temporary 1-cent sales tax to pay for the renovation of the state's most historic building.

"I hope you tell me who has been radically or seriously hurt by the 1-cent sales tax, and I think it would be an appropriate use," said Capitol Commission member Andy Erstad, an architect who is active in numerous Boise civic organizations.

"We're going to have to figure out how to take care of this, or deterioration could render the building useless," Erstad said on Tuesday. Without a substantial and timely infusion of cash, "we can keep the toilets working and we can keep the lights on, but that's about it."

House Tax Committee chairwoman Dolores Crow, R-Nampa, said extending the sales tax one year, which would net about \$180 million — was out of the question.

"No, no, no, no, no, no, no," she said. "That's sneaky. We just need to be patient. Patience always pays off."

Although \$3.5 million in exterior work will start on the Statehouse in the next few months, other members of the Capitol Commission admit they have no long-term solutions for repairing the interior electrical, mechanical and safety systems.

Capitol Commission interim chairman Pat Ahrens, also the director of the Department of Administration, said work on the upper shell of the building — roof, skylights and masonry — is about 10 months to complete.

But it is still only a fraction of the \$64 million major renovation project identified in 2001 but squelched a year later when

lawmakers raided the fund to balance the state budget.

Ahrens, who oversees all state buildings, said the state has many building that need priority repairs, including the vacant Ada County Courthouse across the street from the Capitol.

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The sales tax must sunset. The governor has made it very clear that it will end," she said.

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"From the marble floors to the dome, this Capitol represents the hope of a new state," Kempthorne said July 30, 2001.

# Bush raises money for Republicans

**DALLAS (AP)** — President Bush raised \$1.6 million for the Republican Party on Tuesday in federal grants for faith-based organizations that help the needy in an election-year appeal to Roman Catholic voters.

"We must address despair," the president told the Knights of Columbus as the White House announced \$188 million in federal grants for faith-based and community groups helping the homeless, the unemployed, substance abusers, and the children of parents who are in prison.

The president has promoted a bigger role for faith-based groups in government-funded social service programs.

"I believe government needs to stand on the side of faith-based groups, not against faith-based groups," the president said to applause from thousands at a convention of the group.

Bush split the Catholic vote with Democrat Al Gore in the 2000 election and has steadily courted Catholic voters ever since, mindful that they represent about a quarter of the electorate. The president met with Pope John Paul II for the third time two months ago, a fact he reminded the Knights of Columbus.

Bush's rival John Kerry is Catholic; the president is Methodist.

In his remarks to the organization, Bush highlighted a bill he signed — last year — that banned late-term abortions, in April, he signed into law new protections for the unborn that made it a separate federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on the mother.

"The ban on partial-birth abortions is constitutional and the administration will vigorously defend it in the courts," Bush said.

# Heinz has retort for Bush fans

**THE WASHINGTON POST**

**MILWAUKEE** — A week ago she told a writer from a Pittsburgh newspaper to "show it," and on Monday night the never-bashful Teresa Heinz Kerry offered up another attention-getting line, saying four more years of the Bush presidency would be "hell" for the country.

Heinz Kerry was introducing her husband, John Kerry, at a huge outdoor rally here when a group of Bush supporters, armed with a megaphone,

started chanting from a distance, "Four more years! Four more years!"

Without hesitating, Heinz Kerry responded, "They want four more years of hell."

The candidate threw back his head with a laugh, and the partisan, pro-Kerry crowd roared its approval, chanting, "Three more months, three more months," with Heinz Kerry joining in. When it was his turn to speak, Kerry said of his wife, "She speaks her mind, and she speaks the truth — and she's pretty quick on her feet, too."

# Small plane crash kills six in Texas

**LAKEWAY, Texas (AP)** — A small plane crashed into a golf course in suburban Austin and burst into flames Tuesday, killing the six people aboard. Three people inside the luxury two-story home escaped unharmed.

The identities of the victims — four adults and two children — were not immediately known, Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tita Mange said.

The house, which backs up to a golf course, is less than two miles from Lakeway Airport, a privately owned airport created by residents of the Austin suburb.

There were conflicting reports on whether the twin-engine plane crashed while trying to land or had trouble getting airborne after takeoff. It was also unclear where the flight originated or was headed.

Five bodies were recovered from the wreckage. Crews worked hours after the noon crash to get the sixth from the burning home, Mange said. The impact of the crash left the plane in "very small pieces," she said.

"It was apparent when we got here there were no survivors," said Warren Hassinger, a spokesman with Austin-Texas County Emergency Management Services.

Three people inside the home — a retired couple, according to neighbors — and a third person whose relationship to the couple was not immediately known — escaped.

The building of the home, which overlooks the golf course, was blackened and charred, with rubble scattered all over the yard.

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# Boise man will serve 10 years for abusing infant

**BOISE (AP)** — A father will serve at least 10 years in prison for systematically beating his infant son.

James Robert Chapman, 22, pleaded guilty in June to three counts of aggravated battery. Prosecutors said Chapman was a methamphetamine user who broke his son's pelvis, arm and ankles while the child's mother was at work.

Chapman was arrested Jan. 3 after the baby's mother took the infant to the hospital. Doctors found that the infant, just 29 days old, had been repeatedly injured over two prior weeks.

At his sentencing Monday, Chapman wept as he apologized for the abuse.

"I'm sorry for hurting my son, and I'm sorry I'm in and out of it — it eats at me, the pain put my son through, I'm a bad person. I need to pay the price for my childish, selfish acts," Chapman's defense attorney,

D.C. Carr, asked the judge to be lenient and consider that the child had been born into a home infested with drugs.

But 4th District Judge Cheri Copey, who sentenced Chapman to between 10 and 30 years, said Chapman seemed to use his drug use as an excuse.

"It is clear these were purposeful acts," she said. "They were not accidents. It is very difficult to break a child's bones at this age — it can't be an accident."

Deputy Ada County Prosecutor Shelley Armstrong said the infant is in foster care, where he was placed immediately after he was brought to a Boise hospital in January.

Armstrong said the baby's broken bones have healed but it is impossible to tell how the injury may affect his development.

The baby's mother was granted immunity in exchange for agreeing to testify against Chapman if the case went to trial.

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# Insurgent attacks kill seven in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** — Insurgents killed seven Iraqi security personnel in a car bombing and other attacks Tuesday, and the U.S. military announced the deaths of six Americans, including four killed by guerrillas.

The American dead included two soldiers killed by a roadside bomb and two Marines, who died after being wounded in fighting Monday. Two others died in non-combat-related incidents. The U.S. deaths brought at least 919 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq.

Also, Tuesday, saboteurs set off a bomb at a key northern oil pipeline, sparking a fire and sending huge plumes of thick black smoke into the sky. The explosion had no immediate effect on exports, which had been halted for weeks from the north.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi warned the continuing violence on "civil powers ... trying to stop Iraq's march toward safety."

"We expect that as Iraq's security capabilities increase, the crushing of these (armed) operations will increase," he told reporters Tuesday.

Meanwhile gunmen, apparently Sunni Muslims, shot Tuesday at an office belonging



Relatives of Iraqi National Guard Ryad Khudayar grieve the death of their relative killed in Monday's car blast, at the morgue in the Baquba hospital, northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on Tuesday.

to the movement of Iraq's most senior Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, in the town of Mustafra, about 15 miles south of Baghdad — an area of frequent insurgent attacks.

The Shiite residents shot back, killing six of the attackers and capturing three, according to Col. Anwar al-Ubaidi, police chief of the nearby town of Mahmoudiya.

In the city of Najaf, south of

Sadr's millidamen engaged in a battle in Najaf on Monday that killed a woman.

Al-Sadr aides have accused police of targeting members of his Mahdi Army.

Najaf Gov. Adnan al-Zurfi confirmed that a number of policemen were kidnapped; Ahmed al-Shabany, an al-Sadr spokesman, denied any police were locked up in al-Sadr's office or any of his quarters.

The deadliest insurgent attack Tuesday came in a car bombing north of the city of Baquba, when a truck raced toward an Iraqi checkpoint guarding Kharnabab Bridge, officials said.

The truck attempted to merge into a U.S. military convoy heading toward the bridge, but a soldier driving one of the vehicles forced it off the road before it detonated, said Maj. Neal O'Brien, a U.S. Army spokesman. No U.S. troops were injured, he said.

The blast killed four members of the Iraqi National Guard and wounded five others, said Maj. Gen. Waleed Khaled Abdul-salam, Baquba's police chief.

"A U.S. convoy drove past us and just afterward there was an explosion," Cpl. Motaz Abood, whose back, arms and face were covered in burns, said from his hospital bed.

The U.S. military reported that two U.S. Marines with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force were killed in fighting Monday in Anbar province, a volatile, Sunni-dominated region west of Baghdad.

One Marine was killed Monday, the other died Tuesday of wounds, the military said. A third Marine was killed Tuesday after suffering a non-hostile gunshot wound, the military said.

A roadside bomb in Baghdad killed two U.S. soldiers and wounded two others late Monday, the military said. A third soldier was killed Tuesday in a vehicle accident in Baghdad, the military said.

In other violence, a roadside bomb attack early Tuesday killed Col. Muayad Mohammed Bashar, chief of al-Muhammed police station in Baghdad, along with another officer, officials said. A third officer was wounded in the blast.

Gunmen in the northern city of Mosul opened fire on a police station, killing one officer and injuring two others before fleeing, police chief Izzat Ibrahim said.

From April 2003 to May 2004, alone, 710 Iraqi police were killed out of a total force of 130,000 officers, authorities said.

## Sweep against al-Qaida widens

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)** — Pakistan has arrested two "high-level" al-Qaida terrorists, one with a multimillion-dollar U.S. bounty on his head, widening a sweep against al-Qaida's vast web of operatives that has netted at least 500 suspects, officials said Tuesday.

Among those detained in the past two days were a policeman accused of passing information to al-Qaida militants, a Syrian arrested at a bus stop and a man carrying suspicious documents when surveyed trying to fly out of the country.

Officials said the suspects are believed to be linked to a militant already in custody who provided crucial intelligence leading to the arrest of a top fugitive last week and to Washington's issuing a warning Sunday of terror threats to U.S. financial institutions.

Pakistan's interior minister said the arrest of the high-ranking targets in eastern Punjab province was a major break only days after intelligence agents caught Ahmed Khalid Chalabi, the Iranian-born spy, by U.S. officials for the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in East Africa.

## Witness says photos were 'fun'

**FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP)** — An FBI investigator testified Tuesday that Pfc. Lyndie England and other members of her unit told him that photos of naked Iraqi prisoners piled in pyramids and other humiliating poses were taken "just for fun."

As a military hearing started to determine if England should be court-martialed for her actions at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, Paul DeArhur testified that when he interviewed her, three months before the prison photos became public, she told him the shots were taken while "they were joking around, having some fun, working the night shift."

Arthur said he believed the recruits from the 372nd Military Police Company, based on Cresaptown, Md., were responding to the stress of being in a war zone.

"It was just for fun, kind of venting their frustration," Arthur testified.

The hearing is designed to gather evidence that will be used to decide if England will be court-martialed. The Article 12 hearing is the military equivalent of a grand jury in civilian court, but it is open and the defendant attends it.

Defense lawyers have said England was following orders when she was photographed mocking the detainees and that the U.S. government has made her a scapegoat for an incident that stirred anger in the Arab world.

## Officer: Marines weren't trying to arrest cleric

**Knight Ridder Newspapers**

**NAJAF, Iraq** — U.S. Marines accidentally strayed down a road near a house where Muqtada al-Sadr was visiting and weren't trying to arrest the cleric when they got into an hours-long firefight with his supporters Monday, a Marine officer said Tuesday.

"Until we learn the side streets, we won't know where Sadr lives. And until we do, we'll run into things," said Lt. Mike Wyruch of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The unit took command of the area only on Saturday.

Najaf appeared to have returned to normalcy here Tuesday, with al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia members doing AK-47 assault rifles as they walked the streets, but with no sign of conflict between them and the Marines. Neither side seemed willing to break the fragile truce that stopped fighting that had raged since April through much of southern Iraq and parts of Baghdad.

But police at checkpoints outside Najaf were tense, thoroughly checking cars for weapons after reports that 18 policemen in Najaf were abducted during the past several days, possibly as bargaining chips for the release of al-Sadr followers. A Knight Ridder reporter was detained by police for about an hour and a half and questioned repeatedly about his identity and purpose for being in the city.

Road at Kadhimia, an al-Sadr spokesman in Baghdad, said that while Mahdi members "arrested" Iraqi police and national guard members in June, they let them go within a day and "there's no such thing happening in Najaf now."

Ahmed Sheybani, al-Sadr's spokesman in Najaf, said that while the Shiite Muslim cleric issued an order forbidding his men from retaliating, he doesn't

believe that the presence of U.S. troops at his doorstep Monday was a mistake.

"They passed the barriers, surrounded the house and tried to enter," Sheybani said. "The occupation forces do not want to keep the truce."

The Marines have steadfastly denied that the incident was linked to any sort of raid.

There's an outstanding warrant for al-Sadr's killing in connection with the arrest of a rival cleric last year, but the interim Iraqi government has shown little enthusiasm for executing it.

The incident, however, points to ongoing danger caused by al-Sadr's militia operating openly in Najaf. The cleric and his supporters are controlling much of the area.

A wounded Mahdi Army member said Tuesday that neighbors stayed calm when al-Sadr's defense when the Marines showed up Monday.

"The neighbors began to support us and shoot down from the rooftops," said Ahmed Mounsur as he lay with a shrapnel in his leg and back in a makeshift medical ward bed in the library of an Islamic college. "The American soldiers were surrounded."

U.S. officials weren't immediately available for comment.

There was no break in daily violence elsewhere.

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed an Iraqi police commander or a wounded two policemen accompanying him.

North of the capital, in Baquba, a car bomb detonated at an Iraqi national guard checkpoint, killing four Iraqi soldiers and wounding six, Iraqi officials said. U.S. officials put the totals at three dead and four wounded.

The American military also reported that two soldiers were killed and two wounded in a roadside bombing late Monday night, and a Marine died Tuesday after being hurt in fighting the day before in Anbar province, to the west of Baghdad.

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**Tip of the Week**  
by Diana Rolig

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LETTERS

Letter writer should check law books

Mr. Spencer Bingham of Dietrich:  
Upon first reading your letter I was very unclear to me. With whom and why were you so angry? After checking *The Times-News* archives, I found the target of your rant. For those readers that were as confused as I, I will pass along what I have learned.  
Mr. Bingham's letter (*Times-News*, July 27) was in response to a July 22 letter submitted by Patty Morrow and Robert Lyman. In that letter, Morrow and Lyman made mention of the Web site for the Environmental Working Group.

Mr. Bingham, your tirade was bitterly unfair and quite false. Whom was it that you accused of copyright violation? Morrow and Lyman for writing this newspaper for printing it? Specifically, what law was it that was broken? Is it a copyright violation to visit a Web address in a public forum? I advise you of those two law books before you blindly accuse someone of being a law-breaker.

Furthermore, I find it deeply disturbing that you believe the actions of our government are "the will of the public's business." That, kind sir, is a very frightening viewpoint. The information posted on ewg.org is all on public record—the organization behind this Web site describes itself as "a small nonprofit organization with the simple idea that the taxpayers who underwrite \$20 billion a year in farm subsidies have the right to know who gets the money." Nowhere on the Web site did I find any sign of "an environmental group that is the enemy of what America stands for capitalism." EWG appears to be interested in only one thing: Accountability for those in our government and others that are spending our tax dollars.

Mr. Bingham, the information that Patty Morrow and Robert Lyman submitted, that *The Times-News* printed and the Environmental Working Group has on its Web site is, in fact, public record. It is a violation of any "government confidentiality laws" nor any law at all. If you believe that this information is none of your business, then close your eyes and ignore that it exists. If that works for you, then I bid you well.

Personally, I would like to thank Patty Morrow and Robert Lyman for being the Web site of interest. There is a lot of interesting information posted on it, and I will enjoy investigating it further.  
MITCH C. MOSELEY  
Twin Falls

'Street value' of drug bust doesn't add up

I recently read an article concerning a cache of marijuana found in a railroad tanker in Buhl. Seems there were four bales that totaled 74 pounds, and the article stated that it

was "a catch valued at an estimated \$3.3 million on the street."  
Well, it got me to thinking, so I grabbed my HP calculator and went to work — 74 pounds equals \$3.3 million equals \$4,585 per pound equals \$2,287 per ounce equals \$348 per one-eighth ounce. Within the last couple of weeks, I had the opportunity to observe a transaction in which one-eighth ounce of "alter green bud" was purchased for \$50 equals \$400 per ounce equals \$6,400 per pound equals \$473,600 per 74-pound cache. According to the old HP \$3.3 million/\$473,600 equals 6.96 or roughly one-seventh the "estimated \$3.3 million on the street."

So what does this mean? It means, to me, that the "drug enforcement personnel are either so far out of it that they've no clue about "street value" or perhaps they are inflating their estimates to inflate their worth to the community. Why would a governmental agency use such inflated numbers in their estimates unless they were trying to scare the community into believing that drug trade in Idaho was seven times greater than stated, thus deserving seven times the resources? How can there be a "drug policy" when those in charge of enforcing it have no clue what's really going on in the streets?

Personally, I believe that marijuana is a benign alternative for escapists when compared to alcohol and the other chemicals available in the streets. I personally think that marijuana should be legalized; that the taxes generated from the sale would benefit the schools and communities rather than the local dealer's pockets, that the monies and jail space saved for marijuana possession and use could be better served dealing with meth freaks and drunk drivers.

I was born and raised in this state, and I'm proud to call myself a "conservative" Idahoan but I'm a realistic one also and as a realist, I know that we'll never be rid of marijuana no matter the manpower enlisted, no matter the tax dollars spent, no matter the public service announcements used. I also know that marijuana does not cost \$350 per one-eighth ounce on the street.  
CRAIG OGDEN  
Glenns Ferry

Thanks for points on worthlessness of wind farm

I would like to thank Bob Shepard for his excellent points made recently regarding the Cotterell Mountain wind farm. I was particularly struck by the interstate freeway analysis and the "not in my backyard" crowd that invariably speaks out regardless of the overall good a project is to the county and region.

Does anyone particularly enjoy a freeway through their property? No. Is it beneficial to the region's overall economic

health and vitality? Absolutely. After analyzing the proposed wind farm, I have come to the conclusion that this project represents a vital cog in the wheel in our region's future. Can you imagine how the \$2.4 million in additional property taxes per year will affect our local schools, roads and infrastructure? This figure does not include the additional millions of dollars to be generated in job creation and support companies.

Cassia County is known "on the street" as the gateway to Idaho for meth sales. This is not the fault of our excellent law enforcement personnel. These heroes risk their lives frequently in the context of a real lack of resources. It is a known fact that the peddlers of illegal drugs move on down the road when local law enforcement produces more pressure than other "potential markets." I am convinced this pressure will only occur when we have more resources to devote to our areas' fitness.

These resources do not deplete out of thin air. It takes real planning, real human resources and real dollars. What

other sizable investment to our area is this large, this environmentally clean and this safe?

I am absolutely convinced that an accurate polling of Cassia County would yield support rates of more than 80 percent in favor of the wind farm. The few good folks opposing it certainly have the right to. I'm just asking that everyone view the full picture of what is at stake. Our area only intersects with such impressive opportunity on rare occasions. It is time for leadership to emerge that is solidly in favor of the best interest of all the residents of Cassia County.  
KELLY WALTON  
Burley

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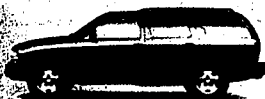
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AROUND  
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Burley man dies in  
rollover accident

**RUPERT** — Faustino Ramirez, 58, of Burley, was killed when he was ejected from a 1993 Buick Skylark during a rollover crash Monday morning, according to a Minidoka County Sheriff's report.

The vehicle was northbound on 300 West near 1100 North in Minidoka County just before 7 a.m. when the driver, Alejandro Hinojosa, 24, of Burley, lost control and the vehicle slid off the east side of the road, the report said.

"It rolled one time and came to rest on its wheels facing south."

Ramirez was seated on the rear passenger side and was pronounced dead at the scene. Hinojosa and two other passengers suffered no serious injuries.

The left rear tire had marks indicating that it had been driven at low pressure and had come loose from the rim, the report said.

Hinojosa was cited for driving without a license.

Suspect faces charges  
after police chase

**TWIN FALLS** — A man charged with fleeing police Saturday night was arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Tuesday.

Mark Wheeler, 47, of Twin Falls, faces one count of aggravated assault with a weapon and one count of eluding a police officer in connection with an incident Saturday night.

Officers were called to the 800 block of Blue Lakes Boulevard North for a report of a man with a knife trying to start a fight, according to an affidavit written by Officer Tim Green with the Twin Falls Police Department. One witness said he heard the suspect say, "I know how to kill people, so who is the tough guy?" the affidavit said.

When police arrived, the suspect fled in a van, failing to stop at a stop sign, police say.

He continued to elude police until he crashed his vehicle into a tree on Sixth Avenue East, the affidavit says.

According to police, Wheeler apologized to officers as they approached him.

He was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center but apparently was not admitted. His preliminary hearing was set for Aug. 13. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Jerome County Fair  
continues today

**JEROME** — The Jerome County Fair & Rodeo continues today at the fairgrounds.

Here's a look at what's happening:

- 10 a.m. — Lil-Bitty Horse Show.
- Noon — Vendor and food booths open arts and crafts exhibits open.
- 4 p.m. — Inland Empire Carnival opens.
- 5 p.m. — Free Stage entertainment.
- 6:30 p.m. — Free Stage entertainment.
- 7 p.m. — "Got Milk" Junior Rodeo.
- 9 p.m. — Deadline Ridge performs on Free Stage.

Camas County Fair  
will begin today

**FAIRFIELD** — It's a little bit country and a little bit rock 'n' roll.

That's the theme of the Camas County Fair that officially begins today.

The fair kicks off at 2 p.m. with the 4-H Clinic horse show at the McLean residence.

Carnival Game Night begins at 6 p.m. Thursday at 4-H Park.

The event will include bingo, games, rides, food and fun with Lake Box Party Express rides sponsored by the Apex Foundation.

From 5 to 9 p.m. Friday fairgoers may ride the mechanical bull at 4-H Park.

A community produce picnic begins at 6 p.m. and the W.S. Prairie Dog Contest follows at 7 p.m.

Events continue through Sunday.

— compiled from staff reports

Dairy owners sue T.F. County

By Michelle Dolup  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A lawsuit filed against Twin Falls County comes down to the handwriting on the page.

A few handwritten numbers scribbled on a letter more than seven years ago sparked a dispute between owners of a local dairy and administrators of Twin Falls County.

The disagreement now has landed in court.

John W. Cardozo and Elvira Cardozo, owners of a dairy near Buhi, filed a lawsuit against the county last week due to a discrepancy over the dairy's livestock confinement operation permit. Twin Falls County has until Monday to respond to the lawsuit.

"We haven't had a chance to answer yet," said Jennifer Gose-Eells, the attorney representing

Twin Falls County.

The Cardozos claim that a letter from the county dated Jan. 2, 1997, established the dairy's total number of permitted animal units at 1,410. The figure of 1,410 only appears in handwriting, not in the typed body of the letter.

"We don't know how the handwriting got on the page," said Robert E. Williams, the Cardozos' attorney.

However, he contends that someone from the county calculated the Cardozos' animal units on the page. Applying the guidelines for calculating animal units in place at the time, the Cardozos came up with the same figure of 1,410, he said.

Twin Falls County officials place no authority on the handwritten numbers. Instead, the only point of agreement between Twin Falls County and the Cardozos in regard to the handwriting is its unknown origin.

"We don't know who wrote the number on the letter," Gose-Eells said. "Anybody could have written that number on there."

In May, a representative of the Cardozos contacted Twin Falls County to confirm that the ruling permit for the dairy listed its animal count as 1,410.

In a letter dated May 11, 2004, Susan Switzer, planning and zoning administrator for the county, noted the dairy's total animal unit count as 1,210. Williams requested a correction from the county, but the county's response remained the same.

In the lawsuit, the Cardozos allege that county officials have attempted to retroactively apply new definitions of animal units under the latest large animal feeding operations ordinance adopted in October 2003.

A permit is governed by the ordinance under which it was issued, Williams said, not any ordi-

inances passed subsequently.

"They're ignoring that principle of law," he said.

Under Ordinance 21 then in effect, one dairy heifer equals roughly one animal unit, Williams said. The EPA guideline of one animal unit is 1,600 pounds of live body weight was not in effect under Ordinance 21 at the time the Cardozos' permit was issued, he said.

"Two hundred animal units might not sound like a lot," Williams said. However, in this situation, those 200 animal units spoiled a deal for the Cardozos to sell their dairy.

According to the lawsuit, the Cardozos received an offer to buy their dairy in May. The 80-acre dairy is located at 3640 N. 1300 E. of Buhi.

However, that offer was contingent on their existing county permit reflecting the 1,400 animal units. Because the county maintains the Cardozos' permit

only allows 1,210 animal units, the Cardozos lost out on the offer.

"The deal wasn't able to go forward," Williams said.

Other dairy owners who were issued permits from the same time period may face comparable battles.

Williams did not have a similar case in his office, but he said he had heard of dairy owners experiencing problems like the Cardozos'.

The Cardozos are asking that the county recognize the handwritten calculation of 1,410 animal units on their permit from 1997. The Cardozos also request the county pay their attorney fees.

Although Gose-Eells could not comment on the calculation discrepancy, she maintains that the county is doing its best to be fair.

"We feel like we need to be consistent," she said.

SOLVING THE MYSTERY



Patrick Lujan, center, 12, talks with Julian Chavez, right, 22, while preparing a blood sample for investigation under a microscope during the "Ver Mystery" class at the College of Southern Idaho Science Camp on Tuesday.

Science camp teaches students about forensics

By Nate Popolino  
Times-News Correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — As the students drove near the open door, Brent Reid motioned them away.

"Everyone back," Reid said. "The security team needs to go first."

Reid, a law enforcement instructor at the College of Southern Idaho, led four students designated as the "security team" as they ran a strip of police tape across the door.

He then helped them check inside the room to make sure it was safe.

But this wasn't a true crime scene. Rather, it was held of several classes being held this week

as part of CSI Science Camp 2004. The camp is held each year to encourage students from third through eighth grade to pursue careers in science. It has drawn 154 students this year.

"We have Jim Wilson talking about corn, they're building rockets to launch this afternoon, and we're even building water bottle rockets later and aiming for a target," said Jim Tarter, camp director and chairman of the CSI Chemistry Department.

"One group is going to go down to the wetlands area, dig up whatever stuff they can find and put it under a microscope back here."

Reid's program and the mysterious crime scene were intended to teach students

about forensics and give them experience taking samples for microscopes.

Once the lab room in the Evergreen Building was determined safe, 12-year-old Yessenia Irie of Builey and some of her peers suited up in gloves, gowns and hair and shoe covers and went inside to take samples of blood on a table in front.

Her 13-year-old sister, Joanna, had a different duty: she was handed a clipboard and told to help her group diagram the room and the bloodstains.

Yessenia wiped her sample onto a slide and then peered at it under a microscope.

After consulting sample microscopes set up with dog, horse, and bird or reptile blood

cells, she ran back to her scope, confident she knew what kind of blood it was.

"I found mine!" she shouted. "Ding ding ding!"

Though she was told to not tell anyone until all the students had looked at their slides, Yessenia was happy to let the answer slip out when on the other side of the room.

"I think mine's a bird or reptile," she said.

The Irie tribes represent another part of the camp. They and 18 other Hispanic students from Builey received scholarships — \$1,900 in total — from the CSI Foundation to attend the camp.

The money, about \$95 per student, was arranged for by

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Man pleads guilty in drug case

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — A man accused of growing large amounts of marijuana has reached a plea agreement with federal prosecutors.

Robert Preston Werley, 46, and Michael William Gaylord, 45, faced four counts in connection with the discovery of more than 100 marijuana plants at their residence at 4481 N. 1800 E. in Buhi.

The men were charged with conspiracy to manufacture/distribute/possess with intent to distribute marijuana; manufacturing marijuana; possession with intent to distribute marijuana; and drug forfeiture.

At Gaylord's change of plea/sentencing hearing July 27, he pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to manufacture/distribute/possess with intent to distribute marijuana and manufacturing marijuana and one count of drug forfeiture, according to

NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** A federal judge denied a motion to suppress evidence in the indict of two Buhi men indicted by a federal grand jury for manufacturing marijuana.

■ **The latest:** One of the defendants, Michael William Gaylord, reached an agreement with federal prosecutors. He will plead guilty to two counts, and prosecutors will ask the court to drop the other two.

■ **What's next:** Gaylord's sentencing was set for Oct. 20. Robert Preston Werley is scheduled for a plea hearing Monday.

court documents. In exchange, the government will ask the court to dismiss the other two counts.

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Senator inspects wind project

By Lorraine Cavenor  
Times-News correspondent

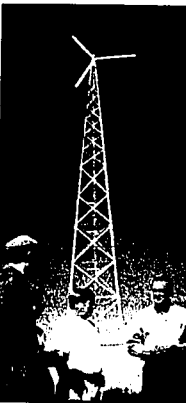
**BURLEY** — U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo took time out of a busy campaign schedule to look at a wind project near Burley and ask its owner how he could help.

Leroy Jarolimek's Burley Butte Wind Farm was the first Idaho project hooked up to the power grid that Crapo has seen, the senator said.

Brian Jackson, project engineer for the Burley Butte project, said many projects in Idaho are sitting idle, waiting for the incentives to be implemented by the federal government over being moving forward.

Energy provisions are gridlocked, Crapo said. "We're bating very hard to get it through," he said.

Bank guarantees, which have been established by U.S. Department of Agriculture but not implemented, also would be



U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, center, discusses 2002 Farm Bill provisions that would grant dollars for renewable energy projects as U.S. Department of Agriculture Director of Business Programs Darl Moxar, left, and Peggy Jarolimek, Leroy Jarolimek, Brian Jackson and Kiki Tidwell, to the right, listen. LORRAINE CAVENOR/The Times-News

# MAGIC VALLEY

## OBITUARIES

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### Edsil Ivan Darrington — Almo

Edsil Ivan Darrington, of Almo, died at his home on Saturday, July 31, 2004, at the age of 81.

He was born Sept. 28, 1922, at Elba, Idaho, the son of George Amos and Mary Josephine Whitaker Darrington.

He graduated from Raft River High School in 1940. He married Barbara Taylor, of Almo, on June 30, 1943, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Following their marriage, Ivan served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in Europe. Ivan and Barbara purchased and farmed in Elba, Idaho, Riverton, Wyo., and Acequia, Idaho, prior to moving to Almo, where they owned and operated Castles View Ranch for the last 41 years.

Ivan was an active member of the LDS church and worked faithfully in various capacities including the Sunday school, Boy Scouts, MIA and as a counselor in a branch presidency and bishopric. He also served on the Raft River Stake High Council and was bishop of the Almo Ward.

He loved the outdoors and



especially enjoyed working his cattle. However, the most important aspects of his life were his wife and family.

He is survived by his children, Ivan LaVell (Lyndell) Darrington of Cedar City, Utah, Kevin Arthur (Tawnee) Darrington of Clayton, Calif., George (Denise) Darrington of Malta, Idaho, Mary Marie (Lynn) Cooley of Orem, Utah, Donald Charles (Jackie) Darrington of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Calvin Leslie (Connie) Darrington of Pocatello, Idaho; his siblings, Bessie (John) Nye

of Elba, Idaho, Neil I. (Verna) Darrington of Kearns, Utah, Marlin Charles (JoAnn) Darrington of Glenns Ferry, Idaho, Lee Austin (Dellah) Darrington of Smithfield, Utah, Georgina Darrington of Moses Lake, Wash., and Linda (Alan) Collins of Rossville, Ga.; 25 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ivan was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Barbara, who died on Jan. 7, 2002; one brother, Kent Norman Darrington; one sister, Evva Darrington Koyle; one granddaughter; and two great-granddaughters.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at the Almo Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Kent R. Durfee officiating. Burial will be in Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery with military rites under the direction of the American Legion, Almo Post #95.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, on from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

### Annie May Hart — Jerome

Annie May Hart, 100, of Jerome, passed away July 10, 2004, at Creekside Residential Care Center in Jerome, with her loving family by her side.

Annie May was born May 1, 1904, in Blitzen, Oregon.

Her father built many of the lava rock buildings and homes in the area including the Jerome Creamery, Baptist Church and the rock barn on Highway 93.

She and her husband owned the Jerome Farm, when it was on the Main who the bank Station is now, until they sold the business in 1945 and moved to a farm northwest of Jerome. She remained on the farm until after her 90th birthday.

Annie May was always active in her community belonging to



the Rebekah Lodge, Westfield Club, Jerome Grange, Help a Neighbor Club, Methodist Women's Circle and America War Mothers.

She is survived by her seven children, Leona (Art) Harding of Jerome, Lois (Lawrence) Murray of Ogden, Utah, Edith

(Kennie) Brooks of Jerome, Ethel Kleopke of Phoenix, Ariz., Anne Walgamott of Jerome, Dick (Chicklette) Hart of Lewiston, Idaho, and Robert (Hazel) Hart of Malheur National Home, Idaho; and by her niece, Cheri Quintance; 25 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Art Hart; her parents, Howell and Hannah Pugh; her brother David Idris Pugh; her son-in-law Tom Walgamott; and two baby granddaughters, Cathy Walgamott and Valena Hart, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Furnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice Visitation Shoshone St. E., Suite No. 1, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

### Harriet Mavencamp — Hagerman

Harriet Mavencamp passed away Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital at the age of 98.

Harriet was born in Chapel-en-le-Frith, county of Derby in England on Jan. 29, 1906, the daughter of Simon and Hannah Cottrell Garside. Her family immigrated to Canada in 1907. Her dad worked for two years on the railroad in Toronto before deciding to homestead near Swift Current, Saskatchewan. The family of six children spent the first year in a sod hut and tent. In 1913, her father decided that there were more opportunities in the United States and they headed south in an oxen drawn wagon to homestead near Saco, Mont., near the border.

Harriet met John H. Mavencamp and they were married June 22, 1926, in Malta, Mont. They celebrated 59 years together prior to his death.



Her two sons were born in Montana before they relocated to Acequia, Idaho, in 1938. In 1945, they moved to Hagerman. They loved the fact they could raise garden produce to sell and share and also could raise fruit trees. Harriet will always be remembered for her large weed free garden and

love for the outdoors, especially for fishing.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church and a 50-year member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, five sisters and three brothers. She is survived by her sons, Vernon of Hagerman and Dale (Betty) of Tualuma Falls; one brother, Jim (Jean) Garside; Townsend, Mont.; nine grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at the Hagerman Cemetery. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Hagerman American Legion Women's Auxiliary or to any charity of choice. Arrangements are by Demary Funeral Chapel, Gooding.

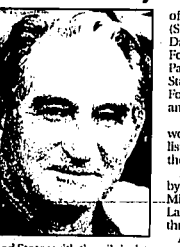
### Merlin Leon Kay

On Aug. 1, 2004, Merlin Leon Kay passed peacefully at home. He joined his eternal mate, Flossie, who preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 2004.

Merlin was born on July 11, 1924, in Victor, Idaho, to James C. Kay and Anna Daniels. He graduated from Victor High School. He married Florence Wadell Morgan on Feb. 14, 1945, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Merlin attended one year of college at Idaho State University before serving in the Navy as a gunner on the Light Bomber during World War II. He excelled in high school, college and in Navy in boxing, baseball and basketball. While in the Navy, he had 63 fights, losing only two. However, in a rematch, he knocked both opponents out. He was also the Boxing Camp Champion, two weight divisions above his weight. He also loved to golf and even ended into his 50's.

He farmed in the Driggs/Victoria area before going to work for the Phillips 66 Oil Company, as a rough neck driller. After travelling around the Western



United States with the oil rig, he and Flossie settled in Heyburn. He worked in the sheet metal trade until he retired. Merlin was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and in his later years was very involved serving in the Stake Sunday School Presidency.

Merlin is survived by George (Myrill) Jensen of Pocatello, Idaho, a cousin raised as his brother; and his children, Tim (Holley) Kay of Cedar Hills, Utah, Robert (Jackie) Kay of Burley, Idaho, Sandie Burbank

of Rupert, Idaho, Sean (Shirley) Kay of Gilbert, Ariz., Diane (Jan) Kay of Spanish Fork, Utah, Megan (Marla) Payne of Declo, Idaho, and Stacey (Julie) Kay of Spanish Fork, Utah; 29 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He loved his family and would tell anyone willing to listen, or not, just how much they meant to him.

He was preceded in death by his wife one son, Merlin Mitchell Kay; one son-in-law, Larry Burbank; his parents; three brothers; and two sisters. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at the Paul LDS 3rd & 4th Ward Building, located at 300 S. 500 W., Heyburn; with Bishop Myron Willson officiating. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, located at 321 E. Main St., and one hour prior to the service at the church. The family suggests that memorials be made to the LDS Perpetual Education Fund.

## OBITUARIES

### Helen Mae Aipperspach — Rupert

Helen Mae Aipperspach, a 73-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Aug. 2, 2004, at her home of a long illness.

Helen was born March 28, 1931, in Acequia, Idaho, to George and Lillian Bagnall. She was a lifelong resident of Rupert. She married Adam E. Aipperspach on March 17, 1949. Helen worked for the Mindoka County School District as a bus driver for 29 years.

Helen is survived by her son, Tom (Chris) Aipperspach; daughters, Bebie Morgan and Brenda (Dallas) Schenk; grandchildren, Meghan (Mark), Josh, Marci (Austin), Traci, Logan and Jake; great-grandchildren, Nathan and Abby; brother, Norman Bagnall; and sisters,



Faye Scavone and Kathryn Livingston. She was preceded in death by

her parents, George and Lillian Bagnall; and her husband, Adam E. Aipperspach.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 5th St. with Norman Bagnall as officiant. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. A gathering for family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service.

The family would like to thank the nurses of Magic Valley Regional Cancer Center, Mindoka Home Health and Hansen Mortuary. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Mindoka Animal Control Facility in care of Hansen Mortuary, 710 5th St., Rupert, ID 83350.

### Cheryl K. Madson — Boise

Cheryl K. Madson, 59, of Jerome, passed away suddenly at her home in Boise on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004.

A viewing will be conducted from 6 until 8 p.m. the evening of Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at the Hove-Roberts Mortuary Funeral Chapel in Jerome. A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at the Hove-Roberts Mortuary Funeral Chapel. There will be a reception at the Elks Lodge following burial at the Jerome Cemetery.

Cheryl was born March 8, 1945, in Wendell, Idaho, to Dewey and Freeda Eason. She attended school in Jerome until she married Jess Wilson June 16, 1961.

Together they raised three children and later divorced. Cheryl married Mito Alonzo and together they had a daughter. They later divorced. In 1984 she was married to Veri Dawson briefly. Finally she was reunited with her grade school sweetheart and soulmate, Ted Madson. They married in 1999 in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and were planning to celebrate their fifth anniversary in August.

She is survived by her husband, Ted; mother, Freeda Madson; brother, Wallace (Linda) Ekrey; sisters, Betty Leazer and Carmen Jackson; sons, Mike (Paige) Wilson of



Springfield, Ore., and their children, Alex and Jessica; and Monte (Tina) Wilson of Avondale, Ariz., and their sons, Greg, Chris and Eric; daughters, Nicole (Bob) Wilson-Parker of Boise, Idaho, and their daughters, Ashley, Danielle, Devynn; and Amanda (Nathan) Alonzo-Bartlett also of Boise, Idaho, and their children, Preston and Isaac.

Extended family includes stepchildren, Paul (Rose) Madson of Bliss, Idaho, and their children, Dustin and Chandra; Terry (Iim) Madson-Vanhosen of Jerome and their children, Mandi, Lindsay and Jennifer; Shanté (Lisa) Madson of Bremerton, Wash., and their children, Andrew, Tiffany and

Nikki; Tammi Fletcher of Gooding, Idaho, and their children, Trevor and Tishah and Jodie and Kyle Smith of Gooding, Idaho, and their children, Brianna, Curtis, Hunter; and James (J2) Madson of Denver, Colo.

Her father, Dewey and uncles, Fred and Joe Shropshire preceded her in death.

Cheryl enjoyed life to the fullest. Spending days playing with grandchildren and gardening in the sun. She always had a song in her heart, a dance in her step, a twinkle in her eye and a smile upon her face. She also loved camping with good friends and taking the horses out riding. She filled everyone's life around her with precious memories that she would hold dear to our hearts. Our daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend will be greatly missed. Every time we hear one of her songs or pass a field of daisies we will think of you.

"I hope you still feel small when you stand by the ocean. Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens. Promise me that you'll give faith the fighting chance. And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance."

Like you mom... We will choose to dance. We love you, your family.

## SERVICES

Walter Emmett Stark of Rupert, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the First United Methodist Church at Sixth and 11th Sts. in Burley. Viewing for family and friends on one hour for the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary).

Ronald O. Summers of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E. (Demary Funeral Chapel).

Richard James Phillips of

Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. A visitation will be one hour before the service at the church (Demary Funeral Chapel).

Dexter M. Watkins of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary.

Elsie Ruth Annis Marsh of Burley, funeral at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th

St. friends may call one hour before the funeral Thursday at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Ralph F. Riggen, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Park & Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Bessie Jane Fahrnl of The Dalles, Ore., and formerly of Jerome County, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Fireside Room of The Dalles Civic Auditorium (Columbia Cremation & Burial).

## DEATH NOTICES

Betty Irene Flament RUPERT — Betty Irene Flament, 63-year-old Rupert resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at her home. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Rupert Cemetery with Pastor John Carter officiating. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. A full obituary will appear in a later edition.

Eugene M. Sowersby HAGERMAN — Eugene M. Sowersby, 75, of Hagerman, former Wood River Valley resident, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at his home. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

The family of Clifford Dale Perme extend a sincere thanks to all who sent cards, flowers, food, and prayers to our loved one. A special thanks to the Relief Society, Idaho Home Health and Hospice and Parkes Funeral Home

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# Rupert adds tax to recreation fees

By Chip Thompson  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Rupert City Council agreed Friday to add a 6 percent sales tax to registration fees for recreational programs.

A letter from the State Tax Commission clarified what types of city charges are subject to sales tax after it was discovered by Steve Antone, a special adviser to the commission, that the city inadvertently had not been submitting sales tax for certain recreation items.

The items include registration fees for team sports and rental of ball parks and park structures such as the gazebo and shelters in the Rupert Square, City Administrator Roger Bagley said.

Antone told city officials the taxes will not be collected retroactively but advised that the city needed to start collect-

ing sales tax on the fees. City Clerk Linda Price said.

"It's something we have to do or we'll lose \$2,000 a year," Recreation Director Ron Dietz said.

Dietz calculated a net loss to the city of \$1,800 to \$2,000 if it does not raise fees to compensate for the sales tax.

Bagley gave an example of a \$15 registration fee for youth sports.

The fee would increase to \$15.90 and the city will indicate that a portion of the fee is for sales tax.

Dietz suggested that the fee would likely be raised to \$16 for simplicity.

"This is not much we can do, but I assure you agree that we need to raise the rates," Bagley said before recommending that the council approve a resolution raising recreation and registration fees.

The council will formally vote on a resolution at its meeting on

Aug. 17.

In other council business, the animal control budget was discussed.

Bagley said Minidoka County Commissioner Dan Stapelhorn had offered to boost the county's contribution to the joint animal control agreement between the cities and the county by \$10,500 up to \$25,000 in order to retain two full-time officers.

Cities within Minidoka County still would be required to come up with another \$8,000 combined to pay for the two positions.

The City Council considered increasing its contribution of about \$35,500 by \$2,500 but declined because of concerns that the county's smaller cities could not afford to further up their contributions.

"The Animal Control Board is requesting keeping one full-time officer and one part-time officer in an effort to balance

the budget after Heyburn pulled out of the agreement earlier this year.

Councilman Robert Christensen, who also sits on the Animal Control Board, said he doesn't see many options.

"I don't know how you're going to do it with two officers," Christensen said. "You're going to have to cut services and go to one officer."

Christensen said that if the city were to run its own animal control program the costs would be close to the total \$40,000 it would have to pay to keep two officers.

"It looks like you can't make a budget so you only have one choice, go to one officer," Councilman Steve Barras said.

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# Officials dip toes into reopening Rupert pool

By Chip Thompson  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Hot summer days again prompted discussion of what to do with the Rupert community pool, which remains closed this summer.

"We want to try and get community involvement, community input, and help with fund-raising so we can do something with the pool," City Administrator Roger Bagley said Tuesday.

Several options for what to do with the pool will be presented during a community meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Rupert City Gymnasium seeking public input.

Options under discussion would be to create an indoor pool which would be year-round and cradle to grave," Bagley said.

**NewsTracker**

■ **Last we knew:** The Rupert City Pool has been closed since the end of the '03 season while city officials weigh the cost of repairs against building a new facility.

■ **The latest:** Consultant Don Carey will present a plan to convert the existing facility into an indoor pool at a community meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in Rupert's City Gymnasium.

■ **What's next:** City officials hope to raise about \$1.5 million through sponsorships and grants to fund the year-round facility.

estimates are available.

When the 54-year-old pool was closed in 2002, city officials told *The Times-News* that minimal repairs would cost about \$270,000, and complete renovation was estimated to cost \$450,000.

During the closure, the city has put aside the roughly \$50,000 per year it would normally spend on maintenance and repairs for the pool.

Bagley estimated the city will have about \$200,000 set aside by the end of this year.

Bagley said committees are being formed and organizations have been contacted for support.

The proposal, from Washington-based consultant Don Carey and Associates, would include shortening the existing pool to regulation length, creating a shallow kids pool from the existing 24 yards in length, and adding a warmer therapeutic pool for seniors and those with health issues, Bagley said.

The current pool, located at Neptune Park, exceeds the regulation length, meaning it can't be used for swim meets or recorded competitions.

Colleen Severson has been invited to compete swimming with the team for seven years and said a regulation pool could be a real asset to the community.

"If we had a competitive pool, we could even have the championships here and bring people to the community," Severson said.

Last weekend a meet in Jackpot, Nev., drew as many as 500 swimmers and their families, Severson said.

The Rupert team now has to go to Burley's city pool to practice and compete. Severson also said Minidoka High School has considered forming a swim team, and there are swimmers who compete with the USA Swim Team who now have to go to Twin Falls to compete.

Severson, who is 16, said she just want to cool off.

"I think it's something the community needs," Severson said. "A lot of the children in this area are used to spending the summer at the pool, and they've missed that."

Cost estimates for the indoor complex range from \$1.4 million to 1.6 million, Bagley said. Another option would be to build the complex as a summer-only facility, but no cost

There has been discussion of selling equipment passes to local businesses as a way to generate money for the project.

A "swim-a-thon" is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert pool to raise money for the Rupert pool, Severson said.

Sponsors have secured sponsors to pay a certain amount per lap and will try to swim as many laps as they can in an hour.

Carey is expected to address possible funding sources during a public meeting.

Because of the urgency of this spring's wastewater treatment plant bond issue, the city pool has not been a priority, Bagley explained.

"It's not that it's gone away or isn't important," Bagley said. "It's just been on the backburner."

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## CEO

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July 7 filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that accounting firm Deloitte & Touche had been hired to audit some of the company's systems and "conduct a forensic study of its security procedures and asset protection."

The company is also reviewing its financial statements for fiscal year 2002 and the first two quarters of fiscal 2003, the filing said.

The company, which has about 250 employees, had a profit of \$2.3 million on revenue of \$37.4 million for 2002, the most recent year for which it reported results.

VPI has more than 300,000 policyholders, who shouldn't see any impact from the company's management turmoil.

In late July, Jack Stephens said he was cooperating with the Oregon State Department of Insurance's board and had been "answering some allegations" made by VPI's board. He declined to provide details.

Steinhoff said the need for the audit is "based on the implementation of a new customer-service computer system, and we're wanting to make sure that the financial information that's coming out of the system is accurate."

Steinhoff declined to comment on whether Stephens or his family members are suspected of wrongdoing.

"There's been nothing anomalous in regards to any wrongdoing, and it would be inappropriate to speculate until the results of the audit are complete," Steinhoff said.

VPI hasn't reported financial results since the third quarter and quarter of 2003, blaming problems with a new customer-service computer system.

J. Lynn Jacobs, who was hired

this year to replace Richard Stephens as the company's chief information officer, resigned in June.

Paul Skoda, who had been VPI's chief financial officer since 2000, also resigned in June.

The resignations weren't related to the audit, Steinhoff said.

The audit also isn't related to the June arrest of a former VPI employee, Steinhoff said.

Fernando Orozco Monje, 32, was charged with 68 felony counts for allegedly using credit-card numbers stolen from a company database.

Monje worked as a VPI information-services technician until last year.

Policyholders whose information was allegedly stolen have, however, notified the company is cooperating with the Oregon County District Attorney's Office, which is prosecuting the case, Steinhoff said.

According to the company's Web site, Jack Stephens worked as a veterinarian before founding the company to fight "economic euthanasia," in which pets are put down because their owners can't afford or don't want to pay for veterinary care.

In his spare time, Stephens, 57, has hunted animals in Africa, Steinhoff confirmed.

Last year, the animal-rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals asked visitors to its Web site to steer their business away from VPI because of Stephens' hobby.

"What Dr. Stephens did in his own personal time was legal, and it was his choice to do it," Steinhoff said. "Hunting is a very personal issue and something that is left to an employee's choice."

# Burley debates future of Nielson property

By Tammy Walquist  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Burley City Council held a public hearing Tuesday to discuss the future of the Nielson farm located just past 27th and Hilland streets.

In 1994, the city negotiated to buy the farm at five acres a year for 16 years until it had acquired the full 80 acres.

Today the city leases the farm.

In reviewing past City Council meetings minutes, Mayor Jon Anderson said it wasn't clear yet just how much the city had paid for the farm and there are questions surrounding a grant that may have been involved.

He estimated the cost was just under \$2,500 an acre.

It was purchased with growth for the city in mind, but city growth has been slow coming, Anderson said.

Councilman Dennis Curtis, who is a real estate agent, said he was speaking as a citizen rather than a councilman.

"I'm in favor of liquidating property that we're not getting the maximum use out of," he testified at the hearing.

Later he made a motion to table the issue until more information was available. The council agreed.

If it turns out grant money was involved, Dennis Curtis said it still may be possible to liquidate the property within guidelines of the grant. The money could then be used elsewhere.

Burley resident Scott Zimmerman supported keeping the property.

"There are no parks outside the main city area," he said. "I think Burley will see growth, and I'm in favor of keeping the property for expansion."

Burley resident Steve McGill agreed. He questioned the council's timing regarding a possible sale.

"We shouldn't get rid of it now," he said. "It's in a very good location. We should hang onto it. If we've had this long,

we should keep it."

Following the hearing, Councilman Curt Westphal said he heard good viewpoints on both sides of the issue.

He said that the council could use the property for a possible trade-for-riverfront property. He made it clear that he was not expressing his view in favor of either side.

In other council business:

• **Veteran funding approved:** The council voted unanimously to donate \$2,500 for a van to transport disabled veterans from the Mini-Cassia area to the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in Boise.

• **Wastewater equipment:** The council voted to approve the bids on three specialized pieces of equipment for the new wastewater treatment plant. Equipment will be purchased from three vendors: Wedco for \$484,900 in disinfecting equipment, Aqua Aerobics for \$812,352 in filtration equipment and one piece from Engineering out of the Nether-

lands for \$269,419 in oxidation equipment. Dennis Curtis cast a lone vote against the purchases.

• **Wastewater negotiation:** The council also voted to accept a bid of \$931,306 from Big D Construction for the new wastewater plant. Milton reported that the city failed to receive any bids for the wastewater plant, so it negotiated the price of the plant down from just over \$998,000 to \$931,306. Because area contractors were too busy, the city had to look at outside contractors to take on the project. Subcontracting work will be done by local contractors, Milton said.

• **Simplot issues:** The council discussed several concerns surrounding the J.R. Simplot property. Mandanah expressed concerns about security but was assured by Milton that all concerns will be discussed in a meeting between the cities of Heyburn and Heyburn on Thursday.

## Wind

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helpful, Jackson said.

Jarolimiek said banks are interested in making loans to wind farmers but are not quite ready to commit.

"It's all about risk," Jackson said. "It's so new to Idaho everybody is waiting to see."

Thanks to a private investor and a USDA Rural Development grant, Jarolimiek was able to install the first turbine in July.

Kiki Tidwell of Halley said she made the private investment because the project could make a difference for Idaho. She declined to reveal how much she had invested.

"Kiki was instrumental in this and helped by committing enough resources to make this work," Jackson said.

"You aren't always going to get wind projects," he said. "The first Sales tax exemptions for energy projects is another factor that would help, Jackson said."

"We're surrounded by other states that don't charge sales tax on wind projects," he said. "The dilemma is that the state Legislature is hesitant on exemptions."

Crapo said he planned to do all he could to get Idaho wind projects off the ground.

"We've got to fight to get the energy tax provisions passed," he said. "We've got to reform the federal production credit so states can benefit."

Those working on the USDO to implement bank guarantees is the third thing that Crapo said he would help with.

"If we have all of these lined up, banks will work with us in a big way," Jackson said.

Crapo agreed.

"It is critical for Idaho to breakthrough on this," he said. "We need to make this a success to show others how to do it."

Those working on the proposed Cottoner Mountains wind farm could benefit from what Jarolimiek's project has demonstrated, the senator said, pointing to the direction of the proposed Windland Inc. project near Albion.

Tidwell agreed.

"It's a win-win for Idaho," she said. "It can provide a lot of good economic news for Idaho."

The opportunity for high-paying technical jobs is one benefit of projects of this nature, she said.

Jarolimiek's project has already attracted interest from the College of Southern Idaho.

## NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** Leroy Jarolimiek spent the past two years conducting research, obtaining grant money and in June he installed a 120-foot, power-generating wind turbine on his Burley Butte farm.

■ **The latest:** U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, visited Tuesday to see the turbine and learn what he could do to help others get similar projects off the ground.

■ **Wind energy:** Jarolimiek plans to erect six more turbines more than twice the height of the current 120-kilowatt generator. Research is under way for Jarolimiek's \$14 million, 10-megawatt expansion of the wind farm.

Alternative energy class students have used the turbine to learn about technology, Jarolimiek said.

Appearance is another reason Tidwell said she supports the project.

"Looking at wind turbines is much better than looking at a coal plant," she said.

But the economic factor is major. There are 18,000 megawatts of untapped wind power in Idaho, making it the premier state in the Northwest for wind power development, according to the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

"We can be as rich as Saudi Arabia," Tidwell said. "This is an energy product we can export."

The one turbine is already paying off for Jarolimiek, he said.

"Last month we eliminated a \$120 power bill and got a \$36 credit," Jarolimiek said. "That's good for a summer month. We haven't had much wind."

But Idaho's wind potential is much greater than in California, where that state has provided incentives that have boosted its wind industry.

"In California tax credits are long since gone," Jackson said. "But they are still generating energy and still generating revenue. The wind projects are still there."

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## Camp

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Clauden Buetner, CSI's dean of health sciences and human services.

"The idea is probably touching a fire nationwide into attracting young people into the health care professions," Buetner said. "The world is getting older and health care professionals are in short demand."

Buetner said the scholarships intentionally targeted minorities to try and recruit bilingual people into the health care workforce.

"There aren't many males and aren't many bilingual people in health care today," she said. "We need to target minorities and people that are bilingual around sixth and seventh grade so they can get the math and science they need."

Yesenia asked a prime example of a bilingual professional. When asked what her favorite part of the week was so far, Yesenia said she liked the class where the students dissected hearts.

Other scholarship recipients were just delighted to have an outlet for their curiosity. Julian Chavez, 12, said he originally came to the camp because he had "mostly nothing to do."

"This is the first science camp I've been to," he said.

Chavez did admit he had an interest in archeology. Patrick Lujan said he was enjoying the forensic class.

"I think this is my favorite part so far. Chavez said before ducking down with his friend Patrick Lujan to dust a box for fingerprints.

After examining the first room, the students had gotten a call from the forest center and drove across campus to another crime scene, this one outdoors. Reid had the students dust for prints while another student interviewed Herrett Center employee Nick Peterson, the source of the call.

Solving the crime would be all in a day's work for this group of students.

## Drugs

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The sentencing hearing for Gaylord, who is being represented by attorney Dick Rubin, was scheduled for Oct. 20.

Keith Roark, defense attorney representing Werley, filed a motion to withdraw counsel on July 21.

Following this Court's denial of the motion to suppress evidence, briefed and argued by (me), I have strongly advised my client that it is in his best interest to enter into a plea agreement with the government." Roark wrote in his motion to withdraw as Werley's attorney.

He wrote that because his client did not accept his advice, and because his client sought counsel who was not a member of the Idaho State Bar, Roark "cannot continue to represent Mr. Werley without violating my ethical obligations."

A hearing on that motion was held, but never conducted discussions between Werley and Roark.

On July 26, the defense told the court Werley would enter a plea to a plea hearing was scheduled for Aug. 9.

Two of the counts, conspiracy to manufacture/distribute/poison marijuana and manufacturing/managing each carry a penalty of between five and 40 years in

prison and a \$2 million fine. A third charge, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, has a maximum punishment of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. The fourth count, drug forfeiture, requires the relinquishment of all property derived from and related to the sale of the drugs, including cash, land, vehicles and marijuana-growth equipment.

Acting on a confidential tip, officers from Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department and Gooding County Sheriff's Department obtained a search warrant for the residence in Buhl. Inside the house, officers found two hidden "growing rooms," according to an affidavit written by Jerry Manz, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. In one room, there were more than 30 small plants. In another room, the affidavit said, about 86 marijuana plants were found.

Local prosecutors dropped state charges against Werley and Gaylord when the men were indicted by a federal grand jury on Jan. 14.

The drugs had an estimated street value of between \$500,000 and \$1 million, officials said.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Gooding takes a whack at weeds

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** — Those unsightly weeds growing in alleysways and along residential streets are not the responsibility of city crews to maintain.

Though few residents seem to be aware of it, it's actually the job of property owners to practice weed control from the center of the alley to the middle of the street, Public Works Director Todd Bunn told City Council Members Monday.

Bunn said that city crews have tried to keep pace with weeds growing in alleysways and along residential streets.

"We have struggled this year and spent more money on weed spray and really to no avail," Bunn said. "And in a few places more damage than we've done good."

Bunn added that, according to a city ordinance, it is property owners who are actually responsible for weed control in the areas that the city is now trying to clean up.

"You see people who have really nice looking yards, but when it gets out to the edge of

the road it's a mess of weeds and I think you still have people out there that don't think it's their responsibility," Bunn said.

Mayor Herb Stroud agreed that it wasn't the city's job. However, until the budget allows for an ordinance officer to enforce regulations, making residents aware of the situation would be the best action to take, Stroud said.

Councilman Vern France suggested getting service clubs and churches involved in the process.

"It needs to be more than just code enforcement," he said. "We need to build coalitions to address this."

France added that the city's alleysways are shameful and recommended checking with other area towns to see how they handle similar situations.

"We can't be sending a mixed message with city employees out there doing the work when it's really the property owners' responsibility," France said.

Bunn also asked the council to look into developing a set of procedures that would include ordinance enforcement from beginning to end.

"We need some guidelines with steps so everyone is treated the same," he said.

Councilman Duke Morton volunteered to help draft a course of action that would address, systematically, how enforcement of the ordinance should be handled.

In other matters, the council unanimously approved a special-use permit presented by Larry Rice, chairman of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

The permit will allow Terry and Carl Pendleton of Shoshone and partner Richard Nichols to build a 15-bed assisted living facility at 545 Nevada St. in Gooding.

Because there was no opposition at last week's planning and zoning hearing against the development, members of the commission recommended its approval.

Several residents in the area supported the improvement to the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Sharon Seifert agreed the addition would be good for the city, including the six to 10 jobs the facility will create.

Judge sends stabbing case to District Court

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** — The case of a woman accused of stabbing another woman in the neck last month is headed to 5th District Court.

Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson bound over Olivia Dye-Barkes after she appeared in 5th District Magistrate Court Monday to face a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon enhancement.

Phil Brown, Gooding County prosecutor, requested that the case be bound over due to the nature of the offense.

"On July 13 there was a verbal altercation between the victim and the defendant," Judge Robinson said.

"The state has presented substantial evidence. I'm going to bind the defendant over on that charge."

Alleged victim Alisa Bridge testified that on July 13, she and some family members went to a Gooding residence to retrieve some belongings.

While there, a verbal fight took place between Dye-Barkes and Bridge, involving other family members from each side.

Bridge said Dye-Barkes spit on her and said she was going to slit her throat.

"Then she stabbed me in the neck," Bridge told the court.

Gooding Police Chief Jeffery Perry testified that on the day of the incident he responded to Gooding County Memorial Hospital to talk with Bridge.

She had a puncture wound on the left side of her neck, he told the court, which was from a small pocket key-chain knife.

"The parties encountered each other last year, Bridge said.

At that time, a fight occurred and she hit the defendant's husband.

Defense attorney Severt Swenson asked the court to consider who the aggressor was in last month's incident.

"The victim, without provocation, battered Mr. Barkes again," he said. "(Dye-Barkes) was pregnant she was concerned. These people pushed her. The force she used was reasonable ... it was in self defense."

Police determined that Dye-Barkes took a step forward and stabbed the alleged victim with a knife.

Taking a step forward would indicate the act was not in self-defense, Perry said.

Dye-Barkes is released under her own recognizance. Her arraignment in District Court was scheduled for Aug. 10.

Big Lost groundwater pumpers face shutoff

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**TWIN FALLS** — Roughly 350 groundwater users in the Big Lost River Basin have been given a choice: Join a mitigation plan aimed at providing water to senior users or face a water shutoff.

Many of them don't like it much.

Water conflicts are boiling over across the state as shortages stretch resources even thinner. The Big Lost River district, mirrors divisions among Magic Valley water users over how groundwater pumping affects the aquifer that feeds the Snake River. But unlike the local problem, an easy-to-define solution is being proposed in the Mackay area.

Mackay is on the east side of the Snake River. Cloud mountains in central Idaho. The Big Lost River flows south and feeds the Eastern Snake River Plains Aquifer that supports Magic Valley water use.

Three members of the Jensen family have senior water rights dating to 1883 for their farms three-miles-south-of-Moore.

Combined Jay V, Jack A. and L. Vaughn Jensen have water rights to 6.53 cubic feet of water per second from the Big Lost River to irrigate nearly 300 acres.

The families recently petitioned the Idaho Department of Water Resources, saying they will run out of water without intervention.

To provide the Jensen's water, groundwater users must join a mitigation plan. Otherwise, Watermaster Bob Duke would be expected to shut down their wells. But that's something Duke isn't prepared to do, even if the state tells him to.

"I know most of the people in this valley," he said. "I see their side. I don't see how could I put myself in a position where I would have to do something I'm not in agreement with."

The department has the legal

power to appoint a watermaster who would follow orders, said Gary Spackman, chief of the water allocation bureau.

"I don't want to be mean-spirited," Spackman told water users at a Monday meeting. "What I'm telling you is you're subject to the order until you hear something different from the office."

Idaho law gives preference to those who hold the oldest water rights. If the water runs out, people with younger water rights can be shut down.

The average cost to enroll in the mitigation plan is about \$10 to \$20 a year for each user, Spackman said. That would pay

for a well to channel water into the property of one of the families with senior water rights.

On July 12, the department told scores of farmers, ranchers, and the Mackay School District that they would have to shut down groundwater pumping July 23 in deference to the three Jensen families.

Ten days later, the department said it would postpone the order until the Jensens actually ran dry, or the other users found another solution.

Gregory Mueller, a Rexburg lawyer representing scores of water users, said he wants a future hearing that thoroughly explores the issue.

**For more information**

Read the Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher's groundwater curtailment order in the Big Lost River area online at [www.idwr.state.id.us](http://www.idwr.state.id.us) under the "orders" section.

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**Notice of Request for Public Comment on Draft Wasteload Allocations for Aquaculture Facilities on the Snake River in South-Central Idaho**

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on wasteload allocations for aquaculture facilities located in south-central Idaho's Upper Snake Rock Subbasin and on the effect of the allocations on the Snake River and other streams in the subbasin.

The intent of this document is to provide the aquaculture industry with wasteload allocations as specified in two water quality improvement plans: the Mid-Snake total maximum daily load (TMDL) and the Upper Snake Rock TMDL.

The document proposes setting seasonal wasteload allocations for some of the aquaculture facilities, and DEQ is specifically seeking comment on the seasonal wasteload allocations. The allocations in the document affect 17 TMDLs for total phosphorus and total suspended solids and six associated segments of the Snake River.

Copies of the draft wasteload allocations are available for review at DEQ's Twin Falls Regional Office through August 30, 2004. The information is also posted to DEQ's Web site at [www.deq.state.id.us/news/news1.htm](http://www.deq.state.id.us/news/news1.htm).

DEQ will accept written comments on the proposed wasteload allocations through 5 p.m., Monday, August 30, 2004.

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# Lilies DON'T TELL

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Jo Ann Hieb did a double take the year her Easter lilies looked like tiger lilies.

Five years ago, she started planting the Easter lilies, given to her at Easter. After the plant quit blooming, she put it in the ground next to her home in Rupert.

The third year, when she had three plants, the blooms opened and looked like tiger lilies. The following year, the plants again looked like tiger lilies.

The first year that her flowers bloomed as tiger lilies, Hieb was sure the mystery had something to do with her neighbor, May Navarez, who had a row of tiger lilies along the side of her house.

"I told her to keep her tigers on her side," Hieb said.

Navarez came over to Hieb's house to take a look. "We went and saw it. There was nothing but tiger lilies," she said. "We just couldn't believe it."

Five years ago, Navarez's mother had given her some tiger lily bulbs. "I planted them and they bloomed," she said.

The two women figured that Hieb's flowers must have somehow cross-pollinated with Navarez's.

Navarez then dug up all of her tiger lilies and moved them to the front of the house so they would be far away from Hieb's flowers. She also thought they would do better on the south side of her house with more light.

As she expected, they have done better.

And when Navarez checked on Hieb's flowers this year, she found out there were no more tiger lilies.

"Now they are back to Easter

lilies," Hieb said, "but they are bigger and better."

Jo Ann Robbins, a Jerome County University of Idaho extension educator, attempted to explain how Hieb's Easter lilies could have changed to tiger lilies.

She said she has never heard of a case like this, but such a thing is not impossible.

At times, plants do cross-pollinate, Robbins explained. A bee could even have cross-pollinated the plants.

"Lilies will set seed," she said. "Somehow, the seed pods fell to the ground and came up from seed."

If Easter lilies are coming from bulbs, they will always be Easter lilies, Robbins said. "There is no way they will revert."

In this case, the seeds could have formed a tiny new bulb underground that would have been a hybrid between the two types of lilies.

Tiger lily traits would be dominant over Easter lily traits in a seedling, Robbins said, adding, "It expressed the Tiger lily genes."

A bulb started from seed that way would have been close to the surface and would have easily frozen and died after a couple years.

Then the Easter lilies would have come back.

Robbins said she was using educated conjecture to explain how all of this could have happened.

But no matter how it happened, Hieb and Navarez find it downright unusual.

"It's really weird," Navarez said.

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Jo Ann Hieb shows off some of her Easter lilies that bloomed this year. The flowers can't decide whether they want to be tiger or Easter lilies.

## Easter lilies hit the U.S.

Thank Louis Houghton, a World War I soldier, for the popularity of the Bermuda lily — better known as the Easter lily — in the United States. In 1919, he brought a suitcase full of hybrid lily bulbs to the southern coast of Oregon and gave them to family and friends to plant.

The climate there was ideal for growing this lily, a native of the Ryukyu Islands of Japan.

By 1945, 1,200 west coast growers were producing bulbs for the commercial market.

Until that time, first Bermuda, and then Japan, dominated the U.S. export market.

Today, 10 growers, most located along the California-Oregon border in an area known as the "Easter Lily Capital of the World," produce 95 percent of all bulbs grown in the world for the potted Easter lily market.

They produced almost 11.5 million bulbs last year, shipping them to commercial greenhouses in the U.S. and Canada.

Despite a sales window of only two weeks, Easter lilies are the fourth largest crop in wholesale value in the U.S. potted plant market, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Poinsettias, mums and azaleas rank first, second and third.

States producing the highest number of potted Easter lilies are Michigan, California, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Sources: Dr. Leonard Perry, extension professor, University of Vermont

## The Bite is back

By Steve Turner  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — For the seventeenth time, the bite is back.

The 17th annual Bite of Magic Valley, hosted by the Junior Club of Magic Valley, will once again showcase area restaurants and vendors at a culinary food festival.

The food will be available in booths at the park. Participants pay only for what they eat and drink.

The idea is to offer reasonably priced and specialties from fine restaurants in the valley — and invite everyone to sample.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Crossfire, and presented by Music Center Pro Audio.

Proceeds will benefit the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition and the Ike Kistler Safe House.

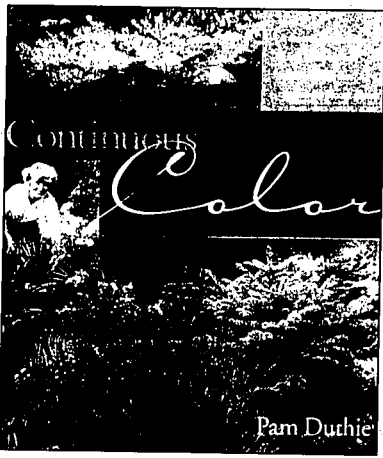
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Times-News correspondent Steve Turner can be reached at 734-7029 or at southpawpitcher@hotmail.com.

## Bite of Magic Valley

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# Great gardening



This is the time to take a break with a good garden book, when you can learn about plants and then go into the yard to play. "Continuous Color," by Pam Duthie, explains how shrubs and small trees can add vibrancy to gardens year-round.

## Plant-care books offer fresh ideas

By Joel Lerner  
The Washington Post

It's time to take a break with a good garden book.

It's time to learn plant care and what to install, because you can get the materials at a garden center and go into the yard to play.

"Continuous Color," by Pam Duthie (\$44.95, Ball, 2004), captures the spirit of one of the primary principles of landscape design: 12-month interest.

She illustrates what trees and shrubs bring to the year-round landscape, such as colorful fall foliage, distinctive peeling

bark, berries, fruits, variegation and golden or blue conifers. Duthie covers Japanese stewartia (S. pseudocamellia) and paperbark maples (Acer griseum) for winter interest; oakleaf hydrangea (H. quercifolia) and Little Henry Sweetgum (Liquidambar styraciflua) for flowers in summer; and beautiful fall color and Carol Mackie daphne (D. x burkwoodii "Carol Mackie") for fragrant spring flowers and striking foliage throughout the growing season.

This 337-page hardcover is broken down by seasons, so you can choose from almost 300 plants that will be of interest during the times of the year you want them to be.

It has hundreds of color photographs, plus appendices on planning guides, plant societies and resources.

"100 Birds and How They Got Their Names," by Diana Wells (\$18.95, Algonquin, 2002), is a delightfully interesting pocket-sized hardcover book to take along on a nature trip, covering 100 birds.

Wells gives you lots of facts about each bird, including its scientific name and a historical perspective that even bird aficionados might not know, such as the origin of the quill pen. It makes for an entertaining and absorbing 297 pages.

"The Natural Habitat Garden," by Ken Druse (\$29.95, Timber Press, 2004), capitalizes on an increasingly popular trend: natural landscape design.

Druse differentiates between preserving and designing natural habitats.

Preservation focuses on large areas, such as park spaces, set aside to preserve the mature woodlands and wildlife that would otherwise be pushed to extinction by development.

This book focuses on replacing lawns with plants that grey centuries ago.

Druse outlines how to do this

and makes a compelling argument for designing gardens that will bring back birds, bees, butterflies, frogs, turtles and other organisms. This 256-page paperback shows natural habitat gardens on a residential scale. Almost 500 color photos show various possibilities.

"Encyclopedia of Water Garden Plants," by Greg and Sue Spiechert (\$49.95, Timber Press, 2004), is a well-written, educational reference with more than 700 color images.

About two-thirds of the book covers plant material: the balance offers exceptionally complete propagation, planting and fertilizing guidelines and a comprehensive outline of possible pests and what to do about them.

The book also is a definitive, decorative, 366-page hardcover that will answer all your questions about installing

aquatic plants.

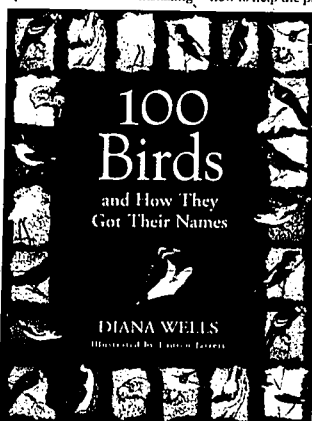
"The Weather-Resilient Garden," by Charles W.G. Smith (\$19.95, Storey Publishing, 2004), provides ideas for that homeowners' dream, the low-maintenance garden.

With proper planning and maintenance, you can plant a garden that will withstand anything nature deals out.

Have you ever considered thunderstorms, hail, road salt, ice and freezing conditions, flooding, wind, drought, heat and humidity as factors that plants must survive?

One hundred tough plants are suggested, plus guidelines for saving conifers from snow damage and for planting for drought and heat tolerance and wind resistance.

Throughout this 412-page book, Smith offers information about the survival of plants, trees that make the grade and how to help the process.



The book '100 Birds and How They Got Their Names,' by Diana Wells, is packed with little-known avian facts.

**FOOD & HOME**

# Learn how to win ribbons at the fair



**GREEN THUMBPRINTS**  
Cathy Walworth

One of the best perks of this job is judging flowers at the county fair. That's when I get to see what kind of gardeners you are, and I'm here to tell you — you got better every year.

For those gardeners who have not quite worked up the nerve to enter anything in the fair, here are a few pointers that will get you closer to a ribbon.

• **Tell bugs to bug off.** Live-stock belongs over in the barn, not on your lovely flowers. Any entry with a bug on it is instantly disqualified. I'm sure you didn't bring the beast in out of purpose, but because it hitched a ride on your bloom, other entries run the risk of infection, too.

• **Clean is best.** Flowers live outside. They get dirty. Wash them. Fill a sink with lukewarm water and a dash of Palmolive Green dishwashing soap or L.O.C. Any other dishwashing detergent has too many additives and will probably damage your flowers.

• **Most flowers will tolerate a complete dunking.** That takes care of hidden insects. Rinse

with a weak tea solution and gently wipe with the corner of a sponge or rag. That will take off any spots that might still be there from sprays and whatnot. Please, don't add commercial products that are supposed to make the leaves shine better. A healthy leaf provides its own sheen.

• **Leave leaves.** But not in the water. Cut the stems long enough that at least two sets of leaves are displayed above the edge of the vase. Remove those below the water line. We don't want the Flower Building to smell like rotting leaves.

Leaves tell me what kind of gardener you are. Are they in good shape or are they chewed? Are they the right color for the variety? Leave me some leaves

to look at.  
• **Is it a flower?** New rose growers will sometimes enter a bud when the entry calls for a flower or bloom. A properly opened rose will (depending upon the variety) open her lowest petals from the top of a "T" with the stem forming the stem of the "T". Choose roses that have opened their petals to almost that far and, by the time the judge sees them, they'll be perfect.

• **Follow the rules.** Read the premium book. A marigold entered with the petunias will be disqualified. Fair clerks work hard to make sure every entry is properly categorized, but they can't undo your mistakes. By the same token, if the entry is for "Three blooms," please bring three identical blooms.

Good luck and have fun at the fair.

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

# Perfect pasta requires patience

By **Carole Kotkin**  
The Miami Herald

The best dried pasta is made from semolina flour — coarsely milled, high-gluten durum wheat that gives pasta its firm texture when cooked.

Fresh pasta is made with eggs rather than water and unbleached flour rather than semolina. It cooks quickly and is highly perishable, which is why you find it in the refrigerator case.

To cook pasta, use a large pot (8 to 10 quarts) filled with 6 to 8 quarts of water. The large volume means the water will come back to the boil soon after you add the pasta, allowing it to float freely. (Don't put

more than 2 pounds of pasta in a single pot.) Once the water is boiling rapidly, add 1 tablespoon salt for proper flavor (most of it isn't absorbed). Don't add oil to the pot. It will coat the pasta and make the sauce slide off.

Stir the pasta constantly with a long-handled spoon for a few minutes after adding it to the pot to prevent the strands from sticking together. Once the pasta softens, partially cover the pot for a vigorous boil.

Fresh pasta cooks in just a minute or two, while dried pasta may need from 4 to 15 minutes. Begin testing for doneness halfway through the cooking time recommended on the package.

Use a fork to lift the pasta from the water, and bite to see if it's "al dente" ("firm to the tooth"). It's ready when it's tender but still slightly resistant.

Immediately drain cooked pasta in a colander, shaking the water out just once or twice so that some moisture is retained. Don't rinse pasta unless instructed by the recipe. Rinsing washes away the surface starch, which helps to thicken the sauce.

Serve pasta in shallow soup bowls that have been warmed (use the dishwasher drying cycle). Flat plates allow the pasta to cool off too quickly, and they have no edge against which to brace your fork for twirling.

## PASTA WITH SUMMER TOMATO SAUCE & MOZZARELLA

You may think an Italian sauce needs to simmer for hours to develop robust flavor, but a fresh tomato sauce can be just as flavorful, and it's much faster to prepare.

This recipe is based on a traditional Sicilian dish and relies on the hot pasta to melt the cheese and release flavors and aromas.  
It is equally good whether you make it with fresh or dried pasta. Serve with a green salad and crusty bread.

5 large, vine-ripened tomatoes (their room if possible), cut

into 1/2-inch pieces  
2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced  
3/4 cup packed fresh basil leaves, chopped coarsely

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
Salt  
1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper  
1 pound spaghetti or favorite pasta shape  
8 ounces mozzarella cheese (fresh or supermarket variety), cut into 1/2-inch pieces

In a bowl large enough to hold the pasta, combine tomatoes with their juice, 1/2 cup of the basil leaves, the olive oil, 1

teaspoon salt and the pepper, stirring gently to mix.

Allow sauce to stand 15 to 20 minutes to develop flavor.

Cook pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water until al dente.  
Drain pasta and immediately add it to the tomato mixture. Toss at once to coat the pasta.

Add the cheese and remaining 1/4 cup basil mix well to enable the heat of the pasta to soften the cheese. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

*Source: Adapted from Chef Luke Palladino, Borgata Hotel, Atlantic City*

# Onions yield varying tastes, textures

By **Donna Pierce**  
Chicago Tribune

All onions belong to the lily family. But Tanya Fell, of the National Onion Association, said there are two different categories: fresh spring and summer onions, and storage onions.

Most white and red spring and summer onions have a thin skin and a higher water content, which generally makes them sweeter and milder than the thick-skinned yellow, white and red onions that are harvested in the late fall.

Jesse Ziff Cool highlights some familiar onions in "Onions: A Country Garden Cookbook" and includes some cooking suggestions:

• **Green onions** (also known as scallions): "These slender stalks with underdeveloped bulbs are available year-round but most delicate and delicious during the spring/summer growing season.

Use in "quick sautes; stir-fries, or as a fresh, bright finish for pastas, egg dishes or soups."

• **Pearl onions** (also known as pickling onions): Tiny and globe-shaped, these are best used cooked or pickled.

• **Sweet onions** are often marketed to reflect the region from which they hail, these include "Texas Sweet," Walla-Walla (Washington), Vidalia (Georgia) and Maui (Hawaii).

Sweet onions have a "fruitlike sweetness that makes them best for eating raw in salads or on sandwiches."

Here's a salad that depends on the best-season ingredients for the best flavors.

**FARMERS MARKET TOMATO SALAD**  
Yield: 4 servings  
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
4 vine-ripened tomatoes, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 small red onion, finely chopped

3/4 teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
3 tablespoons each fresh, finely chopped: Italian flat-leaf parsley, garlic, and onion, or 1 teaspoon each dried parsley, basil and oregano

Whisk together olive oil and vinegar; set aside. Toss tomatoes, garlic and onion in a large bowl; season with salt and pepper to taste. Add fresh herbs; toss with vinaigrette. Refrigerate until ready to serve, up to 48 hours. Toss before serving.

*Nutrition information per serving: 156 calories, 77 percent of calories from fat, 14 g fat, 1.9 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 7.9 g carbohydrates, 1.7 g protein, 446 mg sodium, 1.9 g fiber*

# 'Noodables' soup makes an impression

By **Ellen Hawkins**  
The Baltimore Sun

June Freeborg of Union, Ill., is seeking a recipe she says was called "Noodables." She writes: "Every year my family goes to Lafayette, Ind., to attend the Feast of the Hunters' Moon. There is great food there. Every year I buy this dish.

Couple Vianco of West Lafayette, Ind., wrote, "I obtained this recipe from the Feast of the Hunters' Moon (in Lafayette, Ind.) a few years ago."

## NOODABLES

1/2 pound diced bacon or substitute 1/2 cup vegetable oil  
2 cups carrots, sliced into 1/4-

inch pieces  
3 cups celery, sliced into 1/4-inch pieces  
2 cups onion, cut into thin wedges

3 cups cut broccoli florets and stems  
2 cups cut cauliflower florets and stems

Mixed seasonings (see below)  
1 cup chopped red cabbage  
1 cup chopped green cabbage

3 cups noodles (Reames frozen work wonderfully)  
Fry bacon crisp, or heat oil.

Add carrots and cook until tender. Add celery, onions, broccoli, cauliflower and 3 tablespoons mixed seasonings.  
Stir and cook until broccoli is

tender, about 10 minutes. Add cabbage and noodles.

Continue cooking until cabbage is tender and noodles hot, about 8 minutes. Sprinkle with additional mixed seasonings, to taste. Makes approximately 8 to 10 servings.

Mixed Seasonings:  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup dill weed  
1/8 cup paprika  
1/8 cup coarse pepper  
1/4 cup salt

Combine ingredients. It makes enough for multiple batches of noodles. Store in an airtight container.

Do not skimp on any of the seasonings ingredients. These are what makes it great.

# Keep kids cool with tasty summer treats

By **Catherine Mallette** and **Jennifer Engstrand**  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

If your child is playing sports or simply having some playtime out in the hot, summer sun, keep drinks cold with bottles that get an assist from gel-stick technology. Put the stick into a freezer for about four hours, then pop it into the container with your drink. It will keep the liquid cold without diluting it. Cool Craft's Clip Flip & Sip 28-ounce freezer bottle has a big clip on the top so you can attach it to a backpack or other gear. \$2.99 (see [www.coolcraft.com](http://www.coolcraft.com)). Target's Summerville 22-ounce freezer bottle comes with a bonus gup stick. Also \$2.99.

These tasty treats are easy to make, and they put the emphasis on cold.

## WATERMELON ICE POPS

Makes 4 pops  
What you need:  
Blender  
1 cup seedless watermelon, cut into chunks

1 cup orange juice  
1 cup water  
4 clean, empty yogurt cups  
Aluminum foil  
Butter knife  
Plastic spoons  
What you do: In a blender,

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Add unexpected veggies, nuts to dress up salads

By Marie Hodge Knight Ridder News Service
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Salads are summer's salvation food, but what you need is a recipe that suggests your creation took time, skill and ingenuity. Here are some suggestions from chefs:
• Unexpected ingredients. Your creation should be easy to identify as a salad, of course, but it should contain intriguing elements that telegraph a departure from the tried and true. Experiment with seafood, star fruit, nuts and pineapples.

snow peas, peppers and carrots, parboil to enhance color. Boil the vegetables very briefly — depending on thickness — and plunge them immediately into an ice-water bath.
• Greens that are prepared properly. Most people wash lettuce and other greens, the base item for most salads, before they use them. Actually, you should fill the sink about half full of cold water, then add a couple of dozen ice cubes and a capful of vinegar before you put the greens into the colander.
• Fresh or packaged fruits to 'dress up' vinaigrette dressings. Adding blueberries, strawberries, raspberries or blackberries to your vinaigrette makes it much fresher and nicer to look at.

Spotlight shines on seedless watermelon

By Amy Culbertson Fort Worth Star-Telegram
FORT WORTH, Texas — Alongside Texas 222, between Knox City and Munday, the wind-whipped West Texas plains are interrupted by a tall sign bearing a vivid stylized watermelon crescent. The slice, announcing the headquarters of the Johnson Melon Corp., has a single bite taken out of it, but there are no black seeds punctuating the melon's brilliant red.
This stretch of land north of

Arlene is the cradle of the seedless watermelon, and Knox City has the late Donald Johnson to thank for its title — officially proclaimed by the Texas Legislature — as the Seedless Watermelon Capital of Texas.
Donald Johnson and his wife, Kay, started out growing cotton and wheat. In the late '70s, Donald decided to put in a couple of acres of watermelons, selling them out of his garage. Then one day, "a little man drove up in a van," says Donald's 42-year-old son Dwayne.

"He got out and had a bag of seed. It was the man that invented the seedless watermelon, Dr. (O.J.) Eigsti, from Goshien, Ind. Eigsti, a botanist and plant geneticist, had found that colchicine, a chemical derived from crocus, could induce a plant to double its chromosomes. After a Japanese scientist produced the first seedless watermelon — using his chromosome-doubling process in the '40s, Eigsti had begun concentrating on devel-

oping a marketable seedless watermelon. He was looking for a farmer who might grow them. Johnson joined Eigsti's American Seedless Watermelon Seed Corp., and American Seedless formed a partnership with California produce company Sun World.
Sweet, ripe watermelon is such a perfect fruit by itself that it is usually served simply chilled and sliced. But seedless watermelon also is perfect to puree for smoothies. And watermelon puree works well in gelatin molds.

CRAB, AVOCADO & MANGO SALAD

Serves 4
Crab mixture:
1 pound lump crab meat
2 tablespoons minced red onion
2 tablespoons minced red pepper
2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
Zest and juice of 2 lemons
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
Salt and pepper
Salad:
2 avocados
1 mango

4 bowl-shaped rattlesnake leaves
Gently mix ingredients for crab mixture. Peel and thinly slice mango and avocado. Add a quarter of crab mixture into lettuce leaf; arrange slices of mango and avocado.
Garnish with red onion, fresh herbs and tomatoes. Drizzle balsamic vinegar — reduced by half — over salad.
From: William Murphy, co-owner and chef, Hampton Street Vineyard, Columbia, S.C.

WATERMELON-ONION SALSA

Yields about 4 cups
1 1/4 cup orange marmalade
1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
1/4 cup seeded and chopped jalapeno peppers
2 tablespoons white vinegar
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups chopped watermelon
1/2 cup chopped sweet

onion
1 cup orange sections, chopped
Stir together marmalade, cilantro, jalapenos, vinegar, garlic and salt.
Add watermelon, onion and orange sections and gently toss until coated.
Chill at least 30 minutes before serving.

WATERMELON APRICOT BARBECUE SAUCE

The National Watermelon Promotion Board suggests basting shrimp, pork or fowl with this Asian-tinted sauce at the end of the grilling time to avoid charring.
It's also recommended as a glaze for ham.
Yields about 3 cups
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 onion, minced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger or 1 teaspoon powdered ginger
1/4 cup sesame seeds
10 ounces apricot all-fruit preserves
1 1/3 cup extra-dry vermouth

1 cup watermelon puree
1 tablespoon soy sauce, or to taste
1 cup minced watermelon
Heat the oil in a 3-quart non-corrosive saucpan over medium-high heat.
Add onion and garlic and saute until the onion is soft and golden, about 8 minutes.
Add the ginger and sesame seeds and saute another minute.
Reduce heat to medium-low and add the remaining ingredients.

STRAWBERRY, FIG AND BLUE CHEESE SALAD

Serves 4
1 1/4 pound (about 1 1/2 bunches) baby watercress
1/4 pound dried figs, thinly sliced lengthwise
1 pint (2 cups) fresh strawberries, sliced
2 ounces blue cheese such as gorgonzola or Roquefort
3 tablespoons extra-virgin oil
3 tablespoons sherry vinegar
Salt and pepper
Freshly ground black pepper

Trim 4 inches off stems of watercress. Rinse; wrap in paper towels or spin dry. Put watercress in a salad bowl.
Toss figs and strawberries; crumble blue cheese on top. Whisk together olive oil and vinegar; toss with salad greens. Sprinkle with salt and freshly ground pepper to taste; toss again. Serve immediately.
From: "The Berry Bible" by Janie Hilber (Marrow)

SWEET MELON SEAFOAM PIE

1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatin
1 cup sugar, divided
1/4 cup water
4 eggs, separated
1/4 cup lime juice
1/4 cup water
1 teaspoon grated lime zest
1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped, plus additional for garnish
1 1/2 cups small watermelon balls, or a mixture of watermelon and other sweet melon balls
1 baked 9-inch pie shell, cooled
Toasted coconut, for garnish
In a medium saucpan, combine powdered gelatin, 1/2 cup sugar and salt. In a bowl, lightly beat egg yolks, reserving whites, and then beat in lime juice and water.

Add egg mixture to gelatin mixture in saucpan, stir to blend and cook mixture over high heat until it comes to a boil.
Remove from heat and mix in lime zest. Chill until mixture is semi-firm. Meanwhile, beat egg whites and remaining 1/2 cup sugar to stiff peaks.
Fold chilled gelatin mixture into egg whites; then fold in whipped cream and melon balls and pour into pie shell. Refrigerate until firm.
To serve, top each slice with whipped cream and toasted coconut.

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MIDSUMMER SPAGHETTI SQUASH SALAD

Serves 6
1 spaghetti squash, about 1 1/2 pounds, halved lengthwise, seeded
3 tablespoons apple-cider vinegar
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
1 can (15 ounces) garbanzo beans, drained
1 can (14.5 ounces) chopped tomatoes, drained, or 1 medium tomato, cored, seeded, chopped
1 each, coarsely chopped: red

onion, red bell pepper
Cover each half of squash with plastic wrap. Cook in microwave on high (100 percent power) until fork tender, about 12 minutes. Carefully remove plastic wrap; let stand 5 minutes.
Meanwhile, whisk together apple-cider vinegar, basil, garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper set aside. Shred squash into a serving bowl by running a fork over the flesh. Add beans, tomatoes, onion and bell pepper. Toss with dressing.
From: Donna Pierce, Chicago Tribune

Protect Pets from Poisonous Household Products and You Can Save Their Lives
When we have children, we act responsibly and take every precaution necessary to keep them healthy and protect them from danger. We take them for preventive medical care, we baby-proof our homes with gates and locks, keeping potentially dangerous poisons or objects out of their reach, we even take them to the doctor at the first signs of distress. Most responsible pet owners do the same for their companion animals. Yet some just aren't aware that there are many household items we use everyday that can be harmful or even fatal to our pets. Even some items specifically meant for pets could cause health problems. According to The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Animal Poison Control Center, thousands of dogs and cats needlessly suffer and many die each year by accidental ingestion of certain household poisons, including pesticides, house plants, medication and foods.

Study: Some red snapper may not be the real thing

Knight Ridder News Service
Researchers at the University of North Carolina recommend you think twice before spending \$15 for a red snapper filet the size of an index card. A new genetics study suggests a poor ocean cousin might be masquerading as its upscale relative on your dinner plate. A study of 22 fish bought from nine vendors in Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and Wisconsin showed that more than three-quarters of the "red snappers" sold was a different species — vermilion snapper or lane snapper — in violation of federal law.

Seafood industry executives said the study was too small to be meaningful.
Red snapper is increasingly rare and usually fetches a premium price.
Many of the red snapper populations are overfished, especially by shrimp trawlers that unintentionally scoop them up and discard them as bycatch losses.
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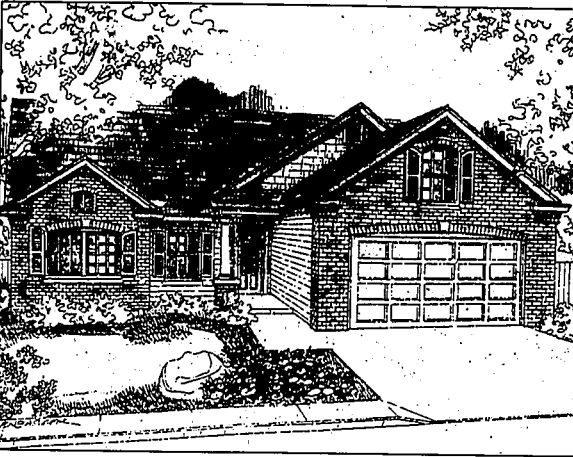
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## Modest size adds to home's classic look

The harmonious combination of shutters, brick veneer and keystone arched openings gives a classic flavor to the Glenbar.

This compact, single-level home is a mere 49 feet in width, yet has a surprisingly spacious feeling. Singles, empty nesters and young families will find much to appreciate here.

Natural light spills into the foyer through a transom. Double doors on the left swing open into a room that could be used as a den, study, home office or even a third bedroom.

The master suite, plus a second-bedroom-and-bathroom, are down a short hallway to the left.

Coat and storage closets line the right side.

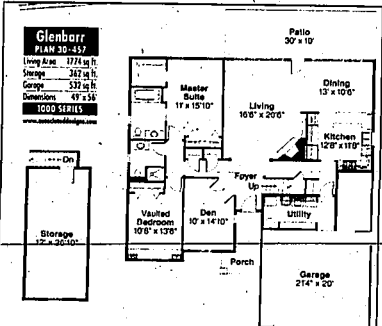
Master suite amenities include a private bathroom and two closets, one of them a walk-in.

Living room and dining room flow together, creating a large, bright open space, and the rear of the room sparkles with windows.

One of them is actually an atrium door, which provides access to a large patio. Across the room, a gas fireplace nestles into a cozy corner.

The room's cabinet next to it is ideal for housing a TV, stereo, and other electronic components.

Nothing more than a peninsula counter separates the kitchen from the dining room.



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This counter could be outfitted as an eating/conversation bar.

The oven and microwave opposite the counter are conveniently placed for serving up hot dishes to either the eating bar, or the dining room table.

Lazy Susan shelves offer easy access to the lower cabinets tucked in the corner between the dishwasher and cook top.

A good-sized utility room is close at hand, opening off of the passageway that links with the two-car garage.

The space above the garage

## Turkey salad keeps you cool

- By Linda Gassenheimer  
The Miami Herald
- This cool salad is perfect for a hot summer evening. Ask the deli to cut the turkey in 1/2-inch thick slices.
- This will make it easier to cut into cubes. The recipe is adapted from the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Association. Crustini is Italian for "little crusts."
- SMOKED TURKEY, PEACH & BLUEBERRY SALAD**
- 1 1/2 tablespoons light mayonnaise
  - 3 tablespoons nonfat plain yogurt
  - 3 tablespoons orange marmalade
  - 2 teaspoons lemon juice
  - Freshly ground pepper
  - 2 small, ripe peaches, pitted and sliced (about 1 cup)
- 1 cup blueberries  
3/4 pound smoked turkey breast, cut into cubes  
Several red lettuce leaves  
Sift together mayonnaise, yogurt, marmalade and lemon juice in a bowl.  
Add pepper to taste. Add peaches, blueberries and turkey.  
Toss well. Place lettuce leaves on a platter and spoon salad on top. Makes 2 servings.  
Herbed Cheese Crustini: 1/2 French baguette  
Olive oil spray  
1 ounce garlic-herbed goat cheese  
Preheat broiler or toaster oven.  
Cut bread on diagonal into six 1/2-inch slices. Spray with olive oil.  
Spread with cheese. Place under broiler for 1 1/2 minutes or until cheese melts.  
Makes 2 servings.

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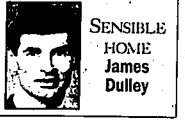
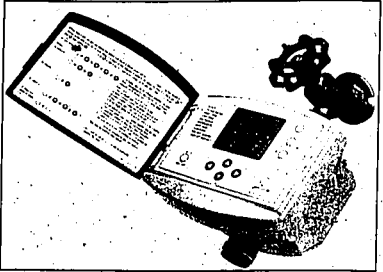
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## More water won't always save plants

DEAR JIM: This time of the year I water my lawn and garden almost everyday, yet they still look bad. I will hate to see my next water bill. Am I doing something wrong and what are the best sprinklers to use?

—MIKE G.

DEAR MIKE: It sounds as though you might be watering too often, yet not thoroughly enough. There are right and wrong ways to water plants and using the proper type of sprinklers can make a significant difference. Overwatering or watering too often can be as detrimental as a drought.



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James Duiley

Water meters can be an inexpensive way to monitor your usage.

then attach your hose to it. Some operate on battery power. They have digital readouts and automatically shut off the water when it reaches the desired volume.

A tiny inexpensive (about \$8) mechanical water meter can be screwed onto the hose and its rotating dial indicates the gallons of water sprayed.

If your budget is too limited for an underground sprinkler system and you would rather watch baseball than move a sprinkler around the lawn, use a traveling rotary sprinkler.

It slowly moves across your yard automatically. One cute design looks similar to a red fire truck with a sprinkler on top.

Inexpensive oscillating sprinklers are good for medium to large areas. They distribute a lot of water, about one-quarter inch every hour. Adjustable ones are best. Since they spray the water high in the air, some water is lost to evaporation, especially in dry climates, before it reaches the ground.

If the sound does not bother you, impulse sprinklers can be very effective and efficient. They spray the water out radially and relatively low to the ground.

Look for better ones with a deflector to control the spray distance and an adjustable diffuser pin to break up the jet spray into a coarse mist.

The best sprinkler method uses electronic controls and manifolds to control the water volume individually for different areas. The feed lines can be under or above-ground for easy installation. You will likely use a combination of pop-up lawn, shrub and rotary sprinklers to do your entire yard.

Write for (instantly download — www.dulley.com) Update Bulletin No. 841 — buyer's guide of 12 in-hand-hold, hose-end, underground sprinklers and timer manufacturers. Listing types and accessories available, a sprinkler-type selector guide, and watering tips. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to: James Duiley, 6900 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

## Book offers suggestions on cleaning, organizing

The Baltimore Sun

Keeping our homes tidy, clean and well-cared-for is a challenge. It only if it could be simpler, author Cindy Harris thought. So she decided to write her own manual on how to maintain an organized and cleanly home. "Keeping House: Hints and Tips for a Beautifully Clean Home" (Ryland Peters and Small, 2004, \$24.95), available at Amazon.com, serves as a guidebook for home-owners and apartment dwellers alike. The book, divided into six sections, offers charts, helpful hints and instructions on virtually every home topic. Here are a few tips:

- Store cosmetics in your refrigerator door. They'll last longer. Also, the coldest part of your fridge is the bottom shelf, so store raw meat, fish and poultry there.
- Kill the bacteria in your

## Book offers suggestions on cleaning, organizing

fresh flowers' vase by adding a few drops of bleach to each quart of water.

- Hang skirts and pants by the waistband, but shirts (unbuttoned) and by the tail, when line-drying.

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FOOD & HOME

# Wild salmon can be simple

By Ruas Parsons  
Los Angeles Times

So you've decided you want to switch to wild salmon. King, chinook, coho, silver or sockeye? Columbia River, Young's Bay, Copper River, Kenai, Sida or Yakutat? Atlantic? What exactly does troll-chalk mean?

Driven by demand that is far outstripping the available product, prices for wild salmon generally start at about \$15 a pound — roughly three times that of farmed salmon. And the vaunted Copper River kings start at around \$30 — more than prime porthouse.

Wild salmon fish is denser in texture than farmed, and the flavor is much more complex. Though it is leaner, what fat there is in wild salmon feels different — it seems to remain in the flesh longer during cooking, and it doesn't leave that mouth-coating feeling that the fat in farmed can.

There are three important species: King, or chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), is the largest and fattiest fish, which means that it will have the most flavor. Silver, or coho (*O. kisutch*), is a little smaller and the flesh is a little firmer and less fatty. Sockeye, sometimes called "red" (*O. nerka*), is the leanest of all and its flesh has a red color.

Salmon are born in freshwater rivers, move to the ocean to mature, then return to the rivers of their birth to spawn. The place names usually associated with various runs of salmon — Copper River, Young's Bay, Kenai — refer to the river systems in which the fish were born.

"Atlantic" is not a salmon place name; rather it is a separate species (*Salmo salar*) and one that vanished as a commercial wild fishery decades ago. The Atlantic name now is an all-but-guaranteed indication of farmed fish.

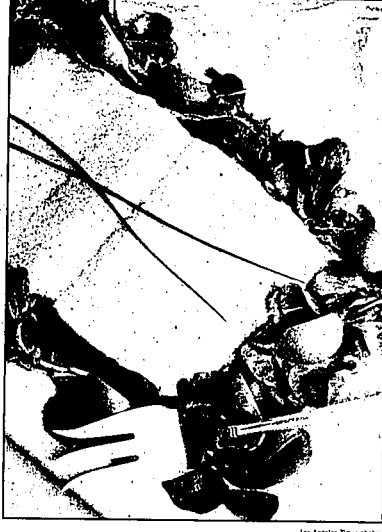
Fresh salmon isn't necessarily better than frozen. In fact, some of the best wild salmon has been caught, processed and frozen while still at sea.

Brushing will show up as a kind of mushiness, so inspect the fish carefully. The muscle should be firm and clean. Look also at the skin side for any damage in the form of scrapes or missing scales. Choose the largest fish possible, preferably a center cut.

When cooking wild salmon, don't gunk it up with elaborate preparations. To oven-steam, cook all the salmon in one pan with the skin side up to the table with serving spoons rather than cutting it into portions — with the skin removed beforehand.

To grill-saute, squeeze all the moisture out of the skin before cooking so that it will crisp into a thin wafer as you saute it. Turn the fish over only at the end of cooking to keep the center moist.

Surround with simply prepared, seasonal vegetables or maybe a salad or slaw. If you want a healthy, try a drizzle of flaxseed oil or a dollop of mayonnaise — and serve it on the side.



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## GRILLED WILD SALMON WITH FENNEL SLAW

3 bulbs fennel, about 2 to 2 1/4 pounds  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 tablespoon sherry vinegar  
1/2 cup olive oil  
Salt  
3 tablespoons minced chives  
2 pounds wild salmon, cut into 6 fillets  
Freshly ground black pepper  
Oil  
To prepare the fennel, cut off the stalks, reserving enough fronds to make 1 tablespoon when chopped. Cut the bulbs in quarters lengthwise, exposing the triangular core at the base. Cut out the core. Using a mandoline or sharp knife, shave the fennel very thin into a large bowl and reserve. Chop the reserved fronds in a small jar with a tightly fitting lid, combine the mustard, lemon juice, vinegar, olive oil, one-half teaspoon salt,

chives and the chopped fennel fronds. Shake and reserve. When almost ready to serve, season the flesh side of the salmon fillets with plenty of salt and a couple of grindings of pepper. Brush the grill and the salmon with oil. Grill skin side down over a medium-hot fire until you see the cooked color turn about one-third of the way up each fillet, 5 to 7 minutes. Lightly brush the flesh side with oil and turn. Grill 3 to 5 minutes more on the flesh side. While the salmon is cooking, vigorously shake the dressing again to combine the ingredients and pour about two-thirds of it over the shaved fennel. Toss well, the dressing should just lightly nap the fennel, and the salmon with oil. Transfer the slaw to a serving bowl. Transfer the salmon from the grill to a platter. Serves 6.  
Each serving: 283 calories; 24 grams protein; 1 gram carbohydrate; 3 grams fiber; 16 grams fat; 5 grams saturated fat; 53 mg cholesterol; 118 mg sodium.

# Cream of the crop

By Lauren Chapin  
The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Like planting potatoes in the spring and digging them up in the fall, harvesting summer's sweet corn crop was a family affair.

Although Dad planted, hoed and bickered the corn, the four of us kids slugged it. He hauled in bushel gunnysacks of the stuff on the hottest, stickiest days.

We grumped about the messy job we were marshaled to do, but the sooner we shut up the better.

We climbed into the bed of the 1964 sky-blue Ford pick-up, and he drove its Bud to the middle of the pasture. Our Black Angus and granddads' Herefords lumbered toward us and bumped against the truck and each other, impatiently waiting for the sweet husks. They flicked away the flies and horseflies with their tails; invariably one of us got bitten or, worse still, slimed when one of the cows sneezed.

We hustled in the July heat and bickered about who wasn't shucking fast enough, usually my youngest sister. Somebody always smooched a fat corn worm. The creepiest part of the job was needing back the husks, not knowing how many worms were nestled just beneath the layers. The toughest part of the job was breaking off the green cob at the base of the corn with our hands.

After just a few ears, our hands were sticky from the milk of burst kernels and itchy from the silk that stuck to our fingers. Bumper, one of our Angus, was the first to crowd around the truck, and after we were done we'd let her lick our hands. Her sandpaper-rough tongue scratched our chapped skin, but I must have known there would be no more corn for a few days.

At dinner, we ate sliced cucumbers and onions in vinegar water, mashed potatoes, green

beans, peas and, criminy, Harvard beets. Mom heaped a dozen or so ears on a platter, and I watched Dad eat three, sometimes four ears of corn. Neatly, silently, he scraped off the soft kernels with his teeth, row by row, from one end of the cob to the other. Like a tyist, I thought. Or a cartoon raccoon. After he had his fill, he'd leap up his plate for the rest of his meal.

Mom spent the rest of her day into the evening in our air-conditioned kitchen cooking the corn, cutting it off the cob and spitting it into freezer bags. All winter we'd eat it, so fresh when it was put up that the sweetness was still locked in the kernels.

My brother plants the corn field now, but Mom still puts it up for us. Two weeks ago, I fished out the last bag from the freezer, just as this year's sweet corn season started.

Selection and storage: Once corn is picked, its enzymes immediately start to convert sugars into starches. The result is tougher, less sweet corn. For the best corn, buy it at local farmers markets or roadside stands. Look for ears with bright lime-green husks and white, often sticky silks.

Yellow corn typically has bigger, more flavorful kernels. White corn tends to be smaller, more tender and more delicately flavored. Ideally the corn should be eaten the day it is picked and husked just before cooking. Unhusked, uncooked corn can be refrigerated for a day.

Preparation: My tried and true corn-on-the-cob cooking technique is simple. Fill an 8-quart Dutch oven with water, leaving enough space to add the ears of corn. Add a teaspoon of salt and bring the water to a boil. Carefully slide the corn into the water, bring it back to a boil, cover and turn off the heat and let sit for 10 minutes. Lift from the water, drain and serve hot.

## CALICO BLACK BEANS & CORN

Makes 4 to 6 servings  
2 tablespoons canola oil or corn oil  
1 medium red onion, chopped  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced  
3 cups cooked or canned black beans, drained and rinsed (see note)  
2 cups fresh or frozen thawed corn kernels  
1/2 bunch fresh cilantro, chopped  
Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat.

Add the onion, garlic and jalapeno and saute until the onion is translucent, 6 to 8 minutes.  
Stir in the black beans and corn.  
Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook, stirring occasionally until the corn is tender, 8 to 10 minutes.  
Stir in the cilantro and serve.  
NOTE: If using canned and rinsed black beans, the sodium content will be higher.  
From "Prairie Home Cooking," by Judith Fertig

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# Low-carb doesn't have to taste bad

By Steve Patushevsky  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

I'm beginning to dislike this high-protein, no-carb thing.

I just came home from the supermarket where I saw a huge display of minuscule bags of low-carb potato chips for \$3 each. I tried the new low-carb bread that tasted like sponge and fiberbread. Then, I sampled a low-carb yogurt. If you teamed it with the bread, you could build a house using the yogurt as mortar and the bread as roofing.

I say you have to eat with balance and moderation. But if you are determined to follow these high-protein regimens, at least eat food that tastes good.

Here is a dish with lots of higher-protein ingredients, which also offers lots of taste. If you find it easier, you can use 1/2 cup frozen spinach instead of fresh.

## QUINOA STIR-FRY WITH BASIL AND LEMON

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 medium onion, chopped  
2 ribs celery, chopped  
1/2 red bell pepper, cored, seeded and chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed  
1/2 pound firm or extra-firm tofu, diced  
1 cup chopped fresh spinach  
1 cup quinoa, cooked according to package directions (using

## Vegetarian Today

1 1/2 cups of water or broth  
1/4 cup chopped basil  
Juice of 1 lemon  
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper, to taste  
Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onions, celery, peppers and garlic. Sauté 5 minutes until onions are lightly browned. Add chick-

peas and tofu; stir-fry 1 minute. Add spinach and cooked quinoa; continue to stir-fry over medium heat 1 minute. Add basil, lemon, salt and pepper. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

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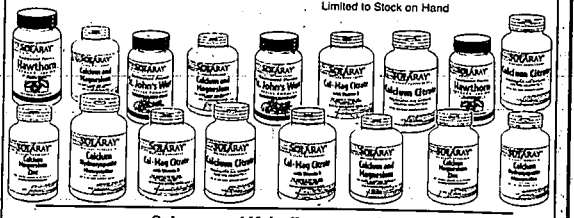
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# Plants can bring color to the fall garden

By Beth Botts  
Chicago Tribune

Before you know it, autumn will be here. Will chrysanthemums and pansies provide all the color in your autumn garden?

You can go ahead and plant fall-blooming perennials in midsummer, though you will have to be careful about keeping them watered in summer's heat, says Joanne Rocchi, of The Growing Place in Aurora, Ill.

A shrub, however, might not make it through August, according to Northbrook, Ill. garden designer Pam Duthie. "Butterfly plants wait until early fall to plant it and keep it well watered until the ground freezes so it develops a good root system for next year."

Some garden centers offer displays of fall-blooming perennials beginning in midsummer. Others mark down unsold perennials in July.

Here are some colorful perennials and shrubs.

**True blue**  
The best fall color plant bar none is *Aconitum carmichaelii*, fall-blooming "monkshood," says Douglas Green, author of "Perennials All Season: Planning and Planting an Ever-Blooming Garden." It's blue and it's spectacular, like a fall-blooming "delphinium." With spikes of flowers that can rise 4 or 5 feet tall in late summer and early autumn, this long-lived perennial grows in sun or part-shade in average soil.

### Great gold

The rich hue of goldenrod is a classic early-autumn color. Green recommends 'Loral', a new compact cultivar. Great fall-blooming performers are *Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks', with fine-textured foliage and arching stems bursting with tiny yellow flowers; *Solidago flexilis* 'Variegata', which grows over 4 feet tall with a spreading habit in semi-shade; and the compact *Solidago sphecelata* 'Golden Fleece', which stays about 2 feet high with a spreading habit. As for goldenrod's reputation for setting-off sneezes, it's a bun rap, according to the University of Illinois Extension. The true culprit is likely ragweed.

### Wonderful white

Fall-blooming anemones bloom from August through October, Rocchi says. Her favorite is *Anemone x hybrida* 'Honore Jobert', because "it's very clear white." When they are fully established, the plants' flower stems can reach 4 or 5 feet high. A hybrid of Japanese anemone, it prefers soil rich in organic matter in full sun to part shade. Crisp-leafed anemone, *Anemone tomentosa*, has light pink flowers over the same late-summer-to-frost timetable, and prefers a little more shade. The plants are hardy, but when the frost collapses the foliage, leave it to insulate the plant's crown over the winter.

### Really orange

Spiraea, known for their puffs of white bloom in spring, provide a powerful punch of fall color, according to Duthie. She

especially likes *Spiraea betulifolia* 'Tor', which has a compact habit and purple-tinted stems that add "plummy overtones" to the orange autumn display. Another good choice is *Spiraea thunbergii* 'Ogon', with thin, willowlike leaves that turn yellow to brilliant orange.

### Particularly purple

Asters are one of the signature sights of autumn. Duthie and Rocchi particularly like *Aster novae-angliae* 'Purple Dome.' Duthie also favors the sky-blue-blooming *Aster tartaricus* 'Jinda' and a compact, spreading *Aster oblongifolius* 'October Skies,' a cultivar of the native aromatic aster. Asters need full sun and well-drained soil.

### Popcorn yellow

Grasses are in their glory in autumn. One native that Duthie wishes were used more is *Sporobolus heterolepis* (prairie

dropsed). Duthie plants it in a butterfly garden at an elementary school and tells the children in fall, "Find the buttered popcorn plant!" The color leads them right to it.

### Rosy reds

"The classic is sedum" for fall bloom, says Green. These drought-tolerant, full-sun perennials bloom from late summer through autumn, says Rocchi, in a variety of green-and-red combinations of foliage and flower. Sedum spectabile 'Brilliant' for instance, has gray-green foliage and rosy pink flowers; *Sedum 'Vera Jameson'* has red-tinted foliage and pink flowers; and the popular favorite *Sedum 'Autumn Joy'* has green foliage and russet flowers. Green likes *Sedum telephium* 'Matrona,' with burgundy stems and pale pink blooms, but he also mentions *Sedum ewersii*, a low spreader that bears pink blooms.



Colorful fall perennials — asters, sedum, grasses and the mium 'Autumn Red' — can bring your fall garden to life. Photo courtesy of Florentia Conroy

# Life can be a beach in your own backyard

By Mary Beth Breckenridge  
Akron Beacon Journal

AKRON, Ohio — Brian Knauer walks out his back door right onto the sparkling white sand of his private beach.

Only thing is, he's a good 370 miles from the ocean — and those palms trees rustling in the breeze will be outta there once the cold weather comes.

Knauer created a little patch of paradise in a most unlikely setting, a back yard edged by woods in Ravenna Township, Ohio.

The beach stretches in the shadow of a Colorado spruce and a stand of shagbark hickories. The only waves get kicked up when someone splashes in the hot tub.

Knauer can't quite explain his motivation for creating a seascape in a landlocked plot in Ohio, other than the fact that he's a landscaper by trade, and a beach landscaper a creative challenge.

And his wife, Tracy, loves the beach.

Tracy Knauer's favorite spot is the hammock.

Dog, their beagle, likes to dig a hole and lie in the cool sand, but Bob the dachshund is a little fussier about getting dirty. The beach also has become the favorite party place for the family's circle.

The sandy sanctuary has taken shape in just the year since the couple moved in.

Brian Knauer dug out about 12 inches of soil, then laid down heavy-duty landscape fabric over the dirt.

On top of that went about 40 tons of sand — two semi-trailers' worth, at about \$30 to \$35 a ton wholesale.

In the 40-by-50-foot backyard space, beach chairs are parked under an umbrella next to a waterfall that cascades past a rubber plant and a water palm and a concrete curb keeps the sand from spilling onto the grass beyond.

Tiki torches surround the hot tub at the edge of a patio.

A couple of fake palms sprout their too-green fronds, while the real things grow in

spots on the sandy stretch. A few of the palms are home houseplants from Home Depot and Knauer also had three aroidia palms shipped from Florida to add a little authenticity.

The shipping cost as much as the plants themselves, so he's hoping to boost their survival chances by parking them in a friend's greenhouse for the winter.

Of course, sand washes onto the patio when it rains, and weeds that pop through the sand have to be pulled.

The waterfall requires weekly maintenance, and Knauer said it's a bear keeping sand out of the house and in the tub.

Plus, he has to rake the sand periodically to keep it looking good.

Still, he already has big plans to expand on his tropical retreat.

He'd like to have an ocean mural painted on the house's concrete-block foundation to serve as a backdrop, and he's planning to add a tiki-hut bar.

Someday, he hopes to put in an above-ground pool with a wood walkway leading to it. And that dead tree in the back yard — would it look great carved like a Corona bottle?

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FOOD & HOME

# Bring the Stepford look home

By Pamela Sherrid  
Chicago Tribune

What does it mean to Stepfordize a home? Does it mean perfection, everything in its place? An abundance of flora and fauna from the driveway to lush fabrics? A robot dog that obeys all commands? Or is it about accepting sameness in order to fit in at any cost?

The answer is "yes." Across the board. When it comes to design, it means "the best of everything." Like the "smart" refrigerator that tells you when you're out of milk, talking security systems, homes and lawns so precisely manicured that the smallest speck of dirt is the choreography of a flower bed.

At the movie theater, during our 1 1/2-hour visit to the fictionalized town of Stepford, Conn., which comes to life in the film "The Stepford Wives," we wondered who would really want to live in these Stepfordized mansion-style homes.

But looking at the movie through designing eyes, we found the Stepford homes, with the exception of the one that was home to a resident who lived for awhile in "creative chaos," were highly decorated in traditional styles that ranged from clubby to comfy.

"We scouted a lot of giant houses in Connecticut," said Peter Schutt, set decorator for the film. The goal was to portray Nicole Kidman's character (Joanna Eberhart) as moving from New York to this giant town and for it to be tasteful. The imaginary home is a real multimillion-dollar home in the exclusive community of New Canaan, Conn.

We looked for furniture to fit the spirit and the "designer" personalities," Schutt said. This meant there was little room for modern or contemporary. That kind of style was left in Manhattan by former TV executive Eberhart and her husband, Walter Kresby (Matthew Broderick) when they retreated to Stepford.

So, if you think a little Stepfordizing might be what your therapist ordered, maybe one or two pieces from the furnishings collection featured in the film will add the spark you want.

The designs that stood out were the Amy Howard Collections' Swag Stool (\$2,461), Giometti Table (\$2,752), Medici Chest (\$9,027) and George III Dining Table (\$7,100) and Baltimore Bench (\$7,717).

All of these pieces were seen in the home of Joanna Eberhart and are available at [www.amy-howardcollection.com](http://www.amy-howardcollection.com).

In the Stepford Men's Association, Howard's Wave Console (\$6,916) mixed with Ralph Lauren sofas in a setting described by one character as "Ralph Lauren meets Shaker." Other furnishings include Nina Campbell's upholstery and drapery fabric ([www.ninacampbell.com](http://www.ninacampbell.com)); and furniture and decorative accessories from the Lillian August Collection ([www.drexelheritage.com](http://www.drexelheritage.com)).

The outdoor teak furniture was by London designer Julian Chichester and by Barlow Tyrie.

# Slow southern summers inspire drink recipes

Southerners have made an art of lazing away hot summer afternoons.

They make tall pitchers of iced lemonade, iced tea, mint julep or other refreshing drink, then retire to the rocking chair, porch swing or picnic table under a big shade tree in the back yard and sip away the day while visiting with friends and neighbors.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Oppele, Ark., published a book of recipes compiled from their members in 2002.

I picked up a copy in an antique and craft shop in Oppele this spring while driving through.

According to the forward of the book Oppele was founded in 1880 by several Gutzman families.

Here are a few beverage recipes from Oppele for you to try next time the mercury is boiling out the top of the thermometer and you wonder how you are going to get through the heat of the day.

Mix up something cold, find a comfortable place to sit, search out some shade and enjoy.



VALLEY COOKING  
Dixie Thomas Reale

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

### MANGO LASSIE

3 cups yogurt  
1 cup water  
4 ice cubes  
1 mango, peeled and chopped  
2 tablespoons sugar  
4 sprigs mint (save one for garnish)  
Combine all ingredients in blender. Serve chilled.

### PINK PUNCH

2 1/2 gallons pineapple sherbet  
2 quarts gingerale  
1 quart vanilla ice cream  
1 quart strawberry soda  
Mix all ingredients together for an ice-creamy punch.

### OLD FASHIONED LEMONADE

Serves 10 to 12  
4 lemons  
1/2 cup water  
Lemon slices  
2 cups sugar  
Marshmallow cherries  
Cut lemons in thin slices; place in a bowl and cover with sugar.

Mash thoroughly until all juice is extracted.

Add water. Let stand for 1 hour. Strain.

Allow 1 or 2 tablespoons of the strained lemon juice for each serving.

Pour into a tall glass filled with shaved ice and add water. Garnish with marshmallow cherry and a slice of lemon.

Invite friends over to help drink these.

### FROZEN PUNCH

2 packages your favorite flavor Jell-O  
1 large can pineapple juice  
1 small can frozen orange juice, no water  
1 small can frozen lemonade, no water

1 1/4 cups sugar  
1/2 cup crushed pineapple  
3 cups water  
Mix the Jell-O according to the directions on package and cool.

Add remaining ingredients and stir well.

Put in covered container and place in freezer.

When ready to serve, add 2 bottles of gingerale.

Stir as it melts. It will be icy. You may re-freeze leftovers.

### CAPPUCCINO MIX

3 (8 ounce) jars French Vanilla coffee creamer  
3 cups hot chocolate mix  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
2 cups instant coffee  
Mix all ingredients together. Store in an airtight container. To serve, stir 3 heaping teaspoons in a cup of hot water. Top with whipped cream.

If you want the cappuccino to be iced, mix 3 heaping teaspoons with 1/2 cup of hot water; mix well and fill cup with shaved ice.

Or place the 3 teaspoons of mix into blender with ice cubes and blend.

You will be shaving the ice as you mix the drink.

Top with whipped cream.

### RAINBOW PUNCH

1 (46 ounce) can pineapple juice, chilled  
1 (46 ounce) can orange juice, chilled  
1 pint lime sherbet  
1 pint orange sherbet  
1 pint raspberry sherbet  
1 (32 ounce) bottle gingerale, chilled  
Combine juices in punch bowl.  
Add scoops of sherbet. Pour gingerale over sherbet.  
Makes about 25 (6 ounce) servings.

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#### SPORTSQUOTE

“ Pretty soon you won't be marketable any more because kids don't want to see their fathers skating.”

“ - XGames competitor and pro skateboarder Andy McDonald, 31, on endorsement contracts

#### TRIVIA

QUESTION: In 1918, the American League home run champion hit 11 home runs. Who was he?  
ANSWER: below

#### IN BRIEF

**Hedberg wins state golf title**  
TWIN FALLS — Mandi Hedberg of Twin Falls carded a two-day total of 151 strokes to win the 2004 Idaho Golf Association state title Tuesday, beating Boise's Malory Rhead by 11 strokes, 150-161.  
Matthew Rippey of the Treasure Valley area won the boys title with 138 strokes over 36 holes. Wendell's Kevin Oden was the top area finisher. He took seventh place.  
Other area winners and finishers will be listed when available.

**CSI hosts sports medicine forum**  
TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Family Physical Therapy and Sports Injury Clinic, Center for Physical Rehabilitation, the College of Southern Idaho, and Idaho State University will sponsor the 2004 Sports Medicine Symposium, Aug. 6-7 at the CSI Evergreen Building.  
Cost for the symposium is \$55 until July 26. The fee includes all conference materials. Registration begins at 7 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 6. Education sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on both days of symposium.  
Coaches, trainers, educator, athletic directors, and student athletes will be updated on the current concepts in sports medicine regarding sports injury treatment and prevention, work exercise for athletes, hand-on training for injury rehabilitation and taping, and first air treatment for injured athletes.  
Registration forms are available by calling Shawn Baragar at MVRMC at 737-2955. Participants may also register on-site on both days of symposium at \$5 fee.  
Continuing Education Units for certified athletic trainers will be awarded for 16 contact hours (1.6 units) through the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification. College credits from CSI and ISU are also available for an additional fee.

**Handgun safety class registration begins**  
BURLEY — Early registration has started for the Handgun Safety and Handling class from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 21 at the Heyburn Police Department. Sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Course Enrichment program, the course is recommended for anyone obtaining a concealed weapons permit or for fall hunters.  
Certified firearms instructors, Dan Soto and Wayne Winder, will cover care and cleaning of weapons, fundamentals of marksmanship, handgun safety and handling and legal force. The class includes four hours of classroom instruction before moving to the firing range for weapons and skill practice.  
Participants will need to bring a holster, handgun, hearing and eye protection and ammunition. No ammunition is allowed in the classroom.  
Class is limited to the first 12 applicants. The cost is \$50. For more information, call 678-1400.  
Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
Babe Ruth of the Boston Red Sox. Ruth had a 13-7 pitching record that year.

## CSI announces men's basketball signees



**The Times-News**  
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team took a huge step in forming its 2004-2005 team with the signing of eight new players. It was announced Tuesday.  
Those eight players — Clayton Osborn, Nick Hansen, Reggie Larry, Danny McCrae, Travis Gabbidon, Shaun Davis,

Joel Nieves and Abray Milson — will join returning big men Mohamed Kone and Bruno Claudino and guard Daril Hazut. With those 11 and red-shirt returning guards Jamaal Brown and Zerrion Feret and post Al Traore, CSI head-coach Gib Arnold is close to completing his team.  
No more players are scheduled to visit but another player could be added before the

school year starts, Arnold said. Osborn is a 6-1 point guard from West Valley, Utah. He returned home from a mission in May from Kansas. Before serving a mission, he started at the point for Lipscomb University. While there, he averaged seven points and three assists per game.  
“Clayton really knows the game,” Arnold said in a press release. “Having spent two years

away from the game, it will take some time to get back into his old form, but we expect him to play a major role on this team.”  
Joining him at the guard position will be 6-2 Danny McCrae from East Orange, N.J.; 5-10 Shaun Davis, a transfer from Pepperdine (Calif.) University; 6-4 Joel Nieves, a shooting guard from San Juan, Puerto

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## ITALY HUMBLER U.S.

### Italian team embarrasses Americans

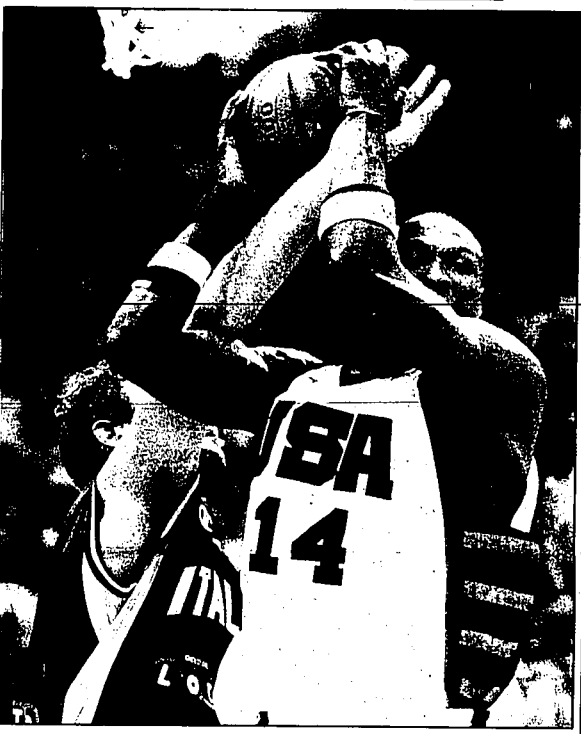
The Associated Press

COLOGNE, Germany — The U.S. men's Olympic team did more than merely lose. It was embarrassed and exposed in its most lopsided defeat since adding NBA players in 1992.  
Losing an exhibition game for the first time when using professional players, the Americans were completely outclassed by lightly regarded Italy, never even making it close in the fourth quarter of a 95-78 upset Tuesday.

This is a wakeup call for us,” Philadelphia 76ers star Allen Iverson said. “I think we need something like this to understand it's not going to be easy.”  
The Americans were sloppy with the ball and couldn't handle Italy's zone defenses and 3-point shooting. Italy not only made 15 from behind the arc but also showed superior ball movement and poise in shocking the Americans.  
“They're going to be in for a lot of lessons for the next few weeks,” U.S. coach Larry Brown said. “It's a young team, and it's a different game internationally.”

But the problems have not just come on the court for the U.S. team. Before the team's win over Puerto Rico on Saturday, Brown suspended Iverson, LeBron James and Amare Stoudemire because the trio was late for a team meeting.  
Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony led the Americans with 19 points, and two-time NBA MVP Tim Duncan added 15 points and a team-high 10 rebounds.

Italy's roster is filled entirely by players from that country's league, was led by Giacomino Galanda's 28 points and Gianluca Basile's 25.  
“I took them by surprise,” said Italian coach Carlo Recanatini. “They didn't expect us to be such good shooters. They didn't know us.”  
While the Italians were fifth at the Sydney Olympics, the United States is unbeaten at the Summer Games and in



U.S. basketball player Lamer Odom of Miami Heat, right, fights for the ball with Italian Gianmarco Pozzoco during the friendly match in Cologne, Germany, Tuesday. Italy won 95-78.

Olympic qualifying since NBA players were allowed in 1992, taking four straight gold medals. It will seek a fifth in a row at the Aug. 13-29 Athens Olympics.  
But the United States is sending its youngest team to the Olympics — the average age is 23.5 — since the door opened for NBAers.  
“We need more time together,” New Lakers forward Lamar

Odom said. “These teams play together for years, and we have to put it together in a couple of weeks.”  
At the 2002 World Championships, an American team with NBA players was beaten for the first time, 87-80 by Argentina. The United States went on to lose twice more in that tournament and finished sixth.  
“In an effort to avoid a similar

display, the current U.S. squad is touring Europe before heading to Greece. On Wednesday, it will face Dirk Nowitzki-led Germany, which beat Italy 85-77 Sunday.  
The Italians were 15-of-35 from behind the line, while Americans went just 4-for-13. Justifying Brown's fears that his team might be short on pure shooters.

## Pope sets up new sports department to reach youth

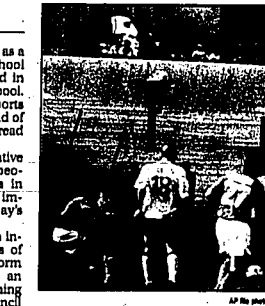
By Frances D'Emilio  
Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY — He made saves as a soccer goalkeeper in his high school years in Poland, skied and knyaked in Europe and swam laps in the naval pool. Now Pope John Paul II has set up a sports department to give the Vatican a kind of new playing field in its drive to spread Christian values around the world.

The Vatican announced the initiative Tuesday, pointing to the millions of people who will follow the Olympics in Athens this month as proof of the important role sports plays in today's world.  
“The Holy Father has always been interested in sports, and as a means of evangelization and a great way to form youth,” said the Rev. Kevin Lixey, an American priest involved in establishing the department in the Pontifical Council for the Laity.

With doping scandals and fan violence marred cycling, soccer and other sports, the pope's initiative is aimed in part at countering negative images, said Lixey, a member of the Legionaries of Christ, a conservative religious institute with headquarters in Rome.  
There is a need to “let people know that there are sportsmen who are also virtuous,” Lixey said in a telephone interview.

While the 84-year-old pope has given



Soccer players from Italy's Serie A league perform in front of Pope John Paul II, center top, at Rome's Olympic stadium in this Oct. 29, 2000 file photo. The pope has instituted a sports department, the Vatican said Tuesday.  
Roman Catholics a record number of saints as fresh role models, the sports initiative will see the Vatican promoting what it calls “testimony of Christian life” from the sporting world.

## Tigers earn respect with turnaround

By Larry Lage  
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — When baseball teams made a trip to Detroit last season, they usually could count on a couple of wins.

No anymore.  
A laughingstock in 2003 while losing an AL-record 119 games, the Tigers might not win a division title, but at least they're respectable, just five games under .500 and giving opponents fits.  
It's a completely different atmosphere in this place. Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said during a series at Comerica Park. “You used to come in here expecting to win, and now every game is a fight. That's not a team anyone wants to play these days.”

Ivan Rodriguez, Carlos Guillen, Ugoth Urbina and Jason Johnson are just some of the newcomers having strong seasons. Young holdovers Omar Infante, Brandon Inge, Mike Maroth and Nate Robertson have gone from prospects to producers.  
When the deadline passed Saturday for trades without waivers, Detroit decided it wasn't interested in unloading players suddenly attractive to playoff-hopeful teams.  
“Clubs were calling about some of our players, but we liked those players and we weren't looking for just prospects,” Tigers president Dave Dombrowski said Monday.

The Tigers (50-55) are tired about talking about last year, but that doesn't stop the interesting comparisons.  
They surpassed the 2003 victory total of 43 in their 51st game, easily setting a record for fewest games needed to overtake a win total from the previous year.

The Tigers finished last year 47 games behind AL Central champion Minnesota and lost 20 more games than the next-worst team in the majors.  
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## These Tigers are earning their stripes

After finishing their woeful 2003 season with 119 losses — one short of the modern major league record — the Detroit Tigers have a chance to end the season with a .500 record for the first time since 1963.

Always room for improvement  
While offensive production has picked up greatly, defense and pitching has been a sore spot this season.

2003	2004
AV. RANK: 244 (14)	BA (5) 278
3.7 (14) Runs/gm	(9) 5.3
183 (10) HR/gm	(8) 123
300 (14) OBP	(5) 342
.678 (14) Fielding %	(14) .677
138 (14) Errors	(14) 92
6.30 (13) ERA	(11) 4.84

NOTE: 2004 statistics are through games of August 1.

Team leaders		
BA	HR	RBI
Ivan Rodriguez	Carlos Guillen	Carlos Guillen
.349	17	79

SOURCE: Elias Sports Bureau

SPORTS

Roethlisberger signs with Steelers

The Associated Press

Ben Roethlisberger got the quarterback premium he wanted from the Pittsburgh Steelers...



Pittsburgh Steelers No. 1 draft choice Ben Roethlisberger, a quarterback out of Miami of Ohio, looks to pass during the team's first practice in minicamp in Pittsburgh in this May 7 file photo.

Glenn was the Colts' first-round pick in 1997 and started all 16 games at right guard...

Contract. Key free-agent acquisitions Eric Barton and Reggie Tongue also missed practice with leg injuries...

but no one initially believed the MRI was very serious. But an NFL revealed torn anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments.



Leigh Steinberg, Roethlisberger's agent.

Rivers was taken by the Giants then traded to San Diego for Manning, who requested before the draft that the Chargers pass on him...

Billings was the Colts' first-round pick in 1997 and started all 16 games at right guard...

Offensive tackle Mike Williams failed to show for practice and will be fined by Buffalo...

Belts president Tom Donahoe said Williams was scheduled to attend Tuesday's session after being excused Monday for personal reasons...

Jets First-round pick Jonathan Vilma injured his left calf during the New York Jets' morning practice and sat out the afternoon session...

Injuries expected to be mounting for the Jets. Defensive tackle Josh Evans sprained his left knee and missed the afternoon session...

Payton Manning's security blanket has gotten too heavy. Tarkenton, the Indianapolis starter at left tackle the last six seasons, was kept out of practice Monday because he was overweight...

Coach Tony Dungy said he set two weight limits for Glenn to meet. One was his optimal playing weight, the other was agreed upon with trainers as a precaution for the long, hot days of training camp...

"We've had a range for him since I've been here and it's been ratcheting up every year," Dungy said. "I was close, close and now I'm over."

"When we found that when Glenn, listed at 6-foot-5, 332 pounds, lost some weight he would be allowed to practice."

Purple People Eater Eller heads to Hall of Fame

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Success came quickly for Carl Eller, a mainstay on a Minnesota Vikings defensive line that dominated the NFL for more than a decade as the Purple People Eaters...

"I had great combat with Carl Eller," Brown said. "Every time I saw Carl Eller, he had his 'A' game going and I had my 'A' game going, then I was going to look like a jerk."

"Carl was a complete football player," Page said. "I don't know that I could pinpoint any particular strength. One of the beauties of those teams, particularly the front four, was that we all complemented each other so well that it was hard to say where somebody's strength ended and somebody else's began."

Eller also is one of only three Vikings to start more than 200 games in the NFL. "You don't achieve greatness without being able to play a lot of games," Grant said. "Durability is the greatest ability you can have."

"The Vikings made a strong push to get Eller and Marshall elected this year, because it was their last chance as modern-era candidates. Those who have been retired longer than 25 years have a tougher time getting in, since there are only two senior players among the 15 finalists."

"We dominated the opposing teams, certainly some of them, for a while. That's one of the great things about sports: the competitiveness. It's win or lose... there's not a lot of gray matter in there."

Eller, who will be introduced on Sunday by his son, Regis — certainly had the respect of his opponents. Brown, an offensive tackle, called Eller one of the toughest pass rushers he ever faced.

Tigers

Continued from D1 (Tampa Bay). Now, they're 9.5 games behind the division leader, the Tampa Bay Rays, and have more wins than nine teams. "We've come a long way," manager Alan Trammell said.

Last year, the Tigers scored the fewest runs (3.6 per game) in the AL; had the worst fielding percentage (.978) in the league; trailed every team in baseball in batting average (.240) and were among the worst in the majors

in ERA (5.30). This season, they're among the best in baseball in runs (5.5 per game) and batting average (.278). But they've been widely inconsistent because they rank among baseball's worst in ERA

(4.84), fielding percentage (.977) and errors (92). Detroit's shortcomings, especially with its middle relievers and setup men, has led to an 8-17 record in one-run games and a 4-8 mark in extra innings.

Athletics blast Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Scott Hatteberg homered twice and drove in five runs, while Mark Mulder hung on to his victory...



15th win, leading the streaking Oakland Athletics over the New York Yankees 13-4 Tuesday night.

Jorge Posada and Gary Sheffield hit early home runs that put New York ahead, 4-1, but the A's stormed back to win for the ninth time in 10 games in a matchup of AL division leaders.

Red Sox 5, Devil Rays 2 ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Curt Schilling pitched a six-inning performance and Jason Varitek hit a two-run homer to lead Boston, 5-2, Tuesday night. Schilling (13-5) struck out seven and walked one in his 82nd complete game.

Rangers 5, Tigers 4 DETHROIT — Mark Teixeira and Kevin Menick homered, and Eric Young hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the seventh inning to lead Texas, 5-4, Tuesday night. With the game tied at 4-4 in the seventh, Gary Matthews Jr. led off with a double, took third on Rod Barajas' sacrifice bunt and came home with the go-ahead run on Young's single to right off Nate Robertson (9-6).

Twins 10, Angels 0 MINNEAPOLIS — Backed by sound defense and a burst of power, Carlos Silva pitched his first-ever complete game and shutout. The Twins hit four home runs and turned a season-high five double plays.

Blue Jays 7, Indians 6 TORONTO — Pinch-hitter Frank Menechino drew a bases-loaded walk to drive in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning after Carlos Delgado hit a two-run homer to tie it. Down 5-3, Toronto sent 10 to the plate in the eighth and scored four times to take the lead.

Astros 3, Braves 2 HOUSTON — Roger Clemens pitched seven strong innings on the eve of his 42nd birthday but was denied the win by his Astros before the Astros rebounded to stop the Braves' five-game winning streak.

Orioles 9, Mariners 7; Orioles 5, Mariners 4 BALTIMORE — Rafael Palmeiro passed Bud Ruth on the career hits list, and the Orioles swept a doubleheader against the Mariners for the first time in 16 years.

After going 2-for-3 in the day game to tie Ruth for 30th place, Palmeiro moved past the Bambino in the night game with his 2,874th career hit, a fourth-inning single to right off Jamie Moyer.

White Sox 12, Royals 4 KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jose Contreras won his debut for his new team, and Paul Konerko hit a grand slam to tie for the AL home run lead.

Contreras (9-5), obtained from the New York Yankees on Saturday for slumping All-Star Esteban Loaiza, was given a 7-0 lead by the fifth inning and led after the sixth, when Chicago extended its lead to 10-4 lead on Aaron Rowand's three-run homer.

National League Cubs 5, Rockies 3 DENVER — Kerry Wood pitched eight innings despite a shaky start, and Derek Lee hit his 21st homer in a five-run second that lifted the Chicago Cubs over the Colorado Rockies 5-3 Tuesday night.

Wood (6-4) gave up three runs in his first inning, but lowered just three hits over the next seven.

Mets 12, Brewers 3 MILWAUKEE — Al Leiter had another strong outing, limiting Milwaukee to one run over seven innings, and the Mets scored five times in the sixth and ninth innings.

Mike Cameron homered and drove in three runs, and Joe Mauer also had three RBIs for New York.

CS I Rico; and 6-4 Nick Hansen, a shoe-ended walk to base.

McCree could be a scorer for the Golden Eagles, averaging almost 23 points per game in high school. "It is the best athlete on the team," Arnold said. "He will surely be a CSI crowd favorite with his high flying abilities."

Davis, who played point guard in the leading scorer in San Diego County history at Lincoln High School. "Shaun will be one of the quickest players in junior college basketball. He is an outstanding on-ball defender and scorer," Arnold said. "He has a very calming floor presence."

Nieves, who had two older brothers who played basketball in the United States, averaged 21 points per game in high school. "Joel is an athletic pure shooter from a basketball family," Arnold said. "He knows the game very well."

Hansen, a four-sport athlete from Pocatello High School, averaged 14 points per game for the Indians. In addition to basketball, he is the quarterback on the football team, the shortstop on the baseball team and competed on the golf team. "He's a super kid with a very bright future in basketball," Arnold said. "He has very good strength and size for a shooting guard. I love his competitiveness and his ability to make threes. He is a very good rebounder from the guard position."

Reggie Larry may have an impact at wing. The 6-5 player from Newark, N.J., averaged 18 points, seven rebounds and three assists per game in high school. "He is a long, multi-dimensional athlete that will be asked to play multiple positions," Arnold said.

Larry will be joined at the 3-spot by 6-7 Travis Gabbidon, Gobekli from Phoenix, Ariz., where he led Desert View High School to a second-place finish in the state placement finish in the 2002 tournament. Gabbidon averaged 18 points and eight rebounds per game his senior year of high school. "We are really excited to have Travis join our team," Arnold said. "He gives us great size from the guard position. He is a very coachable athlete, and he will have a great career at CSI."

The last but not least of the newcomers is center Abram Miloson. The 6-9 big man comes from Lincoln in the CSI gymnasium.

"We're all excited to have Travis join our team," Arnold said. "He gives us great size from the guard position. He is a very coachable athlete, and he will have a great career at CSI."

The Golden Eagles are set to begin practice Oct. 1 and open action against Montana Tech JV Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI gymnasium.

the youngest is a returning champion, 14-year-old skateboarder Iyan Shecker, who is on his way to ninth grade in Orange County. Shecker said "it's been a little weird" going head-to-head against competitors nearly twice his age. "This is what it's been like forever. I've always skated against older people," he said.

Falls are frequent in action sports, at any age. "The younger the body, the easier it is when you slam," said Burruist, who has recovered from 25 broken bones. "When I get hurt, it's time to heal. It's just heal, heal, heal, and then it's time to get back on the board."

Skateboarder Danny Way, 30, returned to competition this year on a pigantic new ramp he helped develop after getting bored with conventional half-pipes. "I'm feeling mentally 18, but my body feels 60," he said. "I'm not going to lie."

Action sports stars make most of their money from sponsorships, appearance fees and videos. Several have launched businesses, ranging from Burruist's organic fruit and vegetable farm to Way's DC Shoes. Surfer Kelly Slater is starting a weekly satellite radio show.

Pro skateboarder Andy Macdonald, 31, lends his name to a very coachable athlete, and he and gator eyeing the time when he'll no longer be admired by the young.

Skateboarder Danny Way, 30,

NFL Hall of Fame inductees

This begins a series on this year's Hall of Fame inductees

Thursday: John Elway



Former Minnesota Vikings defensive end Carl Eller poses outside his Minneapolis home, June 24. Eller was a mainstay of the Vikings' dominant defensive line that helped lead the team to four Super Bowls from 1969-77, and he'll enter the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Sunday.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Senators crowned AA Legion state champs

IDAHO FALLS — The Boise Senators defeated cross-town rivals the Boise Gems 15-12 Monday morning to win the 2004 American Legion AA state baseball championship in Idaho Falls. The Gems forced the second championship game with a 3-7 win on Monday in the true double-elimination tournament.

NFL satisfied Bettis isn't breaking rules

PITTSBURGH — The NFL is satisfied Jerome Bettis is not violating gambling laws. The Pittsburgh Steelers' running back admitted documents about a limited partnership that could include a horse track, racetrack, casinos, stores and slot machines.

WTA Tour Rogers Cup

ATLANTA — The WTA Tour Rogers Cup tennis tournament is under way in Atlanta. The tournament features top women's tennis players competing for a \$1 million prize.

Yankees sign Olerud to help at first base

NEW YORK — Recently released John Olerud signed with the New York Yankees on Tuesday, giving the team insurance at first base while Juan Giambi is treated for a benign tumor.

TRANSACTIONS

AUTO RACING: NASCAR's Jeff Burton made a NASCAR journeyman deal with the new team. BASEBALL: Minnesota Twins traded pitcher Scott Lineberger to the Los Angeles Angels.

Hokies suspend Vick for upcoming season

NEW KENT, Va. — Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick pleaded guilty Tuesday to reckless driving and no contest to marijuana possession, shortly after he was suspended from the university for the 2004 season.

Top-seeded Federer upset in first round

MASON, Ohio — Roger Federer's former doubles partner, shortly after he was suspended from the university for the 2004 season.

Wendell HS holds equipment checkout

WENDELL — The Wendell High School football team will hold an equipment checkout on Thursday, Aug. 5 at the school.

Hagerman holds physical night tonight

HAGERMAN — Physicals will be available for all Hagerman junior high school and senior high athletes at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Hagerman Associates in Family Practice.

Basketball camp to be held in Castletford

CASTLEFORD — A basketball fundamentals camp/tournament will be held at the Castletford-Scholar gymnasium Aug. 9-10. The camp is for boys in grades 6-12 and will run from 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. each day.

St. Nicholas golf scramble approaches

RUPERT — Rupert Country Club will host the sixth annual St. Nicholas golf scramble and barbecue Wednesday, August 11.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Baseball

Regional coverage, ESPN, 5 p.m. Mariners at Orioles, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Tennis

AIR Western & Southern F-nal Group Masters, ESPN2, 11 a.m.

Basketball

AIR Western & Southern F-nal Group Masters, ESPN2, 5:30 p.m.

Men's national teams, U.S. vs. Germany, ESPN, noon

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By Charles M. Schulz



### For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



### Dilbert

By Scott Adams



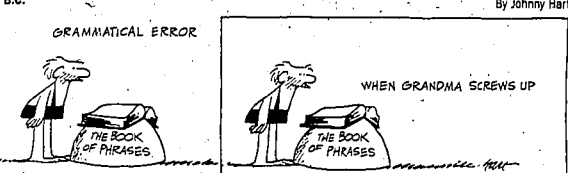
### Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### Pickles

By Brian Crane



### Garfield

By Jim Davis



### Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



### Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



"Wow! The moon here is prettier than the one back home!"

### The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



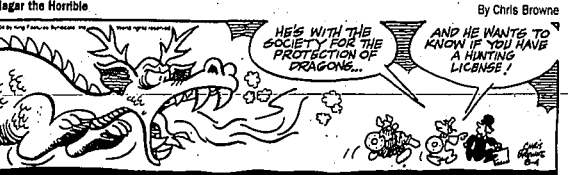
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### Hagar the Horrible

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By Mort Walker



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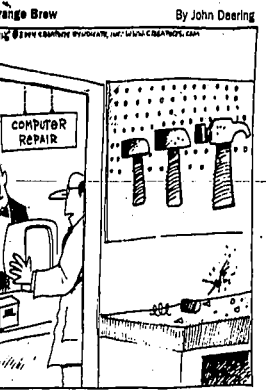
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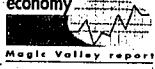
### The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip





**Notes on the economy**



**Local lodging figures**

**H**otels, motels, campgrounds, recreational facilities parks and other lodging facilities in Magic Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales during July:

County	July '04	Change from July '03
Blaine	\$2,421,123	down 8%
Camas	\$845	down 7%
Cassia	\$390,533	up 2%
Godeburg	\$108,963	up 25%
Jerome	\$268,311	down 7%
Lincoln	\$2,455	down 7%
Mindoka	\$126,863	up 5%
Twin Falls	\$1,284,565	down 7%

**M.V.** \$4,603,658 down 9%

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the July sales totals — for the most part — reflect activity that happened in June.

**Lodging totals include** non-taxable sales, such as those to nonprofit schools or federal or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

**BRIEFLY IN MONEY**

**Study: Millions losing insurance**

**WASHINGTON** — Nearly 9 million Americans lost their employer-provided health insurance from 2001 to 2003, with low-income workers and Hispanics feeling the biggest impact, according to a study released this week.

The economic downturn that started in 2001, as well as a 20 percent increase in the cost of insurance, spurred the coverage decline, the study says. The stronger economy now emerging could halt the slide but is unlikely to lead to a substantial increase in coverage over the long term.

Health-care costs — and health-insurance premiums — continue to outpace workers' incomes by a large margin, said Bradley C. Sirausk, co-author of the study released by the Center for Studying Health System Change. Such rapid growth will continue to strain employers and make private insurance less and less affordable.

The study looked at the percentage of Americans younger than 65 covered by employer-provided insurance. The number with coverage dropped from 67 percent in 2001 to 63.4 percent in 2003, leaving 8.9 million fewer insured.

Public plans, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, largely offset the decline in private coverage, so the percentage of uninsured Americans did not change significantly overall.

**Hecla Mining net up 8.2 percent on sales**

**COVER DALEMIE** — Hecla Mining Inc.'s second-quarter profits rose 8.2 percent on higher sales.

Thursday, the silver and gold miner and processor said it earned \$2.7 million, or 2 cents a share, last year. Income for the year-earlier period included a litigation-related gain of \$4 million and a \$1.1 million gain on exchange in accounting principle.

Hecla Mining's second-quarter sales grew 3.2 percent to \$3.7 million from \$30.2 million in 2003.

During the quarter, the miner produced 36,584 ounces of gold at its La Cumbre mine in Venezuela, up from 32,109 ounces a year earlier.

Hecla recently settled a case with Independence Lead Mines Co., giving it sole rights to the expansion area of the Lucky Friday silver mine in Idaho.

— compiled from wire reports

**Wider loss drops Qwest stock**

**The Associated Press**

**DENVER** — Qwest Communications stock plunged Tuesday after the telecommunications company reported a wider second-quarter loss, citing lower local service sales and costs associated with ongoing litigation and job cuts.

The company is the major provider of local-phone service to much of Magic Valley.

For the April-June quarter, Qwest posted a \$776 million net loss, or 43 cents per share, compared with a \$64 million net loss, or 4 cents a share, in the second quarter of 2003.

Revenue totaled \$1.4 billion, down 4.3 percent from \$1.6 billion reported in the same time.

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period-a-year ago.

The results included special items totaling \$407 million, including \$300 million placed in a reserve for ongoing litigation in shareholder lawsuits and securities investigations.

Qwest officials said that puts the total in the reserve at \$500 million.

There also was a \$127 million charge associated with some 1,600 job cuts, primarily in the information technology division. Qwest officials expect an

additional 1,800 layoffs by the end of the year. There also was a \$140 million tax charge.

Excluding special items, the company's earnings were 16 cents a share. Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call expected a loss of 13 cents a share.

The company, which operates in 14 Western and Midwestern states, including Idaho, reported a 6 percent increase in revenue for long distance service and a 3 percent increase in data and Internet revenue. Access line losses declined 1.3 percent from the first quarter but were unchanged in a year-over-year comparison.

Qwest chief financial officer

Oren Shaffer, said the growth in key areas was offset by competitive pricing pressure and the access line losses.

"I would like to characterize our growth as slightly below our expectations primarily due to unexpected competitive price pressure especially in our enterprise market," he said.

CEO Richard C. Norchert said the company has a strategy to improve results over the next six months by protecting its local franchises and cutting costs.

"We made some progress in the quarter. We have a long way to go," he said. "It's encouraging that we have raised the ball to the degree that we have."

**Chamber prepares picnic in the park**

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News Writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Makeovers, meetings or massage, facials or green tea facials, a wrap-around or wedding planning.

Take your pick and make your bid.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and its donors aim to keep picnic partners from leaving empty-handed at the chamber's 11th annual Hot August Nite picnic and auction Aug. 19. They've amassed an array of alluring bid and a variety of tastes — home decor, car detailing, graphic design, advertising and other raffle prizes and auction items from local businesses.

And they'll prepare a buffet of Idaho rainbow trout and baron of beef, cooked and served by chamber board members. Also on the menu this year are hot dogs for the children.

Last year about 1,200 people showed up in City Park for Hot August Nite.

Event details. August Nite will be the same number as in 2002, but

See page E2 for details on the chamber auction.

The auction is a higher net profit from the festivities. Chamber executive Kent Just said the 2003 Hot August Nite took about \$250,000 in profit, compared with about \$25,000 the year before. Chamber officials this year aim to bring in about the same attendance — 1,200 people — but a net profit of \$30,000, by increasing sales of big-price raffle tickets and auction revenues, he said.

The annual picnic and auction is the valley's biggest event money-maker. The accounts for about 7 percent of the annual budget for the valley's premier business organization.

In 2003, the chamber auction packages aren't as large or wide as in the past, but there are more of them, Just said. So he expects the auction to bring more profit from bidders overall.

The chamber arranged to gather its Hot August Nite goods despite a membership that said it's been pressed by various groups seeking more donations that instead cut the city's centennial-year efforts could have something to do with that.

The Aug. 19 event's main attraction is the big-price raffle. The winner will take off in a 2004 Ford Mustang worth \$20,000, with the major sponsorship from the Middlefork Ford dealership, Cooper Norman and Dan Signs Inc.

Two second-place winners in that drawing will get a \$3,500 shopping spree at Everton Mattress Factory and a float trip and Dutch oven party for 12 people, worth \$1,600, from High Adventure River Tours.

Raffle tickets for the big prizes cost \$10 each, and any licensed and insured driver 18 or older is eligible to win.

For those who want guaranteed return on investment, however, the auction packages might appeal more.

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**ON-CAMPUS ENTREPRENEURS**

**College students get into business while still attending classes**

**The Associated Press**

In between classes, working out at the gym and volunteering as a reserve police officer, Lance Larson spent five to six hours each night on his Web hosting business in his college dorm room.

He started the business with money out of his own pocket — \$10,000 in savings from high school computer repair and paper-delivery jobs — and refused to accept any outside funding offers.

Now, Larson says OC Hosting Inc. serves 3,500 clients and generates revenues of \$1 million a year.

"I knew one day it would pay off, and sure enough, it is," said Larson, who graduated from San Diego State University this spring with a degree in information systems. He plans on getting a master's degree in homeland security as he continues to operate OC Hosting.

"Today's college students are well aware of the dot-com bust of the late 1990s. But they are still eager as ever to take a stab at entrepreneurship — if not for the potential riches made by billionaires like Michael Dell or Bill Gates, then for the satisfaction of self-employment and an invaluable business experience.

Though mixing academics with business can be tricky, college may actually be the ideal time to pursue entrepreneurship. Because students are often free from "real-world" concerns like finding a job or buying a house, many say they are able to take greater risks and spend more time developing a business.

"School work is not nine to five — you can kind of push it around," said Anthony Casalema, a senior at the University of Maryland and owner of a Web publishing service, Square-space.com.

Tomerria Bean, a 23-year-old single mother and student at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, said a busy schedule



Lance Larson, CEO of OC Hosting, stands by his web servers at the company's headquarters in San Clemente, Calif., on July 19. Larson set up the Web hosting business in his college dorm room.

did not stop her from establishing her own entertainment agency.

"It all comes down to time management," Bean said. "People that know me know I live by a calendar."

Bean, who plans on pursuing her business after she graduates next year, said she's spending 60 hours a week running the agency this summer.

Nobody knows exactly how many college entrepreneurs are out there, but anecdotal evidence shows their numbers are growing, said Gerry Hills, director of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Illinois in Chicago. The Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization, which Hills founded five years ago, has grown into a network of 120 chapters and 14,000

graduate investors and innovators.

Wellerstein noted that, several years after the dot-com bubble burst, a certain cynicism still exists around tech-based ventures in particular. However, added caution is not necessarily a bad thing, he said.

"There is an expectation of rigor that didn't exist during the days of the boom," Wellerstein said. "And that's the mirror rather than any kind of backlash."

Many entrepreneurs admit that in addition to strict budgeting and hard work, luck and timing have also played key roles in their success.

Craig Powell said he thought he was actually lucky for starting his online business, Connecticut, at a time when venture capital was drying up. Even after an investor made a substantial offer of cash, Powell said he only accepted a small portion.

"It's like if your parents gave you a \$25 allowance rather than a \$250 allowance — you're a lot more thoughtful," he said.

The kind of advice small business owners should follow also applies to young entrepreneurs, said Andrew Zacharakis, acting director of the Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. For example, they should concentrate on the needs of their customers, and save up enough money to sustain the businesses for the coming months.

College entrepreneurs should also focus on profits. Zacharakis added, rather than on less significant details such as the number of hits on their site or a company mistake made by dot-com era college business owners.

"Today, I think everybody realizes with all the failures that happened during that time frame, that entrepreneurship isn't about a good idea," he said.

Todd Masonis and Cameron King, 2001 graduates of Stanford University, said they built the "Hassle-Free" internet startup, called netElement, in 1999, although netElement never took off, the experience they got helped them successfully establish their current company, Phoxo Inc.

In response to burgeoning interest, entrepreneurial education has also expanded significantly since the 1980s. And in the last five or six years, colleges-and-universities have added more substantial programs — including entrepreneurial majors, minors and business plan competitions. According to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, a nonprofit that supports entrepreneurship, at least 1,500 colleges and universities provide training for young entrepreneurs.

In the past 10 years, it's gone from being something schools wouldn't admit to having, to something that they won't admit that they don't have," said Phil Wellerstein, executive director of the National Colle-

**Candy industry courts Hispanics with treats**

**Knight Ridder News Service**

**CHICAGO** — A few years ago, candy consultant Steve Forster told an American company it had to develop sweets for the burgeoning U.S. Hispanic market.

In June, "the company called to say it should have done what I had advised," said Forster, executive editor of the trade publication Professional Candy Buyer and one of the top marketing consultants to the American candy industry.

A few companies, such as Texas-based Atkinson Candy Co. and Virginia-based Top Stocks Inc., listened to the advice and are cautiously introducing new candies targeting Hispanics this year.

But most ignored Forster's counsel and now will be playing catch-up with Hershey Foods Corp., which this fall will launch

a line of candy targeting the Latino mercado, or market.

Hershey hopes a new white chocolate Kiss filled with dulce de leche, or caramel, and three other Hispanic-targeted candies will surpass its fabled Rancher brand, which is among the best-selling candies to Hispanic consumers. Hershey sells a caramel-filled milk chocolate Kiss for the non-Hispanic market.

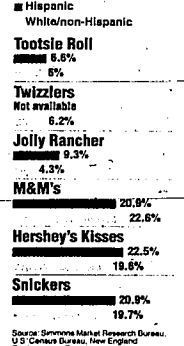
In addition to the white chocolate Kiss, to appeal to the Hispanic palate, Hershey is rolling out white and milk chocolate Hershey's Miniatures containing bits of cookies, and a spicy and a fruit-flavored Jolly Rancher lollipop.

And unlike previous attempts to reach the Hispanic consumer, packaging of the candy will be in English and Spanish, said Rod Schattman.

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**Sweet tooth**

Percent of U.S. households consuming the following candy:



Source: Simmons Market Research Bureau, U.S. Census Bureau, New England Confectionery Co., Graphic Chicago/News © 2004 KFTT

**Wal-Mart workers rely on state aid to get by**

**Los Angeles Times**

Inadequate wages and benefits force workers at Wal-Mart stores in California to seek \$96 million a year in state aid — according to a report released this week by the University of California-Berkeley Labor Center.

Moreover, if other retailers cut their wages and benefits to the levels offered by Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the cost to California's public-assistance programs would rise by \$110 million annually, the study said.

In their report, Berkeley researchers Arindrajit Dube and Ken Jacobs contend that more than other retail workers, Wal-Mart employees rely on a variety of public-aid programs, including food stamps, Medicare and subsidized housing.

As a result, Wal-Mart is shifting part of its labor costs onto the

public," the researchers wrote. Wal-Mart's long-term impact on compensation in the retail industry has the potential to place a significant strain on the state's already heavily burdened social safety net.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart, the world's largest company, maintains that it pays competitive wages and provides public assistance to workers by giving jobs to many people who otherwise "would not be employed."

"It's unfortunate that these UC-Berkeley researchers would release a study whose findings are questionable," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Cynthia Lin said. The company employs more than 60,000 people in California.

The public debate about whether Wal-Mart benefits or hurts local communities has

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MONEY

Market drops on economic growth worries

NEW YORK (AP) — Another record high for oil prices and a sharp drop in Treasury securities pushed investors Tuesday, sending stocks lower and halting a five-session winning streak for the Dow Industrials.

Technology stocks suffered the worst damage. The market, already fretting over the impact of fuel costs on corporate profits, took another jolt as U.S. credit prices jumped above 544 a barrel for the first time.

"It's built into the price of everything," said Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee. "As a result, it could raise the cost of products, which is inflationary, and cut into earnings, he said."

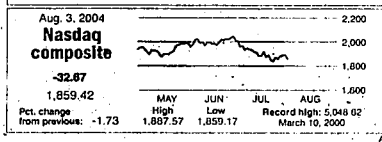
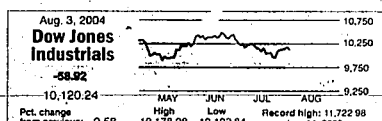
The decline halted the Dow's longest winning streak since November, an advance of 217 points that lifted the blue-chip measure back above 10,000.

Picnic

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Here's a sampling of the 23 packages up for live auction:

- "New Year's Looking Good" party membership, tanning and spa package.
• "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?"—hotel stay, jewelry, chocolates, food and dinner.
• "Heart 2 Heart"—cardiac risk profile, mountain bikes and fitness, steam treatments, full-body massages, weekend stay in Stanley, cookbook and heart-healthy information.
• "Flush That Old Look"—interior design expertise for a bathroom makeover, paint...



The Dow Jones industrial average fell 59.92, or 0.6 percent, to 10,720.24.

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Broad market indicators

Mercantile Exchange, the third straight closing record, on London-based International Petroleum Exchange, September. Brent crude rose 67 cents to a new high of \$40.64.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported that consumers slashed their spending in June by the largest amount in three years, reinforcing other recent indications that the economic recovery slowed at the end of the second quarter.

The report said consumer spending dropped by a sharp 0.7 percent in June from the previous month.

In many consumers had ratcheted up spending a strong 1.1 percent. Americans' incomes rose 0.2 percent in June, weaker than the 0.6 percent increase the month before.

Both numbers were weaker than analysts had expected. "We're not getting much in the way of good economic news, so I've cut a little more on what the market has been resilient as it has," said Bernie Schaeffer, chairman of Schaeffer's Investment Research.

Prices and new threats of terrorism in the United States, which prevailed as the backdrop worsened on Tuesday.

As oil prices continued their climb, investors feared that consumers and businesses could face even higher fuel costs in coming months.

The contract for September delivery of light crude rose 33 cents to \$44.15 on the New York

raffle drawing.
• Where: Twin Falls City Park.
• Sponsor: Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.
• Admission: \$10 for an adult's meal; \$7 per child under 12.
• Package Deal: A \$125 package includes 15 big-rifle tickets (normally \$10 each); two

chamber member can set up a table or booth to show off its products or services to picnic attendees. By Tuesday, the chamber had about 27 busi-

Stewart's Omnimedia posts \$19.3 billion loss

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. continues to get hammered by the legal woes of its famous founder.

On Tuesday the company announced a second-quarter loss of \$19.3 billion, as skittish advertisers stayed away from the magazine's lifestyle magazine, Martha Stewart Living.

The loss, which amounted to 39 cents per share, was bigger than Wall Street analysts expected and pushed the company's stock price down 15 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$1.25 a share. Shares dropped as low as \$1.075 on Tuesday before recovering some.

Chief Executive Sharon Patrick told investors on a conference call that advertisers would not return until founder Martha Stewart, who was sentenced in July to five months in prison for obstructing a federal

securities investigation, either has an appeal or completes her term.

"Only when Martha puts in a plea and/or has successfully completed the appeals process and, as importantly, is no longer the subject of chronic negative media attention and events, will large numbers of advertisers actively return to our media properties," Patrick said.

The \$19.3 million loss compared with a profit of \$93.00 million, or 2 cents a share, for the same quarter a year ago. The company's second-quarter revenue dropped 33 percent, to \$44 million.

Martha Stewart Living Financial Officer James Wolden predicted losses would widen to 50 cents per share in the third quarter. Wall Street analysts say the company's second-quarter loss per share for the company in both the second and third quarters of this year.

Hot August Nite 11th annual picnic and auction

- When: Aug. 19, 5 to 8:30 p.m. — Chamber member showcase and raffles.
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supper tickets for the picnic; and 50 raffle tickets (normally \$1 each) for the member-showcase prizes.

Can't attend? Absentee auction bids will be accepted until noon Aug. 19.

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ple tickets in a package deal or separately can drop them into whichever trade-fair raffle pots they please.

Each business in the showcase gets a minute to talk about itself and announce the winner of its giveaway. If auctions and raffles don't appeal, the event still might be worth your while. You'll see a lot of people you'll see you besides supper. But it's a gamble. You can play to a card game for a chance to win a stash of Idaho Lottery tickets.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-0391. Ext. 242, or virginia@magicallyvalley.com.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. It lists Most Active, Gainers, and Losers for each exchange, along with a DIARY section listing various market indicators.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ National Market data, including Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing New York Stock Exchange data, including Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

INDEXES

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, PE, Last, and YTD.

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 Markets and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear in the beginning of each stock's list.

High: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on last quarterly or semiannual dividend, unless otherwise footnoted.

Low: Price of stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Yield: Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold.

Stock Footnote: C — The greatest net 90-day U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; D — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; E — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; F — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; G — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; H — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; I — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; J — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; K — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; L — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; M — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; N — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; O — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; P — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; Q — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; R — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; S — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; T — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; U — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; V — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; W — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; X — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; Y — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price; Z — Dividend in Current Price in U.S. net 12-month U.S. net 52-week low trading day price.

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Table of bean prices for various types like Valley Beans, Pinto Beans, and others.

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Workers

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CHEESE

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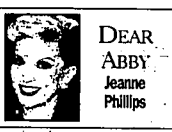


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# Woman pushes hard on political beliefs

**DEAR ABBY:** A woman I have known for 10 years has current political beliefs from mine. I have viewed this as a reason to end the friendship; I just don't bring up the subject of politics with her. On the other hand, constantly "slams" my beliefs, in person and via e-mail.



I have recently received several offensive letters from her. I didn't respond and she kept prodding me for a reaction. Believe me, she doesn't want to hear what I have to say about her behavior; I have asked her to stop pushing her opinions on me and still she persists.

I feel that her antics are extremely disrespectful, and I'm to the point of ending communication with her altogether. What have you to say on this issue?

**FEELING BAD IN TEXAS** **DEAR FEELING BAD:** When people call too frequently, draw the line by telling them you are too busy to talk and will call them when it's convenient. When you feel encroached upon, explain to those who expect you to accompany them "all the time," that you have other plans.

Not all relationships need the same amount of care and feeding. The people with whom you interact need to learn to respect your boundaries. But in order for that to happen, you must love what your friends about your feelings and not bear yourself up for doing so.

**DEAR ABBY:** This guy asked me out. I was going to refuse, but he showed up at my door with flowers and I couldn't say no. Now I feel guilty, but I can't possibly tell him. What should I do?

**DEAR ABBY:** I have several good friends. Whenever a friend starts to become "clingy," I start to withdraw and even try to avoid them.



Juan Pio Palva, left, co-owner of Ycuu Bananos Supermarket, walks into the Justice Palace, escorted by a police officer, right, in Asuncion, Paraguay, on Tuesday.

## Guard says he was ordered to lock doors

**ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)** — The death toll from a weekend fire at a supermarket shot up by more than 100 to reach 464 on Tuesday, as a security guard told investigators he received orders to lock the building's doors just after the blaze began to prevent theft, officials said.

Investigators have been questioning the store's owners, manager and security guards over reports that doors were locked during Sunday's fire, the worst disaster in decades in this impoverished South American nation.

Prosecutor Eugenio Sanchez, who is leading the investigation, said a security guard told authorities that at the outset of the fire he received orders over a radio to lock the doors to prevent theft.

Sanchez said the guard "didn't know" who gave the order. The cause of the blaze has not yet been determined, but police said an exploding gas canister may have been to blame. The store's owners — a father and son — and the store manager and a security guard have been taken into custody for questioning since the blaze.

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- "The Virginian"
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## Libra sticks with old friends; new ideas come to Cancer

**IF AUGUST 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...** you are much too wise to become caught up in misunderstandings that may pop up this week, and you have helpful companions you can rely on for advice and acknowledgment of the blessings of material rewards should brighten your birthday week. Blow out all your candles and you will receive your birthday wish. Make it a big wish.

**ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19):** Courtesy will gain you the most over time. Minor flirtations can sweeten someone's day, but avoid any appearance of impropriety. Your friendliness may attract beneficial admirers.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** You may not realize how sexy and desirable you are. Others find you scrumptious, and helpful people will flock to your side. Put new career initiatives on hold and remain steadfast.

**LEO (July 21-Aug. 22):** Silence could be a golden asset this week. Keep the faith, and ignore discussions that poison the atmosphere. Calls for your sympathy could be tests of strength.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Inspirations and creative ideas in general are flying in fast and furiously and your planning abilities are in high gear. Be sure to write down those ideas which aren't timely now for future reference. Sidestep squabbles and schedule a supercharged encounter tonight.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Surround yourself with upbeat, positive individuals. You are more sensitive to unpleasantness than usual, and this may erode your confidence. Make cheerfulness a priority.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Vagueness may permeate the atmosphere, so put off decisions until a clear-cut appraisal of the situation can be made. You are too sophisticated to make business decisions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Tried-and-true relationships are your best bet. You're the Aescop's tortoise—slow and steady. Keep a hard shell, so that misunderstandings—bounce right off.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Keep your feet on the straight and narrow path you have already chosen. Glamorous sirens could lure you with sweet songs, but distractions might dissolve your anxious trust.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Trying to understand the inexplicable can waste valuable time. Avoid contracts and commitments, and do-not-base decisions on intuitions. Stick with the dream you have already formulated.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Fog is rolling in where money and finances are concerned. Maintaining control. Your next sense of diplomacy will keep you headed in the right direction.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Stand up for your rights, but avoid being abrasive. Your vibrant outlook can buoy the spirits of companions who may be down in the dumps. Be a positive influence.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** "Never complain, never apologize" are good words to live by. A temporary dip in your desire to compete may put you at a disadvantage. Relax in the shade.

## Heart of newborn baby weighs in at one ounce

**Q. How heavy is the heart of a newborn baby?**  
A. Less than an ounce. What makes the heart heavy comes later.

**Q. Settle fit As far as the threat of divorce goes, which is the most dangerous year of marriage — the seventh or the first?**  
A. The seventh is the national median year. Half the divorces happen after that, half before. But the year in which most breakups occur is still the first.

**Q. Anything to the claim that perfume lasts longer on brunettes than on blondes?**  
A. Proponents of the question-and-answer theory claim fair-haired people tend to have drier skin which more swiftly absorbs the fragrances.

**Q. What makes left-handed people differ?**  
A. The lips are on all four corners instead of just in the upper left and lower right. It's pretty tricky, that dandelion. Its seeds tend to remain airborne until the humidity rises to 70 percent, then fall to the ground just before the humidity triggers the rain.

**Hopscotch** was a religious game once. The final square was Heaven.

Those who've heard the old-timers street music say: If it had a tinkling tune, it was a hurdy-gurdy. If it sounded fluffy, it was a hand organ.  
A frog has to close its mouth

**L.M. BOYD**

to keep from suffocating.

Nothing new about exercise routines, Cardinal Richelieu, the Prime Minister of France under Louis XIII, was one such. Of a sort. According to the historical footnotes, he worked out daily by jumping over furniture.

Now is as good a time as any to report that "pseudology" is the statistical study of elections. Out of sight, out of mind" is quite true. Says our language man, A "mycelium" grows underground. What grows out of it — the part you see — is a "mushroom." You've known about the mushroom all your life. But do you ever think of "mycelium"?

Average word of spoken English contains 1.4 syllables.

Clearly, the old Romans were interested in both words and wine. They had 11 words for drunkenness.

Believe I forgot to tell you April is traditionally the worst month for men.

**Q. What do the Danes call Danish pastry?**  
A. Viennese bread.

## Piranha in fountain bites boy

**HONG KONG** — A teenager found out the hard way that the fish were biting, indeed.

The boy reached into the water of a Hong Kong fountain hoping to scoop up a fish — then was bitten by what turned out to be a piranha, officials said.

The 14-year-old boy required three stitches to his left index finger but was not seriously injured in the attack early Monday morning, Housing Authority spokeswoman May Thum said.

The piranha-feeding crowd drained the fountain and found two piranhas — apparently pets that had been abandoned in the fountain at a public housing project.

Min Pao Daily News ran a photo of the dead piranhas and one of the boy, with his left hand in a sling and blood on his short pants.

**City wants new slogan; town people poke fun**  
**TOPEKA, Kan.** — The city of Topeka is looking for a new slogan, but some residents just couldn't resist poking fun at their city's image.

Officials planned to begin a contest in October, with the

**Odds and ends**

winning motto to be announced around Dec. 5, Topeka's 150th anniversary.

But the Topeka Capital-Journal decided to get a head start.

Some suggestions that aren't likely to win official approval: "Topeka, you won't get a lot of unwanted relatives visiting you," and "Topeka — not as bad as you think."

Mayor James McClinton said Topeka has positive aspects like the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site and the Statehouse that it can promote and shouldn't get sidetracked by naysayers.

"There's so much about Topeka that we all know and that we've lived over the years," McClinton said.

The slogan will be used to promote the city so it must portray it favorably — unlike many of the suggestions that the Topeka Convention and Visitors Bureau has received already.

And if Terry Carpenter's suggestion — "City of morons" — is any indication of the prevailing sentiment, Topeka may just forget a slogan entirely.

— compiled from wire reports

## Gambler makes dangerous bet

**Tribune Media Services**

**Today**

"Next Action Star" — A high-stakes gambler (Billy Zane) makes a life-or-death bet with a former NFL player who has a gambling problem of his own. (CC) (TV) NBC 8 p.m.

"Leo" — Ashley Simpson show — Ashley's album is released — she faces interviews and appearances during the promotional tour. (TV) MUSIC TELEVISION 8:30 p.m.

"Secrets of the Dead" — Burial mounds in the Eurasian steppe reveal women's bones alongside swords, shields and armor. (CC) TVPBS 7 p.m.

**Thursday**

"Will & Grace" — Will and Grace begin a business venture selling apartment retrofits using their former acting mentor Zandra; Karen and Lyle (guest star John Cleese) try to renew their romance. Guest stars: Elliott Erwitt, Mimi Fiedler. (CC) (TV) NBC 7 p.m.

"X Games" — From Los Angeles. (CC) ESPN 7 p.m.

"Ibgy Goes Down" — The son of a dysfunctional family wealthy parents escapes to New York to find himself and a better life. (CC) THE MOVIE CHANNEL 9 p.m.

**TV Best Bets**

**Horoscope**  
**Jeraldine Saunders**

## Rebel car bomb kills nine Colombian cops

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — A car bomb blasted by suspected Colombian rebels ripped apart three passing police vehicles Tuesday, killing nine officers and casting doubt on President Alvaro Uribe's ability to crush a 40-year-old leftist insurgency.

The officers were rushing along a mountain highway to reinforce colleagues battling a rebel attack in Andianopolis, 150 miles southeast of Bogota, when the bomb exploded inside a packed car, said national police spokesman Sgt. Alberto Cantillo.

Four other policemen were wounded.

"It was an ambush," Cantillo said. He blamed the bloodletting attack suffered by police forces this year on the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, the country's main rebel group, which has been trying to topple the government.

since 1964.

Earlier in the day, a gunfight broke out near Andianopolis after six officers tried to stop FARC guerrillas from raiding a ranch and mixing it with cattle, Cantillo said.

## Secular party bends to help Sharon plan

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon moved closer to solid Cabinet support for his Gaza pullout plan on Tuesday when a secular party dropped its longtime opposition to bringing in an ultra-Orthodox Jewish faction to boost his shaky ruling coalition.

In the Gaza Strip, a roadside bomb planted by Palestinian militants and meant for an Israeli bulldozer operating in the Rafah refugee camp took three Palestinian lives instead.

Moved, in a video that seemed modeled on taped warnings issued by the al-Qaida terrorist group for the violent Islamic Hamas threatened to bombard an Israeli town with rockets.

Sharon lost his parliamentary majority over his plan to pull all Israeli settlers and soldiers out of Gaza and remove four small West Bank enclaves, a stark turnaround for a politician who spent decades boosting expansion of Jewish settlements.

Several Cabinet ministers from his own Likud Party also oppose the Gaza plan, further endangering his hold on power.

**Movies Aug 2 to 5**

**Orpheum**  
164 Main Twin Falls  
Today 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:10  
Bourne Supremacy (13)

**Odyssey 6**  
Inside Magic Valley Mall  
Today 12:00 - 1:45 - 4:30 - 7:00 - 9:15  
Shrek 2 (PG)

Today 10:00 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:30  
The Notebook (13)

Today 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30  
Dodgeball (13)

Today 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30  
The Terminal (13)

Today 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30  
Thunderbirds (PG)

Today 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45  
Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle

**Jerome 4**  
955 West Main Jerome  
Today 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:15  
Manchester Candidate (R)

Today 4:30 - 7:30  
Spiderman 2 (13)

Today 7:00 - 9:15  
The Village (13)

Today 7:00 - 9:15  
Cocomelon (13)

**Motor-Vu**  
280 Eastland Twin Falls  
Nightly 9:30 - 11:30  
Plus Co-Hi 11:00 Anchorman (13)

**Grand-Vu**  
Grandview Dr. Twin Falls  
Nightly 9:30 Spiderman 2 (13)  
Plus Co-Hi 11:00 White Chicks (15)

**Twin Cinema**  
164 Eastland Twin Falls  
Today 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45  
A Cinderella Story (PG)

Today 1:15 - 4:15 - 7:15 - 9:55  
Harry Potter 3 (PG)

Today 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45  
Columbus (13)

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