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'Chaos at Abu Ghraib'

Report: Besides U.S. soldiers, top brass share blame for abuse

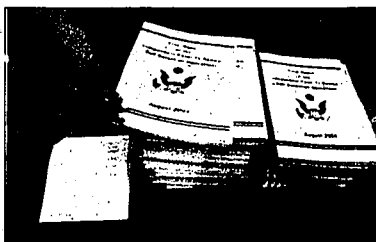
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The blame for abuses at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison lies mainly with the American soldiers who ran the notorious jail, but senior commanders and top-level Pentagon officials including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld can be faulted for failed leadership and oversight, an independent commission said Tuesday.

"There was chaos at Abu Ghraib," said James R. Schlesinger, who headed the



Donald Rumsfeld, who headed the four-person commission appointed by Rumsfeld. The report described the abuse as 'acts of brutality and purposeless sadism,' and said — as have others who reviewed the case — that the soldiers involved were not acting on orders. Please see ABUSE, Page A2



The final report on the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison was issued Tuesday by the members of the Detention Operations Review Panel at the Pentagon.

ROCK PILE X-FILE



Maintenance Supervisor Bob Wayment walks past what was the Hansen Junior-Senior High School 'spirit rock.' School officials say they believe lightning struck the rock sometime between noon and 4 p.m. Sunday, breaking it into three large pieces and scattering rock shrapnel as far as 150 feet away.

Hansen's 'spirit rock' breaks apart

Lightning suspected

By Karin Kowalecki
Times-News writer

HANSEN — The symbol of school spirit at the Hansen Junior-Senior High School broke into pieces sometime Sunday afternoon, puzzling school officials.

The 5-foot-tall rhyolite porphyry rock has been split into three large chunks, several small beach ball-sized pieces and lots of small chips. School officials have yet to find anyone who saw the incident, but lightning is the most likely suspect.

"That's what happens when the warranty runs out on things," Principal Rick Abel said. The rock has been painted enough times to have a thick crust. The broken pieces sport

paint drips indicating the rock broke along pre-existing cracks. Superintendent Dennis Coultter said pieces of rock and paint chips were found as far as 150 feet away. There are no tracks on the grass around the rock and no signs of explosives or burn marks on the rock or grass.

Chips in the rock's paint could indicate blows from a hammer, but breaking the rock that way could take a long time.

Candy Blevins lives across from the school said she was sitting outside Sunday afternoon and went inside about 3:30 p.m. when a thunderstorm rolled in. About 10 minutes later she heard a thunderclap that scared her cat right off the television. She looked outside and the rock was in pieces.

Tuesday afternoon, Carolyn Firth, a former geology professor for the College of Southern

Idaho, examined the broken rock.

Firth, who now works as a water quality resource conservationist for the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts in Burley, said she hasn't heard of any similar incidents, but lightning could have caused water inside cracks in the rock to expand and split it apart.

"That seems to be the only logical explanation I can think of," Firth said.

CS's current geology instructor, Shaver Wilkey, said he hasn't heard of lightning striking large rocks, especially when there are so many taller objects nearby. He said a bolt of lightning could reach temperatures between 30,000 and 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Patrol Officer Eric Foster with the Kimberly and Hansen Police Department wrote an incident

report Monday. He said the district did not ask to file a complaint about damage to property. "I just found it in pieces," Foster said. "It could very well be an act of God."

The rock has been on the Hansen school's campus since 1977, when David Long brought it from a quarry south of town to be that year's senior gift. Students have been painting it ever since. Bob Wayment, the district's maintenance supervisor, said the rock was moved to a nearby field during construction of the new school in 1998.

As it sits now, the rock has too many sharp edges and would be a safety hazard at the school, which starts classes Monday. Coultter said the district might give away rock chips as souvenirs and find a new boulder to fill its place.

Lawyers target Acequia investors

Residents may have unwittingly benefited from alleged scam

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

ACEQUIA — Attorneys are seeking to reclaim financial assets from several Acequia residents who invested with Financial Advisory Consultants, a company once run by James P. Lewis Jr.

Lewis, who's being held in a Santa Ana, Calif., jail without bond, has been indicted on five counts of mail fraud and nine counts of money laundering in connection with what investigators call a "Ponzi" scheme.

Lewis had roughly 2,600 investors across the nation before the Securities and Exchange Commission shut down his company. More than 300 investors were from Idaho.

A recent motion in Lewis' case filed in California Central District Court seeks not only to recover and distribute Lewis' remaining assets but also the financial windfalls of some investors who initially gained from the scheme.

Initially — up to as far back as 20 years ago — investors in Lewis' company began receiving 40 percent returns on their money. Their good fortune enticed others to invest in the scheme through word of mouth.

But Sean O'Keefe, a California attorney representing a group of Acequia-area defendants, said in a telephone interview with *The Times-News* that when the scheme collapsed even those who had initially gained lost in the end.

Documents filed in court say

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■ **Last we knew:** James P. Lewis pleaded innocent to federal fraud and money laundering charges and is scheduled to go to trial next year. He allegedly raised \$311 million fraudulently from investors over a 20-year period.

■ **The latest:** A court-appointed receiver won permission from a federal judge in June to sue to reclaim profits from about 450 investors who came out ahead by \$72 million. At least 12 of those investors are from the Acequia area.

■ **What's next:** Gary Criss, an attorney for the receiver, said he will evaluate legal action against the "winner-investors" on a case-by-case basis and will write letters to those with recoverable assets and negotiate with them before filing any lawsuits.

Mr. Rabbit, watch out!

Police seize illegal weapons in hunting bust

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — Fans of Bugs Bunny should be glad that Elmer Fudd never had the kind of arsenal seized Sunday by Cassia County sheriff's deputies near Oakley.

Shortly after 1 a.m., officers responded to a report of a person "spotlighting rabbits," meaning the rabbits were being hunted with the aid of a spotlight, near Bostetter Road a few miles west of Oakley, according to the police report.

When they arrived, officers spotted a pickup truck driving through the sagebrush sweeping the area with the headlights and a spotlight on the passenger side. The truck stopped at one point, and six shots were fired from a large-caliber gun,

the report said. After a few minutes, the truck pulled out of the brush and onto Bostetter Road, where it stopped and fired two more shots. Shots continued to be fired from the road over the next two minutes before officers felt it was safe to move in on the truck, the report said.

When the driver and four passengers exited the truck, the officers found seven guns including a fully automatic M-16 rifle and a high-capacity pistol magazine stamped "for law enforcement, only" belonging to Johnathan Shults, 26, of Midvale, Utah.

Shults originally denied that the gun was fully automatic, but after the officer pointed out that an M-16 hammer and auto sear

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AMERICA THE UNLOVED?

Mideast's view of U.S. dims

By Philip Kennecott
The Washington Post

CAIRO, Egypt — Whether he's in his 18th-floor office in Cairo's World Trade Center, or at his villa near the Pyramids, lawyer and law professor Kamal Aboulmagd moves in very different circles than most Egyptians. In his long and distinguished career, he has held ministerial posts in the Egyptian government, served as an adviser to the crown prince of Kuwait, held innumerable positions on panels and advisory committees, and devoted himself to human rights issues. He has lived in America and waxed poetic about the color of autumn leaves.

But his opinion of the United States today is not far removed from that of Egyptians of much more modest resources.



Pakistani Shiite Muslims burn a U.S. flag during a protest in Karachi, Pakistan, Sunday.

AP photo

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies and brisk winds. Showers will be expected. Highs in the lower 70s. Tonight: More clouds and showers. Lows in the middle to upper 40s. Tomorrow: Cool and windy at times with abundant clouds. Showers will be possible. Highs in the middle 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and brisk with occasional showers. Highs in the middle to upper 60s. Tonight: More clouds and showers. Lows in the middle to upper 40s. Tomorrow: Cool and windy at times with abundant clouds. Showers will be possible. Highs in the middle 60s.

IDAHO FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy, very cool and wet weather will continue through Thursday. Temperatures will be too cold to support snow on the higher peaks. Decreasing clouds are expected on Friday and Saturday.

Today High 82 to 84. Tonight's Low 38 to 42. BOISE: Periods of clouds and showers will continue through Thursday. It will be very cool for August. Decreasing clouds and rebounding temperatures are expected on Friday and Saturday.

NORTHERN UTAH: Increasing clouds, gusty winds and cooling temperatures are expected. Isolated showers will be possible.



Yesterday's State Extremes: Hi in Lower Low: 28 in Shoshone. Weather key: su-sunny, pa-partially cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, b-brisk, sh-showers, rain, drizzle, h-haze, w-wind, m-misting.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 71, Low 48).

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

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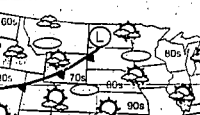
NATIONAL FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST. Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists cities like Calgary, Vancouver, Toronto, etc.

VALLEY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES. Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists extreme temperatures.

Abuse

Continued from A1. proved orders or policies. On the other hand, the report contradicts the Bush administration's assertion that the problem was limited to a few soldiers acting on their own. So far, seven military police soldiers have faced criminal charges: two dozen or more military intelligence soldiers may also be charged, but it appears increasingly unlikely that top-level commanders will be disciplined.

Invest

Continued from A1. that a significant number of investors, known as "loser-investors," lost some or all their principal. About 450 investors — known as the "winner-investors" — have received distributions in excess of their principal investment, court documents say. It was those large returns that served as bait to the eventual loser-investors.

Hunt

Continued from A1. had been installed in the semi-automatic XM-15 rifle, he admitted it was and that he had done the work himself, according to the police report. The officer asked which one of the group was a police officer and had authority to carry the high-capacity magazine, and Shulls said it belonged to a relative of his in the report. The officer said the relative would have to contact the sheriff's department to get it back.

What's a Ponzi scheme?

So-called "Ponzi" schemes get their name from Charles Ponzi who in the early 1900s took investors for \$10 million by promising 40 percent returns on their money. Operators of this variety of investment fraud use funds from previous investors to pay new investors. When the operator inevitably runs out of the people to buy into the Ponzi scheme, the scam collapses and its investors lose their money.

Abuse

Continued from A1. "It was a kind of 'Animal House' on the night shift," he said. Schlesinger was a secretary at the Nixon and Ford administrations. The Schlesinger commission was not asked to assign legal culpability; that is being done in Army investigations, including one, known as the Fay report, scheduled to be made public on Wednesday. The Schlesinger panel, which reviewed the Fay report and other related investigations, said disciplinary action "may be forthcoming" against Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who commanded the 800th Military Police Brigade at Abu Ghraib; and Col. Thomas M. Pappas, commander of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade, which was assigned to Abu Ghraib last year. Karpinski contends she was not alerted to abuses at Abu Ghraib until they were brought to the attention of Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, in January 2004.

Invest

Continued from A1. O'Keefe is representing 16 investors who gained a combined \$3.7 million from the scheme. They include Timothy Robinson Gaines, Earl James, Garth Charles James, Edna Lou James, Barry H. Lloyd, Jill Lloyd, Kent Mathis Harman, Ramona Harman, Jack Merrill Harman, Shelley Harman, Bob Merrill Harman, Irvila Harman, Brent Maurice Harman, Kristian Harman, Kurt Irvia Harman and Robin Harman. "The people don't have anything," O'Keefe said. "This particular twist on the law in my humble opinion is wrong. O'Keefe said his clients did not know they were investing in a Ponzi scheme. Gary Caris, an attorney for the receiver, said in a telephone interview that some winner-investors received returns that were \$1 million more than what they invested.

Hunt

Continued from A1. Web site. Cassia County Prosecutor Al Barrus instructed the officers to contact the ATF regarding the matter of the seized guns. Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgs said an ATF agent will likely come inspect the guns within two weeks, and federal charges could follow. Penalties for possession of the rifle could be as much as a \$250,000 and 10 years in prison, as well as seizure of the vehicle used to transport the gun. Possession of the gun across state lines without ATF authorization could bring additional penalties. Shulls and four others, Cody Black, 22, of Lethi, Utah, Joshua Waldron, 26, of Salt Lake City, Troy Wynnli, 36, of Burley and his son Cody, 19, were cited for hunting with the aid of artificial light. Shulls was taken to the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center in order to sort out the issue of the illegal weapons and was later released, the report said. Gary Hompland, a conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said using spotlights for hunting on public land requires a permit that is very restrictive. Spotlight permit requirements include use of a red lens and a maximum .22-caliber ammunition and to prohibit shooting from a vehicle. Other possible fish and game violations could include hunting species that are out of season, such as cottontail rabbits. But Hompland said the group was likely hunting jack rabbits, which are not a protected species. Use of fully automatic weapons in hunting is not prohibited for protected species as well, he said. Local gun dealers said the seizure of the weapons was a surprise to them. George H. Hunter, co-owner of The Reloading Center in Burley, said his shop sells semi-automatic weapons but is not licensed to sell fully automatic guns. "Youngster kids come in asking about (fully automatic) guns,

Invest

Continued from A1. "I must have been scared for the officers," he said. "You don't know what you've got. It could be guys practicing for a bank robbery." Barrus said all those cited will be required to appear in court and enter pleas. If they plead innocent, a trial date would be set. The likely punishment for the hunting violation would be a fine, he said.

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CORRECTION

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Monday's Puzzle Solution

Grid for Monday's crossword puzzle solution with letters filled in.

Court charges bin Laden's driver

First U.S. military tribunal accuses chauffeur of conspiracy to commit war crimes

QUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL Base, Cuba (AP) — Osama bin Laden's chauffeur was formally charged Tuesday as the first U.S. military tribunal to convene since World War II, and the defendant's lawyer quickly challenged the process as unfair and questioned the panel's impartiality.

Lt. Cmdr. Charlie Swift, who was appointed to defend Salim Ahmed Hamdan, pointed to several potential conflicts among the tribunal's members.

One member knew a firefighter killed in the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Another was in charge of moving detainees to Guantanamo. An alternate on the panel admitted in his inter-

view questionnaire that he had referred to the Guantanamo prisoners at one point as "terrorists."

"Clearly the impartiality of these panel members is a concern to us," said Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union who was one of several rights activists observing the hearing.

Hamdan, a 34-year-old Yemeni who was not shackled and wore a flowing white robe, smiled occasionally as he listened to an Arabic interpreter through headphones, even after hearing charges that could bring him to prison conspiracy to commit war crimes,

including attacking civilians, murder and terrorism. He isn't charged with any specific violent act.

Hamdan has said he earned a pittance for his family as bin Laden's driver before the Sept. 11 attacks, but he has denied involvement in terrorism. U.S. officials allege he served as the al-Qaida leader's bodyguard and delivered weapons to his operatives.

Tribunal members and prosecutors asked the media not to use the names of the panel members, fearing possible retribution. But their names were previously made public and have been published.

One of them, Marine Col. Jack

K. Sparks Jr., said under questioning that he was a commanding officer of a Marine reserve unit and that one of his men was a firefighter killed in the 2001 attack at the World Trade Center in New York. He said he went to the funeral and visited the destruction weeks after.

Another member, Marine Col. R. Thomas Bright, said he was in charge of the logistics of moving detainees to Guantanamo and was involved in putting their names in order.

"I assembled the list," said Bright, chief of staff at the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va. He said, however, he had no knowledge of Hamdan.

Police seek man for questioning in murder of two camp counselors

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — A 21-year-old Wisconsin man was being sought for questioning in the mysterious shooting deaths of two Christian camp counselors, law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

Sonoma County detectives sent out a statewide alert Tuesday seeking Nicholas Edward Scarseth, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., for questioning as a potential witness.

Scarseth was stopped on Friday by police in Fort Bragg — about 100 miles north of Jenner, where Lindsay Cutshall, 23, and



Nicholas Scarseth

her fiancé, Jason Allen, 26, were found shot to death last week in their sleeping bags.

Sheriff's Lt. Dave Edmonds said he did not know why Scarseth was stopped.

Scarseth's mother, Karen, said her son has a drinking problem but is not violent.

Kerry goes to host city of GOP convention

NEW YORK (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry accused President Bush's campaign and political allies on Tuesday of conducting a campaign of "fear and smear" to avoid talking about jobs, health care and the war in Iraq.



AP Photo

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry waves to the crowd following a speech in the Great Hall at Cooper Union, Tuesday, in New York. In the background is a statue of Abraham Lincoln.

"You can't lead America by misleading the American people," said Kerry who has been struggling in recent days against charges — denounced by Democrats as smear tactics — that he lied about his actions in Vietnam that won five military medals.

"They have no plans, no positive vision and no understanding of an urgent and undeniable truth, a strong America begins at home," Kerry said in a speech blocks from the site of next week's Republican National Convention.

The Massachusetts senator's speech appeared part of an effort to refocus the campaign onto domestic and foreign policy issues, many of which trend his way in the polls. By his own words, it was also an attempt to preempt next week's Republican National Convention in New York.

Bush will campaign in eight states

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Voters in eight battleground states will be getting a rolling preview of the Republican National Convention in New York City when some of its most prominent speakers join President Bush for a pre-convention campaign swing.

Those traveling with the president include high-profile, independent-minded politicians who could expand his base of support: Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor who led the city's recovery after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; Sen. Zell Miller, a Georgia Democrat who backs Bush; Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who has opposed gay marriage in his state; and Arizona Sen. John McCain, a staunch supporter of the president's policies in Iraq.

Bush will visit New Mexico, Florida, Ohio, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Michigan, Tennessee and Iowa before arriving in New York to accept the party's nomination on Sept. 2.

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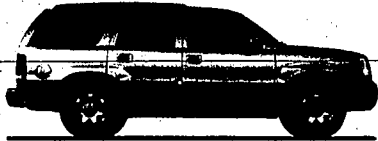
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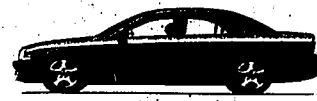
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EDITORIAL

Use conservation fund cautiously on northside

Good news, northside irrigators in the Magic Valley. Uncle Sam may have a few dollars stored up to help out in the continuing water shortage.

The government's Conservation Reserve Program, which usually pays for leases to idle unproductive farmland, could be expanded to include irrigation acreage in southern Idaho.

began litigation to get their full senior water appropriation, and for the state to enforce curtailment of junior water right holders. Legislative action this year delayed that litigation, so that solutions could be crafted between users without major economic losses.

Now comes the possibility of cash subsidies to groundwater pumpers who are living on borrowed water. In other words, the government is about to pay these farmers for not using water which arguably is the right of senior water users. Hardly a bad deal, to say the least.

Our view: Water officials should carefully analyze a proposal to financially compensate groundwater pumpers. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Furthermore, the CRP program has reaped success by preserving dry acreage for the recovery of certain wildlife. But in this instance, it would lease thousands of irrigation acres with higher value. That boosts farmers' asking price. And when you figure in the uncertain value of the crops the land would produce, it's an open question whether a set-aside payment is worth either the water or the \$100-plus price tag per acre.

It's true that compensating groundwater pumpers would cushion local agricultural economies at a time when water shortages threaten the whole region.

And it's worth remembering that loose enforcement of state water laws enabled years of water overuse to take place.

But in the end, this odd process of subsidy assistance may leave folks confused. The federal program could help avert local economic troubles in the short-term. But water gurus should assess carefully the equity of this kind of aid.

As most Idahoans know, senior water law dictates first-in-time water priority. In southern Idaho, the majority of canal water users and spring water users have senior water rights that trump most groundwater pumpers on the northside.

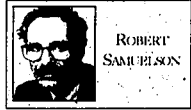
Over the decades, rampant growth on the northside, and lax state enforcement of senior water doctrine, has allowed groundwater pumpers to pull more water from the aquifer.

The robust growth of groundwater pumping, along with prolonged drought and more efficient irrigation, have diminished aquifer levels and spring flows.

Spring users last year

Ads run amok on campaign finance laws

The presidential campaign has confirmed that, under the guise of "campaign finance reform," Congress and the Supreme Court have repealed large parts of the First Amendment. They have simply discarded what were once considered constitutional rights of free speech and political association.

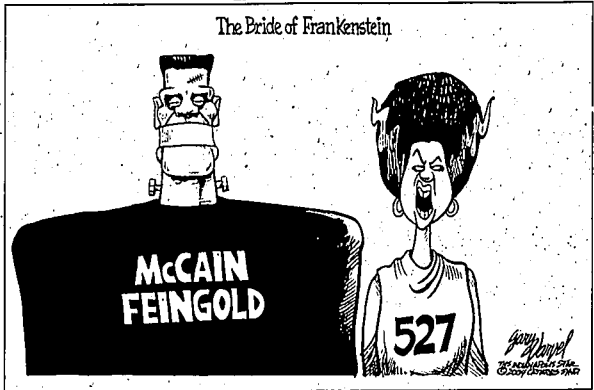


It is not that these rights have vanished. But they are no longer constitutional guarantees. They're governed by limits and qualifications imposed by Congress, the courts, state legislatures, regulatory agencies — and lawyers' interpretations of all of the above.

We have entered an era of constitutional censorship. I hardly anyone wants to admit this — the legalized demolition of the First Amendment would seem shocking — and so hardly anyone does. The evidence, though, abounds. The latest is the controversy over the anti-Kerry ads by Swift Boat Veterans for Truth and parallel anti-Bush ads by Democratic "527" groups such as Move to Org. Let's assume (for argument's sake) that everything in these ads is untrue. Still, America's political tradition is that voters ultimately judge the truthfulness and relevance of campaign arguments.

Now, there's another possibility. The government may screen what voters see and hear. The Kerry campaign has asked the Federal Election Commission to ban the Swift Boat ads; the Bush campaign similarly wants the FEC to suppress the anti-Democratic 527 groups. (They're named after a provision in the tax code.)

We've arrived at this juncture because it's logically impossible to honor the First Amendment and to regulate campaign finance effectively. We can do one or the other — but not both. Unfortunately, Congress and the Supreme Court seem to admit the choice. The result is the worst of both



worlds. We gut the First Amendment and don't effectively regulate campaign finance.

The First Amendment says that Congress "shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or ... the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government" (that's "political association"). The campaign finance laws, the latest being McCain-Feingold, blatantly violate these prohibitions. The Supreme Court has tried to evade the contradiction. It has allowed limits on federal campaign contributions (now \$2,000 to any federal candidate for any election and \$25,000 annually to any national party committee). It justifies the limits as preventing "corruption" — the appearance of corruption. But the court has rejected limits on overall campaign spending by candidates, parties or groups. Limiting spending by court says would violate free speech. Spending enables candidates to reach voters through TV and other media.

Unfortunately, this artificial distinction doesn't work. If groups can spend any amount on campaigns, their spending can easily become unlimited contributions. All they need to do is ask the campaign how much money ought to be spent — on

what TV ads, for example. To prevent this, the FEC imposes restrictions on "coordination" between candidates, parties and groups making so-called "independent expenditures." Kerry alleges the Swift Boat Veterans and the Bush campaign "coordinated" illegally. Republicans see similar ties between Kerry and Democratic 527s. But "coordination" is really "speech" and "political association." It's talking and planning among people who want to elect or defeat the same candidates. There's an in-destructible inconsistency between the language of the First Amendment and campaign finance laws. Why shouldn't veterans coordinate with Bush? Why shouldn't Democratic 527s coordinate with Kerry?

The Supreme Court upholds the campaign finance laws simply by ignoring the First Amendment's language. All the legal twisting has so far produced mostly self-censorship. Politicians try to comply with the law's letter and evade its spirit. To maximize its support for Kerry, the Democratic National Convention has set up a separate "independent expenditures" unit. The unit's top officials aren't supposed to talk politics with the Kerry campaign or other DNC officials.

Of course, this is absurd. A

party and its candidates should talk about whatever they want. If the First Amendment doesn't cover that, what would it cover? It's also unrealistic to think — regardless of legal pretensions — that "signaling" won't occur between support groups and candidates. The press poorly describes what's happening. Campaign finance reform is a respectable cause. But the truth cannot remain forever obscured. Campaign finance laws must fail at their larger aim of improving public confidence in politics and government.

They breed disrespect for law, the Constitution or both. If the laws are aggressively expanded and enforced — with more limits on contributions, spending and "coordination" — people will realize they're losing their rights of free speech and political association. But if the laws are lousy and the courts have been, they will inspire continuing evasions and harsh condemnations by reformers.

Public confidence suffers either way. Americans will ultimately have to choose between the Constitution and a mere law — or watch both damaged.

Robert Samuelson, Esq., columnist for Newsweek.

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Even the small towns have cheaper gas

I agree with Corene Butler's letter regarding the high gas prices in Twin Falls.

We too, have noticed when traveling that our gas prices are not only higher than any place else, the octane is lower. To obtain 87 octane, which is what most newer cars require, you have to pay a premium price in Twin Falls. Why is this? Boise pays less for 87 octane than we pay for 85.

And, we have noted that smaller towns in Idaho like Weiser, Soda Springs and Montpelier have cheaper gas prices too — sometimes as much as 10 cents a gallon.

If that's the residents of Twin Falls are being taken advantage of, and I think it's time that it is stopped!

WJ, (WAYNE) PHILLIPS
Twin Falls

Don't believe all she slams on Kerry

This is in response to Cecil Rice's letter of Aug. 20.

Voters really shouldn't believe everything they read in political season. What Cecil received in the mail is nothing more than a pathetic attempt to smear John Kerry's name. This letter, from a politician's committee, is no better than Swift Boat Veterans for the truth (or should I say for "their" version of the truth). The

Washington Post has already discredited these groups, stating that these smear campaigns are funded by Texas Ultra Conservatives (coincidence?), not to mention friends of the Bush family. But perhaps these smear campaigns are working. Cecil swallowed their story hook, line and sinker didn't he?

George W. Bush used the same tactics in 2000 against John McCain's record and in 2002 against Max Cleland. John Kerry is a man who volunteered for duty in Vietnam (when he didn't have to), served two tours of duty, won a Bronze Star, a Silver Star and three Purple Hearts, consistently showed bravery under fire and received glowing evaluations from his superiors while serving our country in combat.

In kind of makes you wonder what George W. has against Vietnam veterans.

BONNIE GENTRY
Twin Falls

Rupert needs act on Chinese elm trees

This is an open letter to Mts. Shiozawa in Paul. On July 7, my neighbors and I requested the City Administrator, Rupert Bagley to contact you to remove or kill six Chinese elm tree stumps which are growing back to 12-foot tall trees at Fifth Street and C Street South in Rupert, the deceased Myrtle Kelley's lot.

The administrator Roger Bagley told me he called a few

times you but after mentioning his name, he heard a click noise and the phone was cut off. So I was advised to write a letter to you.

Now is the time to eliminate the six unremoved Chinese elm tree stumps completely. It is so shame to waste Rupert City employees' great effort to cut the 70-foot tall Chinese elm trees: there were 20 trees.

My neighbors and I are dead tired of requesting cleaning up the mess in the lot. Why are you staying on the position as a caretaker for the lot? When people cannot perform the job, usually they resign.

KIM E BELLSTON
Rupert

Questions remain about hospital street plan

I might have missed them along the way, but I don't remember seeing or hearing any numbers or figures associated with the proposal to vacate a portion of Martin Street (now on hold), enabling the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to expand east of Martin Street.

What was Helen Kolouchi's asking price for the 44 acres located to the north of the hospital?

How much was the hospital able or willing to pay?

Could they have bought the land and then sold 25 to 30 acres to a developer. Thus recouping part of the difference between the two parties?

How much did the hospital

pay for the land and buildings to the east of Martin Street?

How much will it cost to raze or remove the buildings from the site, enabling the hospital to proceed with its plans?

What is the projected cost of widening and improving Shoop Avenue and Rose Street?

If a signal light is found to be necessary, what is the cost, and what is the estimated cost?

Could or would a private developer be able to justify the accumulated costs of such a project?

I sure don't know but maybe Helen Kolouchi was asking as much as they thought.

It seems a lot more thought could have gone into this plan, and surely somebody has some numbers and figures.

DWAN THOMPSON
Twin Falls

Bush's record pales in contrast to Kerry

Isn't it amazing that those who would challenge a man's war record when running for president, when it is known fact that he has a distinguished decorated war record, are backing another man running for the same position that is a known war-mongering coward when it came time to perform creditable service to his country?

PAUL E OSTYN
Twin Falls

Editor's note: Paul Ostyn is a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

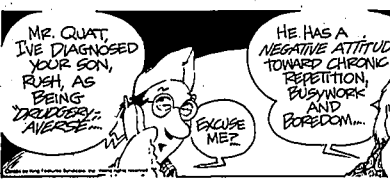
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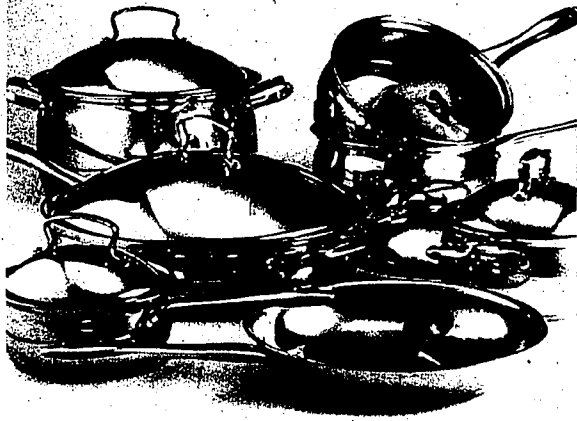
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NATION

Don't eat the fish? EPA releases report

Warnings of polluted fish cover one-third of U.S. lakes, one-fourth of its rivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of every three lakes in the United States, and nearly one-quarter of the nation's rivers contain enough pollution that people should limit or avoid eating fish caught there. Every state but Alaska and Wyoming issued fish advisories covering some and occasionally

all of their lakes or rivers in 2003, according to a national database maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency and updated every year. Though the number of advisories rose to 3,694, up from 2,814 in 2002, according to figures released Tuesday, EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt said

the increase was due to more monitoring, not more pollution.

Nearly all the advisories involve contaminants such as mercury, dioxins, PCBs, pesticides and heavy metals, including arsenic, copper and lead. Currently they cover 35 percent of the nation's lake acreage and 24 percent of river miles. Leavitt said mercury pollution from industry is

decreasing, though he cited figures only as recent as five years ago. Primary sources of mercury pollution include coal-burning power plants, the burning of hazardous and medical waste and production of chlorine. It also occurs naturally in the environment.

The advisories cover fish caught during recreational and sport fishing, not deep-sea commercial fishing or fish farming operations.

America

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"It deserves to be in the Guinness Book of World Records," Aboumoud says of President Bush. "He has changed the minds of the most people about America in the shortest period of time. Five years ago, they would say they like America, that it is an open society."

But not today, according to Aboumoud, who has historically low esteem in which America is held in the Arab world. In Egypt, according to a highly regarded Pew Research Center poll two years ago, only 6 percent of people held a positive view of the United States.

And if a Zogby International poll in June, commissioned by the Arab-American Institute, is to be believed, in the past two years unfavorable views of America among Egyptians rose from 76 percent to a whopping 98 percent. That makes Egypt the most anti-American of the six Arab countries polled by Zogby (3,300 Arabs living in Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt were questioned).

Perhaps most ominous is yet another Pew poll, released in March, which found that Osama bin Laden's numbers were far better than Bush's in several Muslim countries.

"Whether all of this represents momentary frustration and venting, or the seeding in of a deeper loathing, cannot be determined now. But talk to people in this part of the world, and it's clear that they feel themselves part of a new and implacably anti-American worldview.

It hasn't always been this way. Hani Shukrallah, the liberal editor of the English-language Al-Ahram weekly in Cairo, remembers that Richard Nixon was received as a hero, drawing crowds in the hundreds of thousands, when he visited Cairo in 1974.

"To see the shift in 30 years, it is really quite amazing," says Shukrallah, who traces the beginnings of the current, more strident anti-Americanism to 2000, when Palestinians rose up against Israel in the second intifada. "It isn't just a matter of intensity. Before the second intifada and all that followed, there was an ambivalence in people's sense of the U.S. It's arrogant, yes, and it's imperial, but it's a

democracy. Now, anything from the U.S. is seen as part of a design to bring us down, to humiliate us."

The discourse of anti-Americanism in this part of the world comes with some predictable patterns. First, an apology. The speaker says he or she really hates to say this, and please don't take offense, but what on Earth has happened to America? Then he or she says himself as standing apart from other, less temperate haters of America. Strong words carry an implicit "I feel this way, imagine what you, less enlightened souls must feel." And so he says, for instance, that he has lived in the United States, or has children who study there, or normally doesn't hold strong political views, but...

And then he lets fly, torrents of frustration about the perceived idiocy of current American policy, the gross unfairness of how the United States deals with the Palestinians, the hypocrisy of supporting dictators who have oil while preaching about democracy. One might, perhaps, have heard each of these individual complaints before; but now they are woven together into a universal theory of how America works and why it behaves as it does.

And in that, it resembles nothing so much as the ever-more refined theories that spouses develop about each other in a marriage gone horribly wrong. It seems the kind of resentment typical of someone who has settled into a never-get-ditched life of hatred with another person. It is about the trigger words that set off old tempers, and the conviction that every action of the other person is part of a devious effort to find and stab the Achilles' heel.

One of those trigger words is "crusade" — which recalls another era of religious strife when Christianity was militant and Europe was hungry for the blood and the land of "infidels." When Bush used it, in answer to a question at a Sept. 16, 2001, exchange with reporters at the White House, it was considered by some in this country as an ill-advised, clumsy but probably spontaneous choice of words.

"This is a new kind of — a new kind of evil," said the president. "And we understand. And the American people are beginning to understand. This crusade, this war on terrorism is going to take a while. And the American people must be patient."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Board might review Krumm's contract

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School Board will meet tonight to consider bids for waste disposal services and possibly to examine the fate of former high school football coach Gary Krumm.

Krumm remains on paid suspension and still has his retraining contract. Superintendent Wiley Dolbs previously told *The Times-News* that district officials were consulting with the district's attorneys and the matter could go before the board at tonight's meeting.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the board room of the school administration building, 201 Main Ave. W. The meeting is open to the public. The full agenda was not available at press time Tuesday.

Hospital loses power for several hours

TWIN FALLS — A blown fuse was the culprit of a power outage Tuesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Addison Avenue location.

Hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar said a portion of the older part of the hospital — which includes the hospital cafeteria and materials management department — lost power at about 1:30 p.m.

"We initiated our internal response plan and made sure that all our patient care needs were being handled appropriately," Barigar said.

He said the hospital had to turn the power off in another portion of the building to replace the fuse.

"We made sure we didn't have any critical care issues happening at that time," Barigar said.

Full power was restored by about 4:30 p.m., Barigar said.

Water board gives subdivision grant

TWIN FALLS — The Meander Point Homeowners Association near Twin Falls will receive a \$7,500 grant for its water system.

The Idaho Water Resource Board awarded the grant to allow the 45-home development to begin to study its drinking water supply that exceeds federal standards for arsenic and nitrate levels, a board news release said.

The board denied a \$7,500 grant requested by the city of Kimberly to pay for a water study to assess growth needs. The board said it praised city leaders for their forward-thinking approach but decided that grants at this time should be reserved for more pressing matters.

Thousands Springs water meeting set

HAGERMAN — The Idaho Department of Water Resources will hold a public meeting tonight in Hagerman to update water users on progress in crafting a computer model intended to help manage distribution of spring water below the Snake River Canyon rim.

It's the fourth and final public meeting planned to provide water users updates on the "Mike Basin" model. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at American Legion Hall, 281 N. State St.

People who may require special assistance to attend or participate in the meeting should call Sidsin Gray beforehand in Boise at (208) 327-7980.

Man charged with sex abuse of a minor

TWIN FALLS — A Kimberly man is facing five counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor under 16 years of age in connection with the alleged abuse of a female.

Nathan Jens Crockett, 29, made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Tuesday. His preliminary hearing was set for Sept. 3. Bond was set at \$10,000.

— compiled from staff reports

Judge rules on Swan Falls dispute

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The state's water court says it won't reopen an agreement over Idaho Power Co.'s water rights when deciding how other water users are affected by it.

Fifth District Judge John Melanson, in a written decision this week, said he does not intend to entertain issues pertaining to the interpretation of the Swan Falls agreement.

That means any reference to the agreement in water rights finalized by the court would not alter how the rights are administered.

Instead, acknowledgment of Swan Falls would be intended to avoid long-term ambiguity surround-

ing water use in Idaho.

Swan Falls is a 1984 agreement spelled out in state law that allows for more groundwater development in the Magic Valley while setting protected water flows in the Snake River downstream near Murphy for Idaho Power's hydroelectric dams.

To ensure that the state would be able to enforce the minimum river flows, a legal accounting of water rights in the Snake River Basin was needed.

The Snake River Basin Adjudication emerged. It's the state's massive water rights case that involves most Idaho water users who operate with state-issued water rights to irrigate farms and pastures, run businesses and water livestock.

Some water attorneys speculated re-litigation of the contentious Swan Falls issue could be the outcome of dredging it up in the SRBA.

But they also said the varied interpretations of the agreement that surfaced when negotiations were attempted to resolve the dilemma, and the threat that objections would be filed to water rights that don't reference Swan Falls, illustrate the need to tackle it.

Melanson summed up the issue this way: Should the Swan Falls agreement be addressed or memorialized somehow when water rights are issued? And if so, how?

"This court agrees, in part, that the Swan Falls Agreement needs to be addressed at some

point in the SRBA. Even if the Swan Falls Contract and Agreement — would survive without being addressed in the context of the SRBA, it would make no sense to leave room for uncertainty and create an ambiguity requiring litigation in the future," Melanson wrote in his decision signed Monday.

He noted that uncertainty is what led to the Swan Falls controversy in the first place.

Melanson granted attorneys' requests to delay the issue until 2005 when Idaho Power's water rights are scheduled to come before the court.

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Tracker

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FULL BLOOM



Tom Jones of Burley picks a bouquet of wild sunflowers for decoration. The sturdy yellow blooms are a brilliant addition to the area's landscape.

NEDE TUTTLE/The Times-News

Agency says interchange needs an upgrade

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Traffic in the area around the intersection of Lincoln Street South and Interstate 84 often is hazardous and is expected to get worse, an Idaho Transportation Department official said.

Bob Humphrey gave that assessment to a group of about 30 people gathered Monday evening to discuss problems associated with traffic in the area.

The Transportation Department is studying traffic patterns in an area bounded by 100 South Road, 300 South Road, 100 East Road and 100 West Road to determine a possible reconfiguration of the freeway interchange. The agency is developing a plan to deal with current and future traffic problems encountered at the intersection and on the surrounding roads.

That interchange was originally built between 1964 and 1966, when the land south of Jerome was farms. There has been a good deal of growth since. The bridge over the interstate is of minimal height needed, Humphrey said.

Jon Pascal, a consultant from Frantago Group, a consulting firm based in Kirkland, Please see INTERCHANGE, Page B3

Court schedules trial in assault case

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

HAILEY — The case of a man accused of attacking another man near the River Run Lodge in Sun Valley has been set for trial.

Daniel Hunt, 45, faces one count each of aggravated assault and aggravated battery, both felonies.

During an arraignment in 5th District Court on Aug. 16, Hunt entered pleas of innocent to both charges.

His jury trial was scheduled for Oct. 26, with four days set aside. A pretrial conference was set for Oct. 12.

Police allege Hunt attacked Tom Algiers with a machete on May 16. Algiers later was shot and killed by a Blaine County sheriff's deputy after Algiers reportedly approached the deputy with a knife. Hunt was arrested after an autopsy of Algiers showed 14 machete wounds to the head.

Hunt told police he hit Algiers with the machete to avoid being choked to death after Algiers attacked him and put him in a headlock. Hunt called police after the incident, saying his friend Algiers needed help because he had severely injured him.

"My friend and I just got in a

fight, and he may be dying," Hunt told a 911 operator.

Deputy Curtis Miller responded and ended up shooting Algiers, 46. The Magic Valley critical incident task force determined that Miller used justified force.

A coroner's inquest will take place to investigate that matter further. It was scheduled for Aug. 31 through Sept. 2, with Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg appointed as special Blaine County coroner.

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Wet weather brings good, bad to forest

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Regular precipitation over the last few weeks has caused some problems for the U.S. Forest Service but has also prevented others.

Scott Nannenga, district ranger for the Minidoka District of the Sawtooth National Forest, said several roads have been damaged by flooding and debris carried by heavy rains recently.

Trapper Creek Road south-west of Oakley was closed after storm runoff deposited boulders and other debris on the road surface following an Aug. 17 storm.

Nannenga said crews began cleanup work Monday and expected the road to be open today.

A flood in the Raft River division washed out portions of the main thoroughfare between One Mile Canyon and Yost,

Utah, about five weeks ago, Nannenga said.

The road is popular with hunters in early October and ATV users during summer months, and permittees use the road throughout the grazing season.

One landowner in the Utah portion of the Raft River Division measured 5 inches of rain in less than an hour during the storm that caused the damage to the road, Nannenga said.

Repairs to the road included improved engineering aimed at preventing washouts in the future.

"What we were concerned about was repeat storm events causing additional damage," Nannenga said.

Some South Cassia Division roads are in poor condition due to the rains, and Nannenga said he hopes to do some inspections this week in order to designate which roads are in need of repairs.

But Nannenga said the nature of the area means flooding and road damage are inevitable.

"This country isn't equipped to handle that much water in that short a time," he said.

The upside of the wet weather is that wildfires have been limited for the second year in a row and permittees are enjoying better grazing conditions.

"Things were real good in the spring with lots of rain keeping things green," Nannenga said.

The largest fire in the district this season has been just three acres, and continued rains should aid Forest Service efforts to minimize the likelihood of large fires again this year, he said.

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Serving their country

Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. Information supplied by their families.



Joshua E. Dumas

- Age: 22.
- Hometown: Twin Falls.
- Local family: Mother, Carol Ryan Dumas; brothers, Jamie and Jeremy.
- Service, date of enlistment: National Guard, May 2000.
- Rank, assignment: Specialist, medic.
- Task: Medical support.
- Additional information: Completed combat training at Fort Hood, Texas, and is now at Fort Irwin, Calif., for desert training.
- Serving with the 141st Field Artillery Battalion assigned to the 256th Infantry Brigade out of Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, La. Scheduled to ship out to Kuwait/Iraq first of October.



Dee Jay McMurdo

- Age: 38.
- Hometown: Bellevue.
- Local family: Wife, Amber; children, Lettie, Dee Jay Jr. and Hunter; parents, Delbert and Anita McMurdo; sister, Dallas and Vern Skeen; nephew, Cody; brother, Delbert Jr. and Barbara McMurdo; nieces, Stacie and Michelle.
- Service, date of enlistment: National Guard, March 4, 2001.
- Rank, assignment: Sergeant, scout platoon.
- Employer: Ketchum Heating.
- Additional information: Currently training in Fort Bliss, Texas, in 116th, and will serve one year in Iraq. Write to him at Sgt. Dee Jay McMurdo: MRC5/116 BCT/Scouts 2-116 11HC, BLBG-2444; Fort Bliss, TX 79916.
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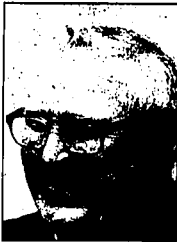
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David Philip Argyle - Twin Falls

David Philip Argyle, 74, passed into the care of our Lord, Friday, Aug. 20, 2004. He was born July 13, 1930 in Randolph, Utah, the 10th of 12 children born to Alma Monroe and Emma Ireta Argyle. He was raised on a ranch north of Randolph and graduated from South Rich High School, Randolph, Utah, in 1948.



He served his country as a Marine during the Korean War, then attended and graduated from Utah State University in 1956 with a degree in agronomy. He worked in agricultural research in Prosser, Wash., then as a chemist in Richland, Wash., and Denver, Colo., before moving to Twin Falls in 1970, where he owned and operated Agri-Test Inc., an agricultural testing laboratory.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America.

He married his best friend, June Haines in the Union Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Wyo., on Oct. 18, 1953. To this union were born three children, Ted, John and Susan. He truly enjoyed his family and lived his life with them; camping, hiking,

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers, one sister and one daughter-in-law. He is survived by his wife of 51 years; three children, Theodore E. (Marsha) Argyle, Boise, John L. Argyle, Boise, and Susan (Charles Livingston) Argyle, Plano, Texas; and his pride and joy, his three grandchildren, Erin Argyle and Emma and Phillip Livingston. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister, Cyril Argyle of Provo, Utah, Dorothy Scott of Pocatello, Idaho, Ralph Argyle of Randolph, Utah; and over 50 nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, in the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., in lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the Presbyterian Church; the David Argyle Memorial Agricultural Scholarship Fund in care of the CSI Foundation, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303; or to the charity of your choice.

Betty M. Daarud - Murtaugh

Betty M. Daarud, 74, of Murtaugh, passed away Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at her home with her family nearby. Betty was born Dec. 1, 1930 in Dickinson, N.D., the daughter of John and Elizabeth David. She married Elmer Daarud on May 8, 1953, in Pierre, S.D. Betty worked for many years as the Avon Rep., as the parts runner and bookkeeper for E&D Repair, both in Murtaugh. She loved to knit and paint pictures in her spare time.



Her love for humming birds and squirrels was well known among her family and friends. She was a friend to all and made sure no one ever left her home hungry. She had also been very ac-

She served on the Idaho Soil Improvement Committee for many years and helped set up the winter training conference.

He was a Little League coach, worked with Boy Scouts, and with 4-H.

three children, Denise (Tony) Elison of Burley, DuWayne (Sherma) Daarud of Twin Falls and David (Patsy) Daarud of Rigby. He has grandchildren, Derrick, Salina, Anna, William and Drew; and one sister, Diane Managan of Bismarck, N.D.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, with Pastor Dave Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Alice Claire Masten - Twin Falls

Alice Claire Masten, 88, of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully Monday, Aug. 23, 2004.



She was born July 27, 1916, in Highmore, S.D., one of five daughters to Charles and Pauline Gray. Alice was educated at Miss Woods', in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1945 and moved to Seattle, Wash., where she met her husband, Officer Earl F. Masten of the U.S. Navy.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy (Henry) Masten-Castillo, Hialeah, Idaho, granddaughter, Andrea, Auburn, Calif.; sister, Ethel of Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

They eventually settled in Pismo Beach, Calif., where they raised their two children, Lee and Judy.

Alice continued her education and received her teaching credentials at Cal Poly. She loved being in the classroom

and taught at Lucia Mar School District for several years. She was a charter member of B.E.O. Chapter Q1 in

Sanita Maria. Alice moved to Idaho in 2001 to be closer to her daughter.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Earl, and son, Lee.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy (Henry) Masten-Castillo, Hialeah, Idaho, granddaughter, Andrea, Auburn, Calif.; sister, Ethel of Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

The family suggests memorial contributions be made in Alice's name to the Pismo Beach Fire Department.

Lester Tracy - Burley/Rupert

Lester Tracy, a 93-year-old Burley/Rupert resident, passed away Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at the Park View Care Center in Burley.



He was born July 9, 1911, at Yost, Utah, to Mary Richins and David Edward Tracy. He was raised in the Malta area. He graduated from Malta High School where he was very active in the track program.

He was bishop of the 1st Ward, Young Men's President, Teacher, High Priest and home teacher, etc.

He served a mission for the LDS Church as a young man in the Kentucky and Tennessee areas.

He served in the army as a master sergeant and was stationed in California. When home on leave in Burley, he met Dorothy Catmull at a dance at the Y-Dell. They were married on Nov. 15, 1942, in Rupert by Dorothy's grandfather, Henry Catmull and were later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy; three grandchildren, Dustin, Clayral and Brandon Tracy; one brother, Lorenzo Tracy; and one sister, Bernice Thompson.

After they were married, they went to California where Lester was stationed and took Dorothy's 3-year-old daughter, Cheryl, with them.

He then retired but was called back to oversee all of the church buildings, custodians and remodeling.

They returned to the Rupert area and Lester was assigned to the Paul Labor Camp until he was released.

He traveled all over the state of Idaho into Wyoming, Nevada and Oregon and he was over all the church buildings, custodians and remodeling.

Lester then went into business for himself as a carpenter, building quite a few beautiful homes in this area. He also built five churches for

He traveled all over the state of Idaho into Wyoming, Nevada and Oregon and he was over all the church buildings, custodians and remodeling.

Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. and one hour prior to the service at the church.

OBITUARY

William L. Strain - Twin Falls

William L. Strain, former resident of Twin Falls, died Aug. 20, 2004, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Sept. 24, 1915, in Higbee, Mo. He lived most of his life in Twin Falls.

He owned and operated a cream station and poultry business located on Second Avenue East. He was also a wholesale distributor for Pet Ice Cream Co. and later Mead-

owald. He moved to Portland, Ore., in 1968 and operated a 7-11 store until he retired in 1978.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Helen Strain. Also, a son, William P. Strain; daughter, Sandra Kyotala; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Leona Strain; and two sisters, Mary

Strain and Dorothy Ell. His funeral was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Portland, Ore.

The visitation will be held from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home with a graveside service to follow at 10 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park. Local arrangements under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

SERVICES

Tom Hazzard of Boise, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Overland Road, Boise (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Barbara Buckley Belliston of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley Stake Central Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Clark C. Beaudett of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

Leonard Francis (Papa) King of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. on today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Thursday at the church.

Stephen Kelly Osborne - Stephen Kelly Osborne, 36, of Jerome, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004. A full obituary will appear in a later edition. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel.

2004, in Tucson. Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel. A full obituary will appear in a later edition.

Douglas D. Kramer of Boise, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Alden-Wag-

Owen Lee Walters - Owen Lee Walters, a 50-year-old Tucson, Ariz., resident and formerly of Rupert, died Sunday, Aug. 22,

Norman Jean Schneider - RUPERT/JACKSON - Norman Jean Schneider, 46, of the Rupert/Jackson area died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at her home. Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel.

Schroeder elected Idaho Supreme Court chief justice

BOISE (AP) - The state's longest-serving judge has been elected chief justice of the Idaho Supreme Court. Justice Gerald Schroeder was unanimously elected to a four-year term by the other judges on the high court. He will replace Chief Justice James C. Hunt, who was the first woman to hold the position in Idaho when she was elected in 1997. At the time, Trout was also the second-youngest chief justice in the nation.

Sept. 1, Trout will become vice chief justice. Schroeder has served as a judge in Idaho for 35 years, starting as Ada County Probate Judge in 1969 before he was appointed as a Magistrate in the 4th District Court in 1971. Former Gov. Cecil Andrus appointed him 4th District Judge in 1975, where he remained until 1995, when former Gov. Phil Batt appointed him to the Idaho Supreme Court.

ing in the 4th District Courts. The long-running lawsuit over funding between several public school districts and the state began in front of Schroeder's 4th District bench in 1990. Schroeder is also the only judge in the state to have witnessed the execution of a man he sentenced to death. Double-murderer Keith Eugene Wells was executed by lethal injection in 1994 for beating a couple to death about four years earlier. His execution was Idaho's first in 37 years.

Accident snaps power line that kills six Arabian horses in Washington

RIY, Wash. (AP) - Six horses, including three Arabians worth about \$30,000, were electrocuted when a minivan struck a power pole, flinging snapped power lines into the pasture. Lone Mangano said she saw flames leaping from the ground of her small pasture after Sunday's accident. A metal fence around the pasture glowed red, and witness Chett Aleksey said the electrical lines sent so much current flowing through the pasture it "was like daylight over there."

The current spread across the land after the downed lines landed in standing water on the pasture. Mangano's three Arabians and three other horses pastured nearby were killed. "There was no place for the horses to go," she said. The 21-year-old driver of the

minivan and a passenger, whose names were not released, were treated for minor injuries at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma. Investigators believe alcohol played a role in the crash and charges will be filed, said Ed Troyer, sheriff's office spokesman. Power workers shut off power to about 2,000 residents in the area for several hours after the crash.

Search for missing Boy Scout turns to recovery

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The search for a missing 12-year-old Boy Scout in a mountainous area of Utah was officially labeled a recovery operation Tuesday as authorities all but gave up hope of finding the boy alive. "This is a great loss for my family right now," the boy's father, Kevin Bardsley, told reporters. Garrett Bardsley was last seen Friday morning, when his father sent him back to camp

after the boy got his shoes and pants wet while fishing in a pond near a lake. The campsite has been described variously as 150 yards to a quarter mile from the lake on a well-established path. Dozens of searchers have spent the last three days searching for Garrett, who was wearing sweat pants, a T-shirt and a black hooded sweat shirt and tennis shoes. He had no food or backpack. The search has been ham-

pered by cold, wet weather. Rain mixed with snow fell on searchers Monday, and the temperature plunged to 10 degrees overnight. On Tuesday, the high hovered around 50 degrees, said Sheriff Dave Edmunds. The official search likely will tail off by the end of the week, Edmunds said, "but we're never going to stop looking." The camp is located in the Uinta Mountains, east of Salt Lake City.

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School teacher quits amid sex charges

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A 35-year-old grade school teacher is facing criminal charges that she carried on a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old.

Lisa A. Suttler of Birch was charged in May with eight counts of sexual battery of a minor. The prosecution alleges that Suttler had sex with the 17-year-old eight times in March and April.

The charges follow what investigators contend was a consensual relationship between the two that began

last year.

The relationship came to light when the boy told deputies about it. The alleged victim was not one of her students.

Each of the eight charges carries a maximum penalty of life in prison and a \$50,000 fine. A trial date was scheduled for Nov. 30. Suttler is free on her own recognizance.

Suttler resigned her job at Edgemont Gardens Elementary School earlier this month.

In her resignation letter to Superintendent John Murdoch

dated Aug. 11, Suttler did not mention the pending charges.

Murdoch did not comment on the resignation other than to say he has not been contacted by Bingham County prosecutors, who initiated the charges.

The district was expected to accept her letter of resignation at its board meeting Tuesday.

If found guilty of sexual battery of a minor, Suttler could permanently lose her teaching certificate, according to the Idaho State Department of Education.

Even if she is not convicted, the department may review the case and hold a hearing, spokeswoman Allison Westfall said.

Last year, a former Owyhee County school teacher has been sentenced for a sex crime involving a 15-year-old student.

Carl Duncan received 10 years in prison in a plea agreement following his relationship with a student in April 2002 while working at Rimrock High School.

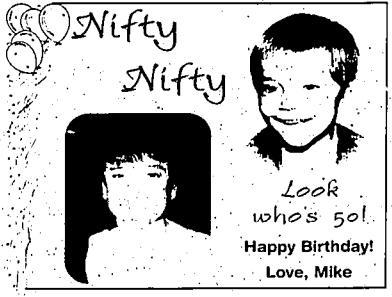
Court orders new trial in drug case

BOISE (AP) — An appeals court has ordered a new trial for an Ada County man convicted of drug possession, ruling that he was not adequately warned about the perils of representing himself in his original trial.

The Idaho Court of Appeals on Tuesday overturned the conviction of James Ballard, also known as Curtis Edward Jackson, because 4th District Judge Michael McLaughlin did not

make the risks clear when he agreed to let Ballard serve as his own lawyer in the December 2002 trial for possession of methamphetamine.

Ballard was convicted after a convoluted presentation to the jury during which he admitted taking methamphetamine on the day he was arrested but not the methamphetamine he was later charged with possessing.



Idaho man gets prison for defrauding disabled

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho man was sentenced on Tuesday to over four years in federal prison for bilking hundreds of thousands of dollars from severely disabled by spinal cord and other injuries.

Thomas Vigil will serve 51 months after admitting conspiracy, wire fraud and mislabeling drugs in what sentencing Judge B. Lynn Winmill called the most extreme case of fraud he has seen in 17 years on the bench.

In a case that spanned four years, Vigil and his ex-wife, Beverly Vigil, were accused of using the Internet to promote a fake cure for spinal cord injuries and other serious illnesses. Prosecutors said that more than 150 patients, most of them paraplegics and quadriplegics, paid up to \$10,000 each to come to their Nampa clinic or affiliated clinics in Utah and Colorado to be treated with a product called Neutalyn.

The patients were told that Neutalyn was 85 percent to 95 percent effective and could re-

grow nerve cells, enabling them to move or even walk again, investigators said, and that a patent and approval from the federal Food and Drug Administration were pending.

They claimed the drug was all natural when it actually contained a topical anesthetic that provided some temporary pain relief that led them to believe their condition was improving.

The Vigils charge charged up to \$500 for a vial of the drug for home treatment, claiming production costs justified the price. But they admitted later that the substance cost only \$15 a vial.

Beverly Vigil was sentenced to 33 months in prison last year after pleading guilty. She and her ex-husband were also each ordered to make \$800,000 in restitution payments to victims.

Thomas Vigil fled to Mexico after the investigation was launched four years ago, eluding authorities for two years before turning himself at the border near San Diego in October 2001.

Police remain determined to continue Hacking search

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police acknowledged Tuesday they may never find Lori Hacking's body at a county landfill, but still are committed to finishing the search.

Police and cadaver dogs are about two-thirds through a search of 4,600 tons of trash — all the refuse dumped at a landfill the day Hacking's husband reported her missing July 19.

Police are testing the six dogs but plan to resume the search Thursday night.

"We're searching that day's worth of garbage, and hopefully we'll find her there," Detective Dwayne Baird said Tuesday. "But there is a possibility she's not there or that we may not locate her there. We cannot say absolutely because we don't know."

Baird said police have gotten letters from angry people suggesting they should force Mark Hacking, accused of shooting his wife and throwing her body in a trash bin, to participate in the landfill search.

Hacking, a 28-year-old hospi-

tal orderly, is being held in jail on a murder charge unable to raise \$1 million bail. He is due in court for a preliminary hearing Sept. 23, when a judge will decide if prosecutors have enough evidence to try him.

Hacking has told his family he shot his 27-year-old wife in the head with a .22-caliber firearm while she slept, then threw the body and gun in separate trash bins. He made the admission to brothers who visited him at a psychiatric ward where he was kept for 13 days after his wife disappeared.

Authorities believe Lori Hacking was killed after she learned her husband wasn't enrolled in medical school in North Carolina, even though they were packing to move there.

Baird said police are certain they're searching the right section of landfill, a cell that was cordoned off a day after Hacking's apparent murder. But after weeks of searching, they aren't certain they'll turn up anything connected to the case.

Ex-mistress concludes testimony

REHOBOTH CITY, Calif. (AP) — Scott Peterson's former mistress concluded her testimony Tuesday that Peterson never tried to stop her from going to police about their affair.

In his cross-examination of Amber Frey, defense attorney Mark Geragos also noted Peterson never said anything incriminating in his wire-tapped phone conversations with Frey. In addition, Frey admitted Peterson never told her he loved her — apparently refuting prosecutors' allegations of Peterson's motive for killing his pregnant wife.

Frey's testimony, which concluded Tuesday, came after jurors heard about 40 wire-tapped telephone calls between Frey and Peterson.

In the phone calls, Peterson romanced Frey while denying his involvement in the disappearance of his pregnant wife Laci, and proclaiming his love for the missing woman. Frey recorded their calls for months before police told her she could stop.

"They didn't get anything incriminating on him," Geragos said. "He kept telling you specifically that he didn't have anything to do with it, right?"

"There were times he said there were some things that he couldn't talk about," Frey replied. She told Geragos she could not remember if police told her she was not getting any useful information.

Geragos played a tape on which Peterson could be heard saying: "I also have nothing to hide in her disappearance. And if you, you know, if you want to go to the police, that's, you know, fine."

"He told you it was your decision, right?" Geragos asked Frey.

"Correct," Frey said.

Geragos suggested Peterson's evasive answers on many of the taped telephone calls came at the advice of his previous attorney. In a call played for the jury, Peterson could be heard saying: "I have a lawyer. He said you should not be talking to her." And he said, "They are going to try to make a case against you."

Frey testified Peterson never told her he loved her. "Not in those words."

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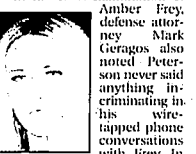
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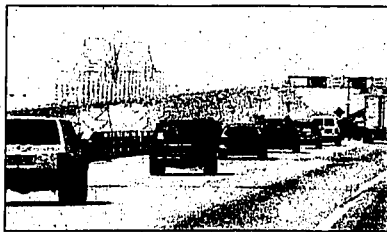


Amber Frey

NATION

Police arrest Hamas operative

Man videotapes Chesapeake Bay Bridge



Vehicles travel over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in Annapolis, Md., Tuesday. The U.S. attorney's office in Maryland announced Monday, that Ismael Selim Elbarasse of Annandale, Va., described by federal authorities as a high-ranking Hamas operative was arrested in Maryland Friday after he was spotted by off duty police videotaping the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

BALTIMORE (AP) — A man described as a high-ranking Hamas operative was arrested after he drove across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge while his wife videotaped close-up shots of the structure, authorities said Tuesday.

Ismael Selim Elbarasse, long suspected by authorities of having financial ties to the Palestinian extremist group, was taken into custody last week and held as a material witness in an unrelated terrorism case in Chicago.

Neither he nor his wife was charged with any wrongdoing in connection with the videotaping.

Gov. Robert Ehrlich said the arrest "shouldn't be a generator of fear. It should serve as a reminder that there is a war going on around the world."

A federal grand jury in Chicago last week described Elbarasse as an unindicted co-conspirator in a 15-year scheme to finance ter-

rorist activities in Israel. Hamas has carried out suicide bombings and other attacks in Israel.

Court documents allege he and defendant Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook, — considered one of the highest-ranking Hamas leaders internationally — shared a Virginia bank account that was

used to launder hundreds of thousands of dollars for Hamas.

His attorneys did not immediately return calls for comment Tuesday. A woman reached by phone at Elbarasse's home identified herself as his wife but declined to give her name and refused to comment.

7 new moons found in solar system

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS — If you're keeping an updated census of solar system moons, it's time to add seven to the list.

Last week, the Cassini-Huygens spacecraft spotted two new moons orbiting Saturn. The two satellites, named S/2004 S1 and S/2004 S2, are both about 2 miles across — the smallest ever observed orbiting the ringed giant. Saturn's smallest previously known moon was about 12 miles across.

The discovery, made by University of Paris planetary scientist Sebastien Charnoz, increases Saturn's moon-count to 33.

"The two new satellites are a kind of mystery," wrote Charnoz in an e-mail interview. "How were they formed? How did they get there? We have no good answers."

Study suggests link between soft drinks and diabetes in women

CHICAGO (AP) — Women who drink more than one sweetened soft drink a day are slightly more likely to develop diabetes than women who drink less than one a month, according to a new study.

But critics of the study noted the same conclusion might be drawn from examining eating habits involving other forms of junk food, too.

Obesity is strongly linked to type 2 diabetes — the most common form of diabetes — so the extra calories from soda account for at least some of the increased risk, said the Harvard University researchers who did the study. But the scientists said there also appears to be a link to the way the body handles the sugars in soft drinks.

A soft drink trade group said the study's conclusions were not scientifically sound and that the focus should be on the unhealthy lifestyles and weight gain that can lead to diabetes — not soft drinks.

Globally, type 2 diabetes, a condition that often leads to

heart disease and kidney failure, afflicts 154 million people and is blamed for about 3 million deaths a year.

The soft drink study, which appears in Tuesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, involved an analysis of data from a continuing health study of 51,603 female nurses.

Researchers analyzed surveys filled out by the nurses in 1991, 1995 and 1999 detailing their eating habits, weight, physical activity and other health issues. There were 741 new cases of type 2 diabetes during the span.

Researchers found that women drinking one or more sugar-sweetened soft drinks a day were twice as likely to develop diabetes as women who drank fewer than one a month. Even when they considered such factors as weight, diet and lifestyle differences, the researchers still found that women drinking sugary sodas were 1.3 times as likely to develop diabetes.

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LETTING TAKE ROOT



A small corner detail of Betty Martin's garden, shown here, is one of many flower beds surrounding her home.



Photos by LORRAINE CAVENER/The Times-News

Betty Martin stands next to hollyhocks in the garden at her home west of Paul. Many of the flowers in Martin's garden were transplanted to her new home from her old house when she moved five years ago.

Paul resident's mix of flowers, vegetables thrives

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

PAUL — When Betty Martin moved 200 feet into a new house five years ago, her garden moved with her — one plant at a time.

"A lot of it was transplanted from the old house," she said. She claims she doesn't do anything special to help the flowers and vegetables along. Surrounded by wide expanses of lawn, several oases of vegetation fill her entire side and back yards.

"I just plant them and leave them up to the good Lord to take care of," she said.

"They also get a lot of 'good old cow manure that comes out of the corals.' The manure is from Martin Livestock, the feed lot that Martin's husband, Leonard, owns and operates.

Apparently, it's good stuff. Martin has a yard full of hollyhocks, yarrow, larkspur, daisies and much more.

A large spread of honeysuckle is currently trying to make its way across an old manure spreader with wooden slats.

"My honeysuckle is going to cover it eventually," she said. "This is what brings butterflies and hummingbirds. It's really spreading. Every year it comes back. It keeps growing and growing."

Martin also likes to attract birds to her garden. So she planted a dwarf red-toot plum bush by her bird feeder. "When the hawks come around, the birds have a place to hide," she said.

A flowering cherry is also an attraction, and "the birds eat the fruit."

When the weed purslane started growing in Betty Martin's garden, she discovered that you can either eat it or spray it.

STEVE JOHNSON'S CUCUMBER PURSLANE YOGURT SALAD

5 large cucumbers, peeled, seeded and cut into quarter-round slices
1/4 pound purslane, large stems removed, washed and drained well
2 tablespoons each fresh chopped mint, cilantro and chervil
4 cups whole milk yogurt
1/4 cup virgin olive oil

3 cloves garlic, pureed with the blade of a knife
2 teaspoons ground coriander
Kosher salt and ground black pepper

Place the cucumber, purslane and herbs into a large bowl. In another bowl, stir together the yogurt, olive oil, garlic and coriander. Season to taste with salt. Add the yogurt mixture to the vegetables and mix well. Add a pinch of ground black pepper. Taste the dressed salad for seasoning, adding a little more salt if needed. Serve chilled.

—Source: <http://www.ustarchefs.com/Johnson/recipe05.html>



The porch of Betty Martin's house is one area that shows the flower beds that she has worked on for five years.

Martin grows sea holly to attract butterflies. And one of her favorite plants is the prolific Mexican primrose.

"Olga calls them her take-all-you-want plants," said Martin, referring to her friend and fellow gardener Olga Jarolimek. "I try to keep them thinned down so they make a border."

Martin explained why her rhubarb is in such a prominent spot. Part of the yard, where the rhubarb was growing, was dug up for the foundation of her house. "In the spring, something kept trying to come up," she said. That something was rhubarb.

"If that is going to fight it's way through 3 feet of fill, I'll keep it. It's got its own little spot right in the middle."

Martin has had good luck with plants like marrow, which is a member of the hollyhock family. "They come up every year. I try to plant something that will reseed itself and come back up," she said. "You can spend a lot of money buying plants."

Her vegetable garden is another area that is doing well this year. It's also an area where she's trying something new — round zucchini. "They say they are so good stuffed

with hamburger filling," she said. Martin gives away about 90 percent of her garden to friends, family and "anybody that comes by."

"The more she gives away, the less work she has to do," she said. In addition to help from the Lord and the cow manure, the Martin garden receives some other assistance.

"I have a gal that comes," Martin said. "She'll come and help when I get behind on the weeds."

One weed is particularly hard to get rid of. "It's called purslane — and it takes a lot of perseverance."

But you can either eat it or spray it.

Martin says the weed can be used in salads. When Corey Smith, from Western Farm Service, looked at her garden he demonstrated for her, she recalled. "He broke off a piece, rinsed it and ate it," she said.

It's true, Smith confirmed. "It is edible," he said. "When I start chewing on it, they are kind of surprised." The weed is often used in salads in France, Smith explained. "It's actually pretty good."

But Martin didn't think she could make enough salads in her

lifetime to use up all the purslane in her garden. Instead, she sprays it. Smith said 2-4-D is a chemical that can be used safely on purslane.

Common mallow, a broadleaf that is a cousin to wild geranium, is another weed that troubles Martin.

"Little nasty seed pods come up every year," she said. "If you spray them often enough in your grass, you'll get them."

She recommends 2-4-D for that, as well. But that's not all. Martin has identified Chinese elm as another problem in the garden. The starts blow over from a nearby tree and have to be weeded out, she said. "If you leave them, they will grow into a tree."

But that's a problem for another day.

Right now, Martin is looking out on her garden from her large back porch, and preparing to go to the garden spot that she likes the best. "I'd rather over there in that chair," she said.

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FOOD & HOME

Enjoy the spoils of victory

Late summer is payoff time. That's when we grin at the fruits of our labors. We eat quite a few of those fruits, too, but we'll get to that.

The hard part's done. We've come through cold spring rains, heat, drought, insects and everything else nature can throw at us, and now everything can relax and just show off. Still, there are a few things you can do. When you feel like it.

- Save used coffee grounds, fruit rinds and scraps, potato peelings and such. Puree the whole mess in a blender with a bit of water and pour it directly onto the garden. Instant compost. Of course, this works better in yards where no dog lives.
- Keep deadheading spent flowers on annuals and roses to



GREEN-THUMBPHINIX
Cathy Walworth

keep them blooming longer. If you let them go to seed, they'll think their life cycle is over and shut down. Then you'll miss out on a whole 'nother mouth of blooms. The best of the summer, some say.

- Keep the water coming to roses. Roses probably still want a soaking every other day in 90-degree weather. You can stretch the deep soakings out with temperatures cool. Touch the soil beneath the mulch to see how they're doing.

- Prune out berry canes if they're through producing. Prune out everything that fruited this year. It's easy to see which ones to cut out right now.
- Divide irises and early blooming perennials now: Candytuft, allium and poppies will divide nicely now.
- Watch for mites. The like it hot and dry. Speckled leaves are the first clue. Turn the leaf over and look for tiny webbing. If you see the webbing, you can cure mites by sucking on that leaf. If the plant can spare it, the best thing you can do is remove the leaf. Then give the plant a good bath with soapy water and use a miticide afterward. Read and follow label directions.
- Dry as our climate is, we still get bugs here. A barrier of used, dried coffee grounds seems to

scare them away. Beer only works when they accidentally fall in, so save it for more appropriate uses. Use a slug bait if you can keep it away from curious pets and children. If you don't know how to make a Slug Motel out of a cottage cheese container, write and I'll draw it out for you.

TIP OF THE WEEK: Did the birds get more fruit than you did this year? The NetBrella Company has applied for a patent on its net-supporting kit that makes it easy to install netting around fruit trees. Kits can be bought at www.NetBrella.com.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper for answers.

Tomatoes: Are they a fruit or a vegetable?

By Judy Stanley
The Everett Herald

The tomato - fruit or vegetable? That question went all the way to the Supreme Court and, in 1897, the tomato was officially designated a vegetable. It seems the real issue was money and protection for the American growers. If the tomatoes were vegetables, they could be taxed when imported under the Tariff Act of 1893. The court did realize they were "reproductive structures that contained seeds," making them fruits. However, it chose utility over botanical technicalities and ruled on the side of the farmers.

Bruschetta is a type of Italian garlic bread. Serve this as an appetizer, with soup, stew or pasta dishes - using the best rustic country bread you can find.

BRUSCHETTA WITH TOMATOES, BLUE CHEESE AND PECANS

- 2 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped pecans
- 4 slices crusty, firm-textured bread, cut about 3/4-inch thick
- 2 cloves garlic peeled and halved
- 2 large tomatoes, sliced about 1/8-inch thick
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- Chopped fresh basil or dried basil for garnish

In a small bowl, mash the

cheese together with a fork, leaving the mixture somewhat chunky. Mix in the pecans. Preheat the broiler, arrange the bread on a small baking sheet and broil for about 1 minute on each side. Just until golden. Watch it carefully so it doesn't burn. Rub one side of each piece of bread with garlic. Spread some of the cheese mixture over each slice and arrange 2 or 3 overlapping tomato slices on top. Pepper the tomatoes lightly, then garnish with basil and serve. Makes 4 servings.

They're delicious with breakfast!

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

- 4 to 6 green tomatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Cornmeal
- Bacon grease or vegetable oil
- Slice the tomatoes into 1/4- to 1/2-inch slices. Salt and pepper them to taste. Dip in meal and fry in hot grease or oil about 3 minutes or until golden on bottom. Gently turn and fry the other side. Serve as a side dish.

TOMATO SALSA FIESTA

- 2 cloves of garlic, chopped finely
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 3/4 pounds fresh tomatoes (about 4 medium) peeled, seeded, finely diced and drained
- 1 cup diced red onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro or parsley

1 whole jalapeno pepper (seeds removed) chopped finely

Combine first four ingredients, beat in oil. Gently toss with remaining ingredients. Marinate at room temperature for 1 hour or several hours in the refrigerator. Makes 3 cups.

Choppino is a California-style seafood stew made with a tomato-based broth and originally created by Mediterranean fishermen who settled in that state. Serve with good bread and a glass of white wine.

CIOPPINO

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 large onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 large green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3-1/2 cups (about 5 large) corned, seeded, and chopped tomatoes
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 6-1/2-ounce can chopped clams with their juice
- 1 1/2 pounds thick cod, haddock, or other boneless fish fillets, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1/2 pound bay or sea scallops
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- In a large enameled soup pot or Dutch oven, warm the olive oil. Stir in the onions and green pepper and saute over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for 7

EASY NO-COOK TOMATO SAUCE

- 1 pound (3 to 4 medium) fresh tomatoes, coarsely chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3/4 teaspoon each salt and sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- In a food processor or blender, combine and process all ingredients to make a rough-textured sauce. Adjust flavors to taste. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.
- Add the following combinations to the sauce for daily variations: 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil; 1/4 cup chopped Greek or Italian olives plus 1/2 teaspoons finely grated orange peel; 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese plus 3/4 teaspoon finely chopped fresh or dried rosemary; 3 tablespoons toasted pine nuts plus 4 to 6 thin slices prosciutto, cut into bits; 3 table-spoons capers plus 2 tablespoons chopped parsley.

'In Praise of Tomatoes' offers recipes, history

By Linda Schubert
The Baltimore Sun

Ronni Landy's "In Praise of Tomatoes" is a celebration of the crop, with about four dozen recipes by chef John Stielhing of Early Girl Eatery in Asheville, N.C. They range from an easy, refreshing gazpacho to desserts such as green-tomato pie. The book also includes a history of the tomato. Barbara Clertt, a garden writer from Colorado, contributes a chapter on growing tomatoes in all kinds of environments - from balcony gardens to large plots. She also includes a wonderful chart with about 50 tomato varieties listed. And for those ready to tackle canning, there's a chapter covering the basics.

Choose several varieties of tomatoes in different colors for stuffing to create a gorgeous presentation. Preparation is a snap, but the filling needs to refrigerate overnight, so planning is necessary. This is a perfect dish for a dinner party, needing

only 20 minutes in the oven before being served.

SPINACH-AND-ARTICHOKE-STUFFED TOMATOES

- 1/3 pound fresh spinach
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup canned artichokes, drained and chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 pound Swiss cheese, grated
- 8 large, firm tomatoes
- Salt
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- Steam spinach until tender, about 3 minutes. Remove and press to drain water. Chop into small pieces. Mix together spinach, sour cream, mayonnaise, artichokes, garlic salt and Swiss cheese until thoroughly blended. Cover and refrigerate

overnight. To prepare tomatoes for stuffing, slice off the top quarter of each tomato. Gently scoop out pulp and seeds, leaving a solid wall of tomato flesh around the perimeter. Sprinkle lightly with salt and invert on a rack for 30 minutes. While tomatoes are draining, preheat oven to 425 degrees and remove spinach-artichoke filling from refrigerator to bring to room temperature. Lightly oil a bak-

ing sheet large enough to accommodate all the tomatoes without crowding. Use 2 if needed. When tomatoes are drained, arrange on the baking sheet. Use a spoon to fill the tomatoes to the top with spinach-artichoke filling. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake for about 20 minutes, until filling is bubbly and bread crumbs are lightly browned. Remove and serve warm. Serves 8.

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FOOD & HOME

Grilled onions make summer luscious

By Ronnie Fain
The Stamford Advocate

Set grilled onions next to a grid-seared steak or atop a burger, either plain or drizzled with a few drops of good red wine vinegar or Balsamic vinegar. Think how attractive they would look as a bed for grilled fish; red onions under snapper, for example, or bright green scallions under salmon.

Grilled onions will give stature to a plain old salad, from simple greens and tomatoes to classic potato salad. They also bring a new dimension to sandwiches. Place them on bread or in a wrap; grilled onions are so moist you won't need butter or mayo.

You can use any leftovers in an omelet or fritatta. Or, make a relish.

Larger onions best for grilling are the sweet varieties: Vidalia, Bermuda, Maui, WallaWalla, Spanish and plain neck (purple). Brush open surfaces of whole or sliced onions with a film of vegetable or olive oil to keep them from sticking. Season with salt, freshly ground black pepper and freshly minced herbs, such as oregano, rosemary, thyme and summer savory are particularly well-suited. Spice rubs and marinades are fine, too; however, if the dressing contains vinegar or citrus juice, don't marinate the onions for more than 30 minutes. If you do, the acid will "cook" the vegetable and it will have an off taste and texture.

GRILLED ONIONS

2 large red (purple), Bermuda, Spanish or Vidalia onions
2-3 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons mixed fresh herbs, optional
Red wine vinegar, Balsamic vinegar or fresh lemon juice, optional

Preheat an outdoor grill. Set rack about 6 inches away from heat (turn a gas grill to high). Peel onions and cut into 1/2-inch thick slices. Brush surfaces with olive oil. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and herbs, if using. Let rest for 15-20 minutes. Place the onions on the grill and lower heat on a gas grill to moderate. Grill (cover down) for 4-5 minutes per side, or until browned and tender. Served sprinkled with red wine vinegar, Balsamic vinegar or lemon juice, if desired. Makes 4-6 servings.

GRILLED PLUM TOMATOES AND SHALLOTS

8 plum tomatoes
8 peeled shallots
1/2 cup olive oil
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
3 to 4 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
Salt and pepper to taste
Red wine or Balsamic vinegar and olive oil, optional
Flatbread or other bread, optional

Preheat an outdoor grill. Set the rack about 6 inches away from the heat (turn a gas grill to high). Place the tomatoes and shallots in a nonreactive bowl. Mix the olive oil, red wine vinegar, basil, oregano, garlic and some salt and pepper, and pour the dressing over the vegetables. Let marinate for 30 minutes. Remove the tomatoes and shallots from the marinade. Place the onions on the grill and lower heat on a gas grill to moderate.



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Grill the shallots (cover down) for 10-12 minutes, turning them occasionally, or until they are tender (skewer them for easier handling if desired, or place a smaller grid beneath them). Grill the tomatoes for 6-8 minutes. Eat as is, or sprinkle with some red wine vinegar or Balsamic vinegar and/or olive oil. Serve with flatbread. Makes 4 servings.

POTATO SALAD WITH GRILLED VIDALIA ONIONS

36 small red potatoes (about 2 pounds)
1 large or 2 small Vidalia onions
1 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and pepper
6-ounce Italian-style sausage
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup olive oil
2 to 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar

Preheat an outdoor grill to high (or place grid 6 inches from the heat). Cook the potatoes in lightly salted water until they are tender, about 15 minutes. When cool enough to handle, peel the potatoes and cut them into bite-size pieces. Place the potatoes in a bowl. While the potatoes are cooking, cut the onions into 1/2-inch slices and brush with the 1 1/2 tablespoon olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Let rest for 15-20 minutes. Grill the onions (cover down) for 4-5 minutes per side or until lightly browned and tender. Remove from the grill and chop. Add to the potatoes. Fry the sausage, breaking the meat into small crumbles, for 5-6 minutes, or until crispy. Add to the potatoes and toss ingredients. Pour in the olive oil and 2 tablespoons of the wine vinegar. Toss ingredients, add salt and pepper as needed, and the red wine

vinegar if desired. Serve warm, at room temperature, or slightly chilled. Makes 6 servings.

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DEAR JIM: My son's sixth-grade teacher said we can save half our water heating energy by building a simple solar water heater. Now my son is begging me to do it. Is the teacher correct and how can we build one cheaply?

-KEN N.



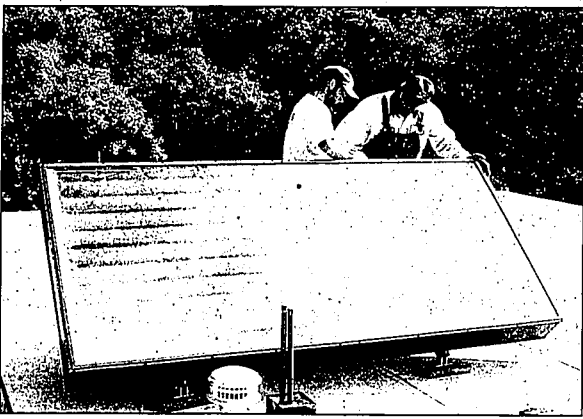
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DEAR KEN: It looks like you will be building a solar water heater one of these weeks instead of golfing because your son's teacher is correct. Luckily, there are many effective designs that are inexpensive to build. If you are not handy with tools, kits or pre-assembled ones are also available.

During the summer, with the intense sun and lower hot water needs, the simplest batch-type solar water heater can contribute up to 50 percent of your hot water. It will produce about 25 percent during fall and spring and you may choose to shut the water valve to it over winter to avoid freezing.

In addition to a \$100 annual energy savings, a simple solar water heater increases the hot water output from your existing water heater. With the water entering your house already warmed by the sun, the first hour rating (how fast it heats incoming water) of your water heater is greater.

The easiest type of solar water heater to build and install is a batch solar water heater. As mentioned above, it is usually



Solar water heaters are inexpensive to build.

connected to your water heater as a preheater for the incoming cold water. Without having to be concerned about the actual water temperature, installation is simple.

The simplest batch water heater is basically a large black water tank which is placed in a sunny location. You can purchase a 50-gallon water tank, but first check with a local plumber for a discarded water heater that did not leak. Strip off the metal jacket and insulation and paint the tank black. A water heater tank will already have inlet and outlet pipes and a drain.

For more efficiency and hot water output, mount the water

tank in an insulated box with a clear cover. Make the box with inexpensive wall studs and plywood and line the inside with fiberglass wall insulation. Cover the top with a single layer of clear acrylic plastic. You can find large clear plastic sheets at most home center stores.

If your son wants to impress his classmates, make a hinged insulated cover for the clear plastic top. When you close this at night, the water in the solar batch tank will stay warmer during morning and help out for morning showers. In cold climates, add a second clear layer during the winter.

It is best to locate the solar water heater against your

house on the south side. Add two ties in the cold water line leading to your water heater and connect them to the batch solar tank. Include a valve after each tie and one between them. These allow you to bypass the batch heater when you wish.

Write for (instantly download www.dulley.com) Update Bulletin No. 695 - do-it-yourself instructions, diagrams, materials list, plumbing schematic for several designs of batch solar water heaters, and a list of ready-to-install solar water kits. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

Tempt golfers in your house with this Ryder Cup recipe

By Sylvia Rector
Detroit Free Press

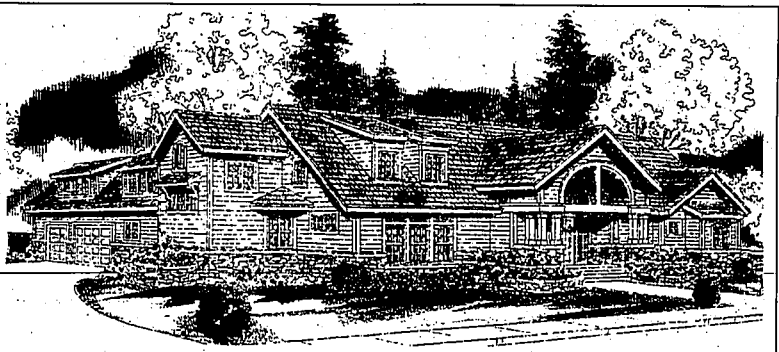
RYDER CUP RECIPE TUNA TATAKI

Makes 16
6 ounces Ahi (tuna (sushi grade))
Kosher or sea salt to taste
Freshly ground white pepper to taste
1 tablespoon black sesame seeds
1 tablespoon white sesame seeds
2 tablespoons olive oil
Lavash crackers or cucumber rounds
Wasabi Cream:
1/4 teaspoon wasabi
3 tablespoons sour cream
1/8 teaspoon sugar
Garnish:
Finely sliced green onion or chives (about 1/2 tablespoon)
1 tablespoon finely diced red pepper

Have your fishmonger cut a 5-ounce rectangle of tuna 2 inches wide by 3 inches long. Then have him cut from corner to corner so you have two triangular pieces. (Make sure it is free of skin or blood line.) Season the tuna with salt and white pepper. Combine the black and white sesame seeds on a shallow plate. Roll the tuna in the sesame seeds coating it on all three sides. In a heavy skillet, heat the olive oil. Add the tuna and sear on all three sides, about 3 seconds on each side. While the tuna is searing, combine the wasabi, sour cream and sugar. If you have a squirt bottle, place the wasabi mixture in the bottle. The wasabi cream can also be drizzled over the tuna with the tines of a fork. Using a very sharp knife, slice each piece of tuna into 8 thin slices and drizzle them with the wasabi cream. Place them on the lavash crackers or cucumber slices and garnish with the diced red pepper, green onions or chives and serve immediately.

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Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson of Team USA and Team Europe's Padraig Harrington and Sergio Garcia won't be eating in tents. They'll dine in the comfort and elegance of Oakland Hills Country Club on the cuisine of executive chef Brian Walsh and his 35-member staff.



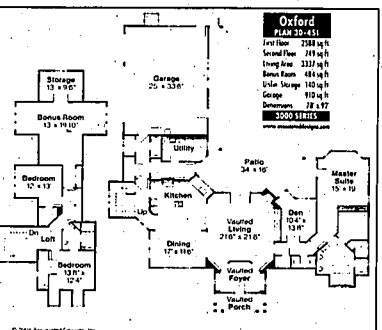
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The eye-catching Oxford is a rambling two-story plan with an impressive vaulted living room at its core. Raised stone planters arranged in concentric circles flank the entry, drawing attention to the arched and vaulted porch that frames the home's richly glazed entry.

Inside, high display shelves rim the sides of the vaulted foyer. Natural light spills into this wide passageway through multipaned sidelights and a high, arched transom. Windows sparkle across most of the living room's rear wall as well. Atrium doors here are capped by a wide rectangular transom and crowned by an arched clerestory window, dramatically echoing the entry's window configuration. A clean-burning gas fireplace nestles into an alcove, next to a large home entertainment center.

Arched openings on the opposite side of the entry lead to the spacious kitchen and dining room. These areas are open to each other, as well as the living room. A curved conversation bar runs along one side of the view work island. Laundry appliances are around the corner from the kitchen in a large utility room with a built-in sewing desk.

The luxurious master suite



boasts a huge walk-in closet, a two-person spa tub and direct patio access. The adjacent den could be used as a home office. Upper bedrooms share a two-section bathroom, and both have walk-in closets. Cozy dormers in the front bedroom are ideal spots for a desk and window seat. Storage closets line the hallway to a large bonus room, plus a smaller unfinished storage space.

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FOOD & HOME

Terrific recipes are chef Julia Child's legacy

By Susan Selasky
Detroit Free Press

With the passing of Julia Child last week I took a look into some of her cookbooks. Many are based on episodes of her PBS series, including "The French Chef," "Julia Child & Company" and "Cooking with Master Chefs." Through them all, Child educated many Americans, leading them to feast on a variety of diverse food subjects. The last PBS series, "Julia & Jacques (Pepe) Cooking at Home," also led to the cookbook "Julia and Jacques Cooking at Home." Perhaps Child's most famous tome is "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" (10th Anniversary edition).

EGGPLANT AND ZUCCHINI GRATIN

Serves: 6
1/2 cup or so olive oil, excellent quality
1 large or 2 medium eggplants,

about 1 1/4 pounds
1 tablespoon herbes de Provence, divided
1 teaspoon salt, divided
2 medium zucchini, about 1 pound total
3 or 4 ripe tomatoes, about 1 pound total
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided
1/2 cup or so fresh bread crumbs (not too finely ground)
1/3 cup or so freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Put the rack on the lower-middle level of the oven and preheat to 400 degrees. Smea a large, shallow-rimmed jelly roll pan generously with 1/3 cup of the olive oil. Trim off the ends of the eggplant and slice it on the diagonal into ovals 1/2-inch thick. One at a time, place the slices on the sheet; press to coat lightly with the remaining oil. Arrange the slices, oiled side, in a single layer and sprinkle on 1/2 cup on each of salt and herbes de Provence. Bake for about 15 minutes, until the egg-

plant slices are soft and somewhat shriveled; allow them to cool briefly. Leave the oven on if you will be baking the gratin right away. Meanwhile, trim the ends of the zucchini and cut them lengthwise into slices no more than 1/4-inch thick. Core the tomatoes and cut into slices 1/4-inch thick. Spread out the slices and sprinkle them lightly with 1/2 teaspoon of salt and 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper.

To assemble the gratin: Coat a gratin or shallow baking dish with 1 teaspoon of olive oil and sprinkle a teaspoon of the herbes de Provence all over the bottom. Place one or two eggplant slices, lengthwise against a narrow side of the dish. Arrange a long slice or two of zucchini in front of the eggplant, then place two or three tomato slices in front of the zucchini. Repeat the procedure to fill the pan with alternating rows of eggplant, zucchini and tomatoes. Arrange each new row of slices so the col-

orital top edges of the previous row are still visible. In a small bowl, mix together the bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper and remaining herbes de Provence. Add a tablespoon of olive oil, then toss and rub it in with your fingers to coat the crumbs but keep them loose. Sprinkle the crumbs evenly over the vegetables and drizzle the rest of the oil over all. Place the dish in the center of the oven and bake for 40 minutes, or until the vegetables are soft, the juices are bubbling and the top is a deep golden brown. If the crumbs need more browning, you can put them under the broiler for a few moments. Serve hot, directly from the baking dish.

NOTE: After the vegetables are assembled and topped with the crumbs, the gratin can be covered lightly and stored in the refrigerator for several hours. Preheat the oven and drizzle on the last olive oil just before baking.

Keep kitchen cool with summer rolls

By Carole Kotkin
The Miami Herald

Light and refreshing Vietnamese summer rolls (goi cuon) are easy, fun and delicious. And unlike the more familiar fried spring egg rolls, they require no cooking after rolling. The classic roll is made with a sheer rice-paper wrapper (banh trang) folded burrito-style around cooked shrimp and/or pork, shredded lettuce, dried bean thread (also called glass or cellophane noodles or rice vermicelli) and fresh cilantro, mint or basil. At the table, diners enjoy the colorful rolls with a dipping sauce.

Here are a few suggestions and tips:
* The vegetables can be barely sauted, lightly steamed or left raw. Leafy greens, cucumbers, carrots, beets, etc., can be shredded. Or cut firm vegetables such as carrots or the outer part of zucchini into a fine julienne and saute until tender and spaghetti-like.
* Add fresh herbs such as a basil or cilantro in the last stage of rolling so they show through the translucent wrapper.

* Soak a few more rice paper wrappers than called for in case some of them tear.

Summer rolls are best eaten right after rolling. Pair them with a fruity white wine with good acidity such as crisp pinot grigio and follow them with a few stir-fry dishes from your neighborhood Asian restaurant. End the meal with fresh fruit.

SHRIMP

SUMMER ROLLS
1 teaspoon kosher salt
4 ounces rice vermicelli
12 (8-inch) rice paper wrappers

1 large, ripe mango or avocado, pitted and peeled
18 large shrimp (about 3/4 pound), shelled, cooked and cut in half lengthwise
2 large carrots, finely shredded

1 red bell pepper, cored and cut into thin strips
24 leaves basil, cilantro or mint

Garlic dipping sauce (recipe follows)
Bring a pot of water to a boil. Add salt and vermicelli, and cook until tender, 2 to 3 min-

utes. Drain, and rinse in cold water. Pat dry with paper towels. Using scissors, cut the noodles into 2-inch lengths. Fill a large bowl halfway with cold water. Separate the rice paper wrappers, submerge in the water and soak 5 minutes. The paper will become opaque and pliable. Remove and drain on paper towels. Arrange 3 wrappers on a dry work surface, keeping the rest covered with a damp towel. Cut mango flesh into strips 1/2 inch by 1 1/2 inches. Across the bottom third of one sheet of rice paper, place two pieces of mango, about 1 tablespoon vermicelli, 2 tablespoons carrot and 2 strips red pepper. Fold up the bottom edge of the wrapper tightly, then fold in the ends and roll over once. Just before the last roll, place 3 shrimp in the center and roll over the bundle and finish rolling into a tight cylinder. Transfer the finished roll to a serving tray, seam side down. Cover with lightly oiled paper towels while you fill the remaining wrappers. Cut each roll in half diagonally with a serrated knife and serve with the dipping sauce. Makes 12.

Garlic Dipping Sauce:
1/2 cup fish-sauce (nuoc-mam)

1/2 cup water
Juice of 2 limes
1/4 cup sugar
5 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons Asian chili paste

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FOOD & HOME

Celebrate summer with grilled steak

By Linda Gassenhelmer
Knight Ridder News

Steak, mushrooms and sweet onions on the grill make a perfect, quick, summer dinner. I like to serve the steak and mushrooms on grilled brioche or other egg bread such as challah. I found egg buns in the supermarket and they work well, too. If you don't have an outdoor grill, use a range-top one. The sandwich is served with Tomato Tapenade, a tapenade is a thick paste made from capers, olives, oil and vinegar. I used this mixture to dress fresh sliced tomatoes.

GRILLED STEAK AND PORTOBELLO SANDWICH

3/4 pound flank steak
4 medium garlic cloves, crushed
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1/4 pound whole portobello mushrooms
4 slices Vidalia onion
4 slices brioche or other egg bread
Olive oil spray
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Remove fat from steak. Mix garlic and balsamic vinegar in a self-sealing plastic bag. Add the steak and mushrooms. Marinate 15 minutes, turning bag

over once during that time. Heat grill. Remove steak and mushrooms from marinade and discard marinade. Place on hot grill with onion slices and cook 5 minutes. Turn steak, mushroom and onions and cook 5 minutes. Meanwhile, spray bread with olive oil and place on grill for 1 minute. Turn and grill 1 minute or until bread is golden. To serve, slice steak and mushrooms into thin strips on a carving board. Arrange onion slices of bread and place onions on top. Pour steak juices over top. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cover with the remaining bread slices and cut sandwich in half. Makes 2 servings.

Tomato Tapenade:
2 medium garlic cloves, crushed
2 tablespoons drained capers
6 pitted green olives
2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
2 medium-size ripe tomatoes
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 onion, garlic, capers, olives and balsamic vinegar in a food processor and puree.
Wash and slice tomatoes and place on a serving platter. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and pour puree over tomatoes. Serve at room temperature.

Kiss pie is sinfully delicious

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

I found this recipe in a 1968 booklet, "Mighty Mo's What's Cooking," distributed by the Monroe Automotive Equipment Company of Monroe, La. Note that you need to make the filling before the pie shells. Or simply use softened ice cream and layer on the toppings.

KISS PIE

6 egg whites
1 tablespoon vinegar
2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
FILLING:
32 marshmallows
1 pint whipping cream
1 medium bottle marshmallow cream

Chopped nuts:
1 Beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in the vinegar. Add the sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time. Add vanilla. Beat should be stiff. Turn into lightly greased 9-inch deep dish pie pans, forming a shell with the back of a spoon. Bake at 275 degrees until light brown, about 1 hour. Allow to cool on wire racks.
To make the filling: chop the marshmallows into fourths. Pour the unwhipped cream over top and let stand in refrigerator for 3 to 4 hours, or overnight, until the marshmallows are very soft. Beat until stiff with an electric mixer. Drain the cherries and cut into halves. Fold into whipped cream mixture along with the nuts. Spoon into cooled

pie crust. Refrigerate until firm, at least an hour. Makes 2 pies.

ARTICHOKE SQUARES

2 (6-ounce) jars marinated artichokes
1 onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
4 eggs
1/4 cup bread crumbs
Dash of Tabasco
1/2 teaspoon oregano
Salt and pepper to taste
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
Drain the liquid from 1 jar of the artichokes into a skillet. Strain the onion and garlic in the juice from the artichokes. Drain the other jar and discard the liquid. Chop all the artichokes. In a bowl, beat the eggs, then add the bread crumbs, Tabasco, oregano, salt and pepper. Stir in the onion, artichoke and artichokes. Mix well. Lightly coat a 9-by-13-inch pan with vegetable oil spray. Pour the mixture in the pan and bake about 30 minutes at 325 degrees, until cheese is melted and mixture is set. May be made in advance and rewarmed. Makes 30 squares.

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Bring home gold with this Greek food

By Cat Cora with Nicholas Boer
Knight Ridder News Service

Stuffed vegetables are classic in Greece. What's amazing is how you'll find them both on the peasants' table (inspired by leftovers) and in estiatorio — fine-dining restaurants. An estiatorio won't get busy until 9 p.m. or so in Greece. That's because Greeks have meze — appetizers — in the early evening and don't dine until it cools off a bit. These tomatoes slaw cook perfectly so they'll be perfect for an Olympic party. I'll put out the meze (such as dips), turn on the TV and put my tomatoes in a low oven. Make a big Greek salad and it will be just like you're on the island of Skopelos.

TOMATOES STUFFED WITH LAMB AND RICE (Yemistes Domates me Rizl)

Serves 6
6 ripe beefsteak tomatoes
1/4 cup plus 4 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
2 cups medium diced onion, about 1 medium onion
1 teaspoon minced garlic, about 1 large clove
6 tablespoons uncooked long-grain white rice
1/2 pound ground lamb
2 tablespoons finely chopped, fresh parsley
1/4 cup toasted pine nuts
1 tablespoon finely chopped, fresh dill
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon finely ground

fresh black pepper
1/2 cup grated Kasserli cheese
Cut the top off the tomatoes and clean out all of the pulp leaving a 1/2-inch thick skin. Reserve the pulp. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a medium saute pan, heat 1/4 cup of the olive oil over medium heat, and add the onion. Cook, stirring, until the onions are golden brown, about

5 minutes. Add in the garlic, reserved pulp and rice, and lamb, parsley, pine nuts, dill salt and pepper. Fill the tomatoes, sprinkle the top with the cheese, and drizzle with the remaining 4 teaspoons of olive oil. Place in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Pour 1 cup water in the bottom of the dish, and bake for 1 hour.

Cool off with a salad

By Renee Schettler
The Washington Post

This quick mix of refreshing chilled ingredients offers an intriguing contrast of textures along with some staying power. Serve with country bread.
ARUGULA, WATERMELON, FETA AND SHRIMP SALAD
4 servings
1 bunch arugula, washed and dried
3 to 4 thick slices watermelon
4 to 6 ounces feta cheese
Olive oil to taste
1 to 2 teaspoons sherry vinegar
1 to 1 1/2 pounds peeled, cooked shrimp, preferably chilled
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Wash and dry the arugula. Tear it into large pieces and divide among 4 plates. Seed the watermelon, if necessary, and cut it into bite-size chunks. Divide the watermelon among the plates of arugula. Crumble the feta into large chunks over the watermelon. Drizzle olive oil and a few drops of vinegar over each plate and top with shrimp. Season generously with salt and pepper to taste.

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Decorate with Dried Flowers

Spring and summer flowers are marginally pleasing to the eye, especially in bright bouquets pressed from formal flower blooms. However, several days after cutting your flowers, they may end up a dead and brown. How can you prolong the life of your decorative arrangements?
Dried flowers can enable you to enjoy color from your garden long after the typical season or year of a flower. By themselves, a dried adds a decorative flair to your home. Combine them with paper, fabric, or anything else you desire. These are four plants of each flower type will provide enough bouquets for several of our arrangements. Take flowers from your garden or yard or buy wildflowers from the side of the road or local forest.
When selecting flowers choose ones with no oil, perfect since defects will be emphasized during drying. The best time to cut is midmorning, after dew has dried but before flowers wilt from heat. (Dampness slows drying and causes mold.) Take as much stem as possible when cutting. It's best to harvest more flowers than you need, though. Since dried flowers are fragile, you may break some while they are drying. The easiest and most popular way to preserve flowers is air drying. Do it in a room with cool, dry air with good air circulation. Try a spare bedroom or large closet, avoiding humid rooms like kitchens or bathrooms. Light should be low since direct light can drain the flowers' color. Hang bunches upside down. Bunches no thicker than 1/2 inch at the stems.
Tie with a tight rubber band about 2 inches from stem ends (about six to 10 stems) and space out bunches to provide enough air circulation. As the flowers dry, the rubber band will shrink with the stems and help keep them together. To hang the bunches, suspend a 1/2 inch diamond horizontal pole, pipe or wall hook from the ceiling. (Support the pole on tripods or high-back chairs if you can't fasten hooks into ceilings or walls.)
Depending on the weather and condition in your drying room, you'll have dried flowers in seven to 20 days, which will add beauty to your home all year long. To ensure they are fully dried, the stems should snap easily.

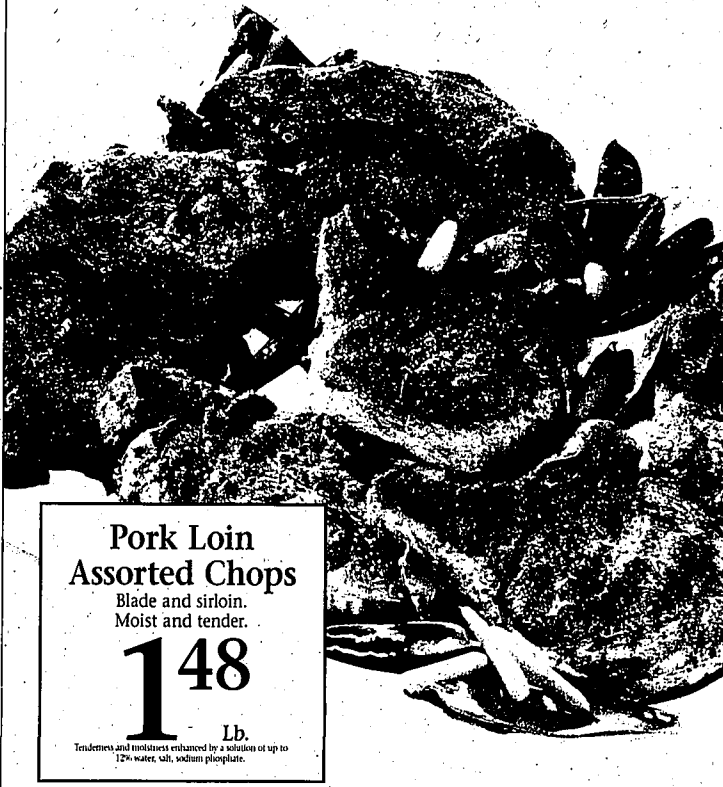
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FOOD & HOME

Not just a burger: Try something different

By Karen Herzog
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

SEYMOUR, Wis. — Signs welcoming visitors to Seymour, 15 miles west of Green Bay, Wis., proudly proclaim it "The Home of the Hamburger." On the first Saturday in August each year, the town of 3,300 cooks up a tribute to Charlie Nagreen, a.k.a. "Hamburger Charlie," who is credited — at least by the locals — with inventing the hamburger at the Outagamie County Fair in 1885. They call it Burger Fest. Other communities from New York to Texas also claim to be the birthplace of the burger, but Seymour residents boast of the longest hamburger history.

Erica Wasielewski of Seymour, Wis., won first place in the Burger Fest "Top This Burger" recipe contest with this creation. The olive salad that accents this burger is best prepared a day ahead. Leftover salad may be used with pasta, as a dip with pita chips or in a wrap with cold cuts.

MUFFALETTA BURGER

- 2 pounds ground chuck
- Melted butter
- 1 1/2 cups olive salad (divided) (see recipe)
- 12 slices Provolone cheese (divided)
- 3/4 cup aioli (roasted garlic mixed with mayonnaise) (divided)

6 hamburger buns
Preheat grill.
Season ground chuck as desired with salt, pepper and other favorite seasonings. Form into 6 patties and place on grill, brushing with melted butter several times as burgers cook. Grill until burgers are cooked through, turning once. On bottom half of each roll, place 1/4 cup olive salad, followed by 2 slices of cheese. Top with burgers. Spread 2 tablespoons aioli on each top bun half, then place over burgers. Serve at once. Makes 6 large burgers.

Olive Salad:
1 bottle (13.4 ounces) roasted red peppers, drained and coarsely chopped

1 can (13.7 ounces) quartered artichoke hearts, drained and coarsely chopped
1 cup coarsely chopped green olives, without pimientos
1 cup coarsely chopped, pitted kalamata olives
1/4 cup chopped yellow onion

2 tablespoons capers
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or to taste)
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

In bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well.

This sweet burger from Mark A. Karczewski of Suamico, Wis., took second place at Burger Fest.

POLYNESIAN BURGERS

3 blood oranges or standard oranges

- 3 lemons
- 3 limes
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 gold pineapple (or regular pineapple if gold is unavailable)
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 orange bell pepper
- 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1 large sweet red onion
- 2 pounds ground chuck
- 1 large star fruit, sliced

Prepare sauce: Grate 1 tea-

spoon zest from orange, lemon and lime. Juice orange, lemon and lime into saucepan. Add zest and sugar to taste. Bring to boil. Combine cornstarch with a little of the cooled sauce. Whisk into saucepan, then cook until mixture is thickened. Set aside.

Preheat grill. Meanwhile, peel pineapple and slice into 1/4-inch rings. Slice bell peppers into strips. Cut onion into slices. Form ground chuck into

6 patties. Place burgers on grill, along with pineapple, bell pepper and onion slices. Grill until burgers are cooked through, turning once, and other ingredients develop grill marks. To build burgers, place 1 onion slice on bottom half of bun, followed by burger, pineapple, peppers and sauce. Place thin slice of star fruit on top and a couple of slices on the side for garnish.
Makes 6 burgers.

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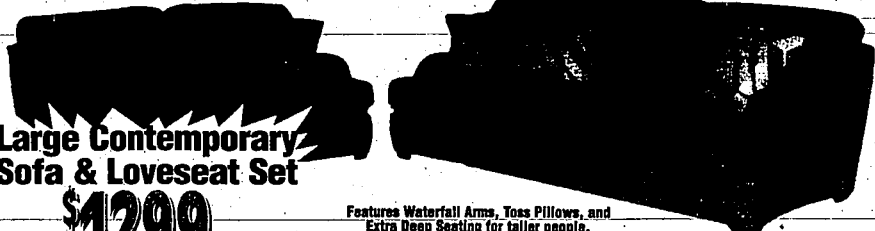
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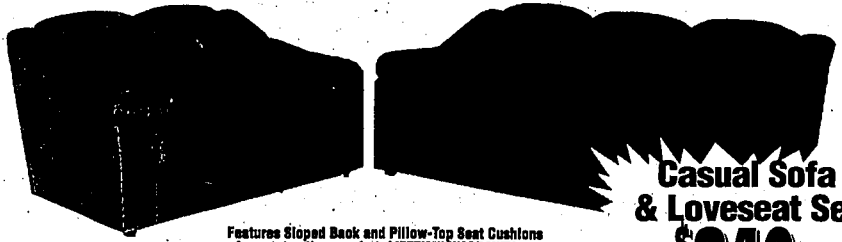
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- Jerry Greene of the Orlando Sentinel

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who was the last American to win the decathlon and the title of 'world's greatest athlete'?
ANSWER: below

IN BRIEF

YMCA offer fall tennis lessons

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA will offer tennis lessons for ages 4-18 starting in mid-September and ending in mid-February at the YMCA courts. Call 733-4384 for more details.

The pee wee program for ages 4-5 is every Friday from 3:30-4 p.m. The cost is \$3 for Y members and \$5 for others.

The cost for the older players varies depending on the number of sessions each month. The junior challenger program is for beginners and advanced beginners ages 7-10 and runs from 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The super star program for intermediate players ages 11-14 and lasts from 4-5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

The junior excellence program runs Mondays and Wednesdays for high school-level players. The boys are scheduled for 4-5 p.m. and girls 5-6 p.m.

Hailey's McDonald competes today

ATHENS, Greece — Hailey's Danielle McDonald will compete in individual dressage today at the 2004 Summer Olympics. She sits in fourth place entering the final round. If she wins a medal, she would be the first American to do so since 1932.

Burley ladles announce winners

BURLEY — The Burley Ladies Golf Association held a stroke play tournament Wednesday, Aug. 18. The first flight winner was Maria Delis, while Dorothy Schafer and an Eckhardt tied for second. The second flight winner was Jane Becker, while Ruth Baker took second and Pat Adams took third.

Buhl offers flag football signups

BUHL — Two days of flag football signups will be offered in Buhl for grades K-6 on Saturday, Aug. 28 and Monday, Aug. 30.

Signups on Aug. 28 will run from 9 a.m.-noon while registration on Aug. 30 will take place from 6-8 p.m. Both sessions will take place in the entrance to the middle school gymnasium.

Pads for the grades 5-6 tackle football league will be handed out on Aug. 30.

Call Mark at 543-5852 with any questions.

Minico boosters plan meeting Monday

RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, in the Minico High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 436-5670 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Dan O'Brien in 1996.

Wood River, Minico shuffle up Great Basin

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The addition of Wood River and Minico has shaken up the Great Basin Conference soccer scene. The Wolverines, the defending state 3A boys champions and state runner-up girls, now step up into the Class 4A ranks, looking to assert itself in the Great Basin.

Class 4A

New Wood River boys head coach Farrell Swain takes on her first head coaching position after mentoring the Wolverines junior varsity for the past two years.

Nine seniors return, including six with varsity experience. They are: goalkeeper Kristian Timmon, sweeper and captain Sagen Howard, forward Willie Meyers, outside fullback Beno Christin and midfielder Ted Dankanyan, also a captain.

"Sagen is the backbone of our defense," Swain said.

Injured senior forward Shane Cordeau may return in a couple weeks, pending the results of an MRI.

Junior forward Austin McCann returns after spending his sophomore season at a soccer academy in Texas. He played for the Community School as a freshman.

Junior stopper Garrett Leo and sophomore outside midfielder Bryce Newcomb will also contribute.

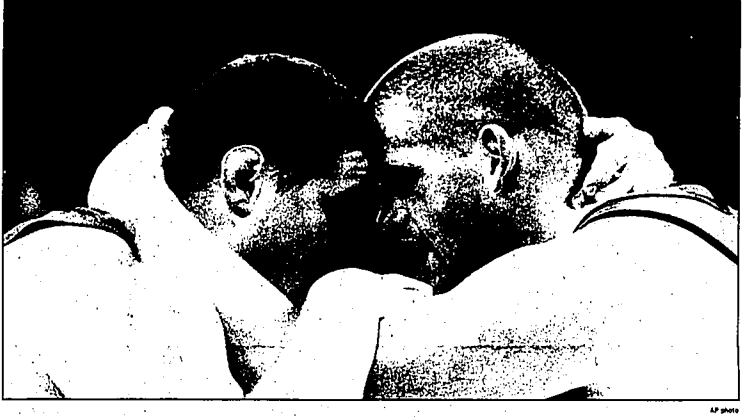
"They're a tight group that's played together for a long time," Swain said. "The team looks great. They're stoked that we're stepping up to 4A."

The Wood River girls return eight players from last year's squad under first-year head coach Greg Gvozdas, including four seniors in forward Erin McQueen, midfielder Ashley Mardian, fullback Gina Thomas and goalkeeper Jessi Piesch. That gives the Wolverines senior leadership in key positions. Junior forward Please see SHUFFLE, Page D4



Wood River's Shane Cordeau takes a shot on goal off a corner kick during the second half of the Wolverines' 4-1 win over The Community School in the 3A Boys Idaho State Soccer championship game in Buhl last November. Cordeau's knee injury makes him questionable this season.

Getting a hold on gold



Rulon Gardner, of the United States, right, wrestles Mindaugas Mizgaitis, of Lithuania, during a men's Greco-Roman wrestling 66kg rule elimination bout at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Tuesday.

Gardner moves to within one win of Olympic finals

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — On a day when Rulon Gardner escaped any surprises on the mat, there was one waiting for him in the stands.

Alexander Karelin, the man who lost to Gardner in wrestling's greatest upset ever, is in Athens to see if Gardner can win another Olympic gold.

Three matches and three wins into his second Olympics, Gardner is showing Karelin that maybe his upset wasn't a once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment.

Gardner, far more experienced in international wrestling than he was in Sydney, was patient, technically sound and just aggressive enough to hold off three successive upset attempts Tuesday and reach the semifinals.

If he can beat Kazakhstan's

patient." U.S. coach Steve Fraser said. "He was a very smart wrestler."

And a very surprised one when his brother, in from Alton, Mo., ran into Karelin, who was sitting undetected in a half-filled arena. Apparently even Karelin wants to see if the man who was never supposed to be good enough to win one Olympics can win two.

"Sure, it motivates you," Gardner said. "He didn't lose for 13 years. He's the greatest wrestler of all time."

Gardner's tightest match was against Moreyko. Gardner, 33, broke their clinch in the second period, then thought he had another point when he muscled Moreyko off the mat in overtime.

The referee initially awarded Gardner a point, but the call was reversed upon video re-

play because Gardner broke the hold first.

The other three Americans to wrestle all were eliminated. Dennis Hall, trying for a second Olympic medal eight years after winning his first, beat Petr Savelin of the Czech Republic 3-2 at 121 pounds (55kg) but was eliminated with a 3-0 loss to pool winner Aleksey Vakhlenko of Ukraine.

Brad Verling, from Howells, Neb., was ousted from a three-man pool at 184 pounds (85kg) pool with a 3-0 loss to Egypt's Mohamed Mohamed, who won both his pool matches.

Oscar Wood, of Fort Carson, Colo., lost 5-2 to Germany's Junnis Zhamandurdin, 93 to Greece's Konstantinos Arghoudis and 11-1 to Kazakhstan's Mukhtar Manukyuan at 145.5 pounds (66kg).

Sebrle, Hayes win gold

Both athletes set Olympic records

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Joanna Hayes screamed and covered her mouth in shock. Roman Sebrle pulled off his shoes and collapsed to the track, his chest heaving.

Both won gold medals and set Olympic records Tuesday — Hayes in the 100-meter hurdles and Sebrle in the trailing decathlon. But while Sebrle's victory was a coronation, Hayes' came as a surprise.

Hurdles world champion Veritita Felten caused a violent crash just steps into the race

when she stepped on the first hurdle and tumbled into the runner one lane over. Both were knocked out of the race, making way for Hayes in just 12.37 seconds.

Sebrle finished with 4,893 points, breaking a 20-year-old Olympic record set 20 years ago by Daley Thompson. He walked slowly around the track to celebrate, barefoot and wrapped in a Czech flag. The silver medal went to American Brian Clay.

Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco finally got the 1,500-meter gold medal that had eluded him in the previous two Olympics, holding off Kenya's Bernard Lagat in a dramatic back-and-forth finish. Four years ago, El Guerrouj was edged by another Kenyan, and in 1996 he fell on the last lap.

El Guerrouj defeated Lagat by .12 seconds, then knelt and kissed the track as other runners came over to congratulate the sobbing Moroccan. On his victory, he broke down in tears. El Guerrouj did an impromptu dance to the Greek music playing over the loudspeakers.

Other winners Tuesday were Tonique Williams-Darling of the Bahamas in the 400 and Ezekiel Kemboi of Kenya in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

In the hurdles, Olena Krasovska of Ukraine won silver in 22.45. Melissa Morrison of the United States was third in 12.56. It was the second straight bronze medal for Morrison, who also was third at the 2000 Sydney Games.

The old Olympic record of 12.38 was set by Bulgaria's Yordanka Donkova at the 1988 Seoul Games.

Feliten, a Canadian who was an NCAA champion at Illinois, hit the first hurdle and stumbled into Russia's Irina Shevchenko. After watching the rest of the race sitting beneath a hurdle, Feliten walked to the finish line, then sat on the track watching with a grimace as Hayes and Morrison took a victory-lap wrap-up in American flags.

The first hurdle came up and reached for it way too much. I probably should have waited until the middle of the race to try to come back. I didn't

TFHS soccer looks to contend in region

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There's a lot of potential wearing Columbia blue at Ascension Fields this fall. The Twin Falls High boys and girls soccer teams both look ready to have strong seasons in the four-team District Four-Five-Six region.

Boys

First-team all-region sweeper

Fall Season Previews

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and senior EJ Morgan returns as does senior midfielder Jack Mikesell, junior midfielder/forward Denis Pavlovic, senior left fullback Eric Rietveld, senior for-

Twelve-year women's winning streak on line

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The year was 1992, when the older George Bush was in the White House, the radio was blaring Game N' Roses, and Kramer was still bursting into Seinfeld's apartment.

That summer, the U.S. women's basketball team suf-

fered its last Olympic loss. Twelve years and two gold medals later, the American start play in the Athens medal round Wednesday, setting their sights on a third straight title after ripping off five

straight wins in round-robin play.

While the basketball team needs three wins for a gold, wrestler Rulon Gardner needs just two and teen track prodigy Alyson Felix just one. Gardner, who nearly died two years ago after a snowmobile accident, wrestles in the semifinals, while the 18-year-old Felix chases her

medal in the 200 meters.

With the Olympics in the middle of its final week, NBC's prime time lineup will feature Gardner's bid to become the first U.S. Greco-Roman wrestler ever to win two gold medals. From the Olympic Stadium, with its raucous crowds, the finals in the women's 400 meter.

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THE SUMMER GAMES OF THE XXVIII OLYMPIAD

Bronze contender

Iraq's plucky soccer team loses chance for gold medal

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — The Iraqi soccer team's improbable run at an Olympic gold medal ended Tuesday night with a 3-1 semifinal loss to Paraguay. The Iraqis still have a chance for a bronze, which would be their year-weary nation's first medal in 44 years. Paraguay made history of its own, getting two goals from Jose Cardozo and one from Freddy Bareiro in advance to Saturday's gold-medal game against Argentina. A 3-0 winner over Italy, gold or silver, it will be the first Olympic medal of any sort for Paraguay. Iraq and Italy will play for the bronze Friday night. "It was the will of God," said Iraq's coach, Adnan Hamad. "We had lots of chances, but it did not happen for us."

Cardozo, a forward for Toluca in the Mexican League, opened the scoring at the 17th minute, taking a pass off his chest and, as an Iraqi defender tugged him down by his jersey, angling a low shot into the corner past Iraq goalkeeper Nour Sabri. "That had a big influence" Hamad said. "My players wanted very much to win, but that first goal let them down." Cardozo scored again 34 minutes into the half, ricocheting a shot off Sabri's leg into the net after the Iraqi defense relaxed, believing Cardozo would be called offside. Iraq had its best chance of the game shortly before Cardozo's second goal, when midfielder Qusai Munir forced Paraguay's goalie Diego Barreto to make a diving fingertip save. Iraq applied intense pressure early in the second half, but Paraguay's tight defense kept Iraq's reach on a counterattack. Sabri made a diving save, but the ball rebounded off the post into play, and Bareiro hammered home the close-range shot over the goal's head in the fifth minute. Even down 3-0, the Iraqis persisted, and finally broke through in the 83rd minute. Emad Mohammed looked dejected at the end of a men's semifinal soccer match between Iraq and Paraguay at the 2004 Olympic Games at the Kalfanizoglu stadium in the north port city of Thessaloniki, Greece, on Tuesday. Paraguay won 3-1 and advances to the final.



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Marlins whip Giants

MIAMI (AP) — Alex Gonzalez hit a three-run homer to cap a seven-run first inning, and Mike Lowell drove in two runs to lead the Florida Marlins beat the San Francisco Giants 9-1 Tuesday night. Florida won for the eighth time in 11 games and pulled within four games of the Giants, who began the night tied with Chicago for the NL wild-card lead. A.J. Burnett (4-6) allowed just two hits — both singles by Edgardo Alfonzo — and one run in seven innings. Throwing at up to 100 mph, he walked four and hit a batter, and the Giants' only run scored on a bases-loaded wild pitch. Mike Pelfrey and Armando Benitez completed the three-hitter, which matched a season low for the Giants. The Marlins tied a franchise record with their seven-run first against left-hander "Wayne Frankin (2-1), making just his second start this season to fill in for injured ace Jason Schmidt.



Julian Tavarez allowed the game-winning run to score in the 10th inning on Darren Bragg's single, which gave the Reds a win over St. Louis. Tavarez (5-4), penalized by the commissioner's office for applying a foreign substance to balls in a game he pitched last week, gave up a leadoff single in the 10th to Juan Castro, who advanced on Jason LaRue's sacrifice. Clay Cruz walked and Bragg singled to right, with Castro beating the throw to the plate.

Padres 3, Mets 1

NEW YORK — David Wells continued his road dominance, taking a shutout into the ninth inning and pitching San Diego past the Mets. The only hits against the 41-year-old left-hander until the ninth were a pair of first-inning singles to Jeff Keppinger and Gerald Williams. The Mets knocked Wells out of the game with two outs on a double by Williams and Richard Hidalgo's RBI single. Trevor Hoffman came in and struck out Mike Cameron on three pitches for his 32nd save. Wells (9-7) struck out four and walked none and came within one out of his 13th career shutout.

Braves 6, Rockies 5

ATLANTA — Rafael Furcal went 4-for-4, including a two-run triple in Atlanta's four-run sixth inning, and Eli Marrero scored in the go-ahead run with an RBI single in the seventh to lead the Braves over Colorado. Marrero and Julio Franco each went 3-for-4 for the Braves, who used 14 hits to rally past the Rockies after trailing behind by four runs. Atlanta retained 7.5 games ahead of Florida in the NL East. Furcal greeted reliever Tim Lincecum (5-3) with a two-run triple that made it 5-4, and Marcus Giles tied it with a run-scoring double.

American League Rangers 5, Twins 4

ARLINGTON, Texas — Michael Young hit a tying double in the ninth off Joe Nathan (1-2) and Mark Teixeira singled home the winning run with two out in the ninth. Minnesota's four-game winning streak. Pinch-hitter Justin Morneau had put Minnesota ahead off the top half with an RBI double off Francisco Cordero (4-0). Texas remained one game behind Boston in the AL wild-card race, while AL Central-leading Minnesota retained its eight-game lead over second-place Cleveland.

Yankees 5, Indians 4

CLEVELAND — Derek Jeter homered in the first inning for his 1,000th career run, then stole a pair of bases in the ninth and scored on Brian Busby's two-out single to lead the New York Yankees over Cleveland 5-2 Tuesday night. The Indians' ninth straight loss. New York, which rallied from a 4-1 deficit, won two straight after losing six of seven and remained 6.5 games ahead of second-place Boston in the AL East. Cleveland is on its longest skid since losing 10 straight in 1979.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4

TORONTO — Doug Mientkiewicz hit a three-run homer off Miguel Batista (9-10) in the sixth inning, and Mike Timlin pitched a 6.5 game shutout in the bottom half to help Boston beat the Blue Jays. Manny Ramirez drove in two runs for the Red Sox, who have won seven of eight and remained 6.5 games behind New York in the AL East. Tim Wakefield (10-7) allowed three runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings for his fifth win in his last six starts.

White Sox 9, Tigers 5

DETROIT — Juan Uribe homered, scored the go-ahead run and drove in three runs, helping Chicago end its five-game losing streak. CINCINNATI — Pitching while appealing a 10-day suspension. The Russian Olympic Federation protested the result of the hurdle race. Clay finished just 71 points off the American record, totaling 8,820. The bronze medal went to Dmitry Karpov of Kazakhstan with 8,725. Allyson Felix won her semifinal heat in 22.36 in the women's 200, and was joined by U.S. teammate Muna Lee (22.69) in the final. Shawn Crawford led three Americans into the semifinals of the men's 200, running a 19.95 — the third-fastest time in the world this year — despite slowing significantly in the final 20 meters. Also winning their second-round heats were 100 gold medalist Justin Gatlin (20.03) and Bernard Williams (20.40). In the 400-meter heats, Erik Sanchez of the Dominican Republic had the best time of 47.93 in the semifinals. He has not lost in more than three years. Americans James Carter and Bernnie Brazz were also in the final, but teammate Angelo Bylor — the defending Olympic champion — was eliminated. Also Tuesday, Hungary's Robert Fazekas was stripped of his gold medal in the discs for allegedly tampering with a drug test. He is the second track and field champion in two days to lose a gold medal for doping. Russia's Dmitriy Borzhanenko forfeited her gold medal Monday after she tested positive for steroids.

Russian sets new pole vault world record

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Yelena Isinbayeva of Russia broke the world record in the women's pole vault for the fourth time this year, easily clearing 16 feet, 1.25 inches (4.91 meters) to take the gold medal Tuesday night. Before her record vault, Isinbayeva celebrated clinching the Olympic title in the final failed attempt by her last remaining competitor, teammate Svetlana Feofanova. Isinbayeva then cleared the height without touching the bar, bettering her own record of 16 feet, 7.75 inches (4.90) set in London on July 30. The vault also broke by a wide margin the world Olympic record of 15 feet, 1 inch (4.60), the event debuted four years ago in Sydney. Feofanova, the 2003 world champion, won the silver with a vault of 15 feet, 7 inches (4.75). Anna Rogovskaya of Russia took bronze with 15 feet, 5 inches (4.70).

go. I really thought we could hold them off," said American attacker Brenda Villa. "Our goal was the gold medal, but that's gone. We came here for a medal and we must finish that — only now it's for bronze." Volleyball China 3, Japan 0 (25-20, 25-20, 25-20). Russia 3, South Korea 0 (25-17, 25-15, 25-22). Cuba 3, Italy 2 (25-23, 14-25, 22-25, 15-12). Brazil 3, United States 2 (25-22, 25-20, 22-25, 25-17, 15-6). ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Erika Coimbra scored 20 points to lead unbeaten Brazil to a five-set quarterfinal victory over the United States. The Americans overcame erratic serving and several unforced errors to rally from two sets down and send it to a fifth set. The drama quickly disappeared when the Brazilians took an 8-2 lead, though, and the gold medal hopes of the U.S. team vanished a few minutes later. The United States and Brazil were the top two ranked teams in the world through the tournament began, but the Americans lost three of their five preliminary matches, and got stuck with the lowest seed for the quarterfinals. The Brazilians advance to play Russia in the semifinals on Thursday.

Medal count

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Beach Volleyball

ATHENS, Greece — Top-ranked American beach volleyball pair Misty May and Kerri Walsh defeated second-seeded Brazilians Shelda Bede and Adriana Behar 21-17, 21-11, capping the most dominant run in the sport's history with a gold medal. Earlier, Americans Holly McPeak and Elaine Youngs won the bronze medal, beating Australia's Natalie Cook and Nicole Sanderson 21-18, 15-21, 15-9. Erin and Walsh didn't drop a set in Athens, with the 6-foot-3 Walsh dominating at the net and the quick May scrambling and diving for every dig.

Cycling ATHENS, Greece — Ryan Bayley rode from behind to upset Dutch world champion Theo Bos 2-1 in the track sprint final, taking his first major title and confirming Australia's dominance of the Olympic cycling tournament. Rene Wolff of Germany won the bronze. In the women's event, Canadian veteran Lori-Ann Muenzer beat Russia's Tamara Abassova for Canada's first cycling gold medal, capping an injury-riddled career for the 38-year-old. Australia's Anna Meares, the time trial gold medalist, took bronze. Russian teenager Mikhail Ignatyev upset the favorites to win the points race, relying on his endurance to beat Spain's loan Llaneras (silver) and German Guido Fulst (bronze).

Synchronized Swimming

ATHENS, Greece — The Russians and Japanese have a lock on the top two spots in synchronized swimming and Americans have a chance at third. Russia was first with 99,001 points and Japan second with 98,000 after the Olympic duet free preliminary routine. Americans Alison Bartosik and Amia Kozlova were third with 96,751.

Direll are the only two Americans left in the boxing competition, and the United States was looking at the real possibility of being shut out of medals for the first time ever in the Olympics. Equestrian ATHENS, Greece — The Germans clinched their third equestrian team gold in as many Olympics — even before their last rider finished with eight total faults — followed by the United States and Sweden for silver and bronze. Five teams were hoping for their first jumpers to jump clean to win the silver with U.S. hopes riding on Beezie Madden and Authentic. Madden, of Syracuse, N.Y., came through, tying for silver with Sweden at 20 faults each and forcing a jump-off.

Women's Water Polo

Semifinals Italy 6, United States 5 Greece 6, Australia 2 ATHENS, Greece — Manuela Zanich scored with two seconds left to give Italy an upset victory over the world champion Americans, setting up a matchup against Greece in the women's final. Greece beat defending Olympic champion Australia. The United States will play Australia for bronze in a rematch of the 2000 Olympic final. "I'm very shocked. I didn't expect to lose with two seconds to go before the 18-year-old Felix's race. Topping off the night are diving and the women's triathlon, where the Americans have a legitimate gold medal shot. After being shut out in the U.S. team, the U.S. team boasts Barb Lindquist and Sheila Thornina, ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the world in the grueling mix of swimming, bicycling and distance running. The time to expect is de rigueur for the women's basketball team, led by two-time gold medalists Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes. The women's game against host nation Greece airs Wednesday morning on the USA Network, with tip-off set for 7:45 a.m.

Streak

Continued from D1. The basketball team arrived in Athens somewhat under the radar, eclipsed by both the good and the bad: swimming sensation Michael Phelps, and the burgeoning drug scandal in track. While others made the headlines, the women just did what they've done for a long time: Win. Their last defeat came in the semifinals of the Barcelona Olympics, a 79-73 loss to the old Unified Team. This year's team includes some new faces, including one taking on a more elite role: former Connecticut star Diana Taurasi. She'll replace teammate Katie Smith, who tore cartilage in her right knee. Their quarterfinal opponent will enjoy a home advantage, playing before 18,000 chanting fans. Winning a third medal

won't be easy under these circumstances. "We can't get too high or upset by the crowd," said U.S. player Yolanda Griffith. "This is their home court, so we have to keep our momentum and not let the crowd get to us and just execute offensively like we're capable of doing." The basketball team's game means the Americans can still win the gold in one of the sports they invented. The gold medal baseball game Wednesday will not include any U.S. teams, the defending gold medalists failed to qualify for Athens. In its afternoon coverage, NBC offers a smorgasbord of sports: gold medal rounds in synchronized swimming and cycling, canoeing, and a live broadcast of the men's beach volleyball final between Brazil and Spain.

Boxing

ATHENS, Greece — Andre Ward saved the U.S. boxing team from its most embarrassing Olympics ever by upsetting two-time world champion Evgeny Makurenko of Russia in a light heavyweight bout few gave him a chance to win. Ward won 23-16. Ward and middleweight Andre

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Auto Racing

Craftsman Truck Series, O'Reilly 200, SPEED, 7 p.m.

Baseball

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Olympics

Equestrian, individual dressage Gold Medal final, men's volleyball, quarterfinal, Bravo, 5 a.m.

Monday's Late Boxes

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SPORTS

Area teams have chance to step forward in 3A ranks

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Addition by subtraction.

That tired cliché may be the case in the Area Class 3A ranks with the departure of defending state boys soccer champion Wood River and the state runner-up girls squad.

The Wolverines' departure leaves things wide open with only The Community School as the clear favorite for one of two state playoff spots.

The Cathlamet boys will be led by returning senior forward Bobby Flanigan. The offensive captain scored 18 goals last fall as the Cathlamets took second in the state to Wood River, now in Class 4A.

But longtime head coach Richard Whiteclay says the departure of Wood River opens things up for the smaller schools and gives teams like Wendell, Buhl and Declo a shot at the state playoffs.

"This year will be very interesting," Whiteclay said. "There's a lot more parity in this league."

The Cathlamet defense will be led by captain and senior sweeper Reed Boeger. He'll be helped by seniors Conner Wade and Ben Roth. Junior Ross Campbell is in the mix along with sophomore goalkeeper Reagan O'Reilly.

The midfield will feature juniors AJ Beesley and Wes Flanigan and sophomores Caleb Sonneland, Ryan Campbell and Aiden Remington.

"I was concerned about our inexperience," Whiteclay said. "But after last week, the younger players are pretty keen."

The Community School girls re-

turn three seniors from last fall's state third-place team.

"After a week of practice, things are looking pretty good," said head coach Kelly Feldman. "We have to figure out where everyone fits."

The three seniors — forward Cassidy Doucette, sweeper Lexie Pragastis and defender Gussie Ochi — are also the team captains. Sophomore goalkeeper Oey Parker returns after starting as a freshman.

"I hope we can do better," Feldman said. "It looks like we have a real good, solid team."

The Wendell girls return eight starters and have a good chance at improving on last fall's 3-7-1 record for third-year coach Jonathan Goss.

Senior Jennifer Martinez joins junior midfielders Gabby Martinez and Rosalie Rodriguez as returning starters while four defenders are back, including senior Jennell Sysman, juniors Joanna Cox and Nichole Lorenzo and sophomore Kaiti Stafford. Senior Lanni Goedhart is the goalkeeper.

Wendell opens at the Minico junior varsity on Monday, Aug. 30.

It's a new beginning for the Trojan boys under new head coach Robert Orloski, who will look for Wendell to overcome its inexperience and conditioning concerns.

The boys will be in shape by mid-season since there will be few substitutions with 13 players on the roster.

Freshman Junior Cortez is the goalkeeper. Seniors Tyler Anderson, Jill Henson, Nelson Raymond, Damian Diaz and Misael Nieto return.

The Buhl boys have a number of returning varsity players, including

senior forward Chris Fields, senior midfielders Charles Estrada and Adam Flint, junior fullbacks Daniel Heller, Jeremy Thomas and Luke Alexander, and senior goalkeeper Thomas McHenry.

"Most of our midfield graduated last year, leaving us with a lot of key positions to fill," Fields said. "We're still very quick and our defense should be strong."

The Buhl girls team has a lot of promise as well. The Declo boys and girls teams are also expected to be competitive along with Twin Falls Christian.

Filer and Magic Valley Christian will form a co-op team. Only four boys came out for soccer at M.V. Christian, but that was enough to bolster the Wildcats turnout for a boys squad.

The co-op agreement needs to be approved by the Idaho High School Activities Association and both school boards.

"I don't anticipate any problems with that," said Wildcats athletic director Laidy Garey.

Filer was scheduled to open against Declo Aug. 30 but that will be rescheduled. A home game against Buhl Sept. 1 is the next possible season opener, pending approval.

Bliss seniors will anchor the defense, led by keeper Bernardo Mendoza and center fullback Steve Faulkner. The Bears have a strong junior class, led by Jackson Burke, David Butler, Joseph Luvoll, Rusty Perron and Louis Alvarez.

"We're working on everything," said second-year coach Daphel Knapp. "But I have no real concerns."

Jets sign QB Quincy Carter

By The Associated Press

Quincy Carter, ended up replacing the quarterback who took his spot in Dallas.

In an odd switch, the quarterback cut by the Cowboys signed with the New York Jets on Thursday and will back up Chad



Pennington. Pennington's backup last season was 30-year-old Vinny Testaverde, who was released by the Jets in June and became the Cowboys' starter

when Carter was let go. Carter, who started every game for the Cowboys last season, was released suddenly on Aug. 4. Reports said he failed a drug test, and the NFL Players Association has filed a request for arbitration in the case.

Shuffle

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Margit Driscoll started as a sophomore and will contribute.

The faster pace, more physical play and better parity will make for more competitive games, Gvozdas predicted.

"It's going to be pretty tight," he said. "We have a lot to prove. We can't take anyone for granted."

The Burley boys could be thrown a wrench into what everyone assumes will be a Wood River conference championship season.

The Bolcats return eight starters, four on defense, including junior keeper Michael Kelsey. The defenders back are seniors Tyson Anderson, Adam Rice and Casey Wassom.

On offense, sophomore forward Eduardo Anguiano and senior Erick Llanos return while midfielders Bonifacio Sanchez and Andrew Edwards will set up the attack once again.

A young Burley girls squad made some strides at the Twin Falls jamboree but there's a lot of work ahead.

"We're developing," Burley girls coach Shana Ogden said. "By the end of the year we might be where we need to be."

The seniors are Nayli Kinsel, Liz Hurst and Hannah McCombs. Other returning varsity players are sophomore goalkeeper Bryce Whitehead and Lennie Perez.

A young Jerome girls squad doesn't return any forwards, forcing coach Carlos Hernandez to rely on the Tigers' defense in the early going.

Senior midfielder Yadiria Juarez, junior goalkeeper Ana Karen Medina, junior mid-

fielder Cíanelle Bartholomew and sophomore Jennie Dixon and midfielder/forward Jody Crocker.

"It's a work in progress," Hernandez said. "The Tigers, 6-13 last fall, look to match that record and be ready to play spoiler at the end of the season."

The team opens at Mountain Home at 4:30 today.

The Jerome boys host the Tigers at 4:30 today as well under a new head coaching staff. More on the Jerome boys will appear in Friday's Times-News.

The Minico boys have a loaded junior class with nine expected to see varsity time. Four are returning starters. They are midfielders Dallas Garner, Mark Lloyd, Bryce Jurgensmeier and goalie Josh Lloyd.

The Spartans have only two seniors in forward Emanuel Gomez and returning fullback Andrew Kent. Defense is expected to be a team strength.

Minico girls are working to surpass last year's three-win total. Returnees include sophomore forward/goalkeeper Sarah Schenk, junior defender Gabby Ramirez, senior center fullback Emily Barclay, senior midfielders Kumi Wilson and Felicia Alaniz and junior Jessica Griffin.

Junior defender Laci Cameron, junior forward Daniela Ramirez and goalkeepers Laura Bodensteiner and Jamie Schmidt round out the varsity roster.

"Quite a few have been playing together for awhile," said third-year coach Armando Tapia. "We're concentrating on field skills and the games. Winning will be a bonus for us."

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One key question is who will be the goalkeeper. Senior Andy Harris, out of soccer for the past two seasons, will compete against sophomores Drew Davis and Jeremy Bevaqua for the starting job.

The region is made up of the Bruins, Highland, Idaho Falls and Skyline. All four are solid programs.

Two years ago, the region had only four teams. Twin Falls was part of a three-way

tie for first heading into the postseason. It promises to be that tight again this fall. But the Bruins could start off strong this fall.

"I have a real good feeling," Polon said. "The team is real supportive of each other. But we need to play in a big game and see how we do under pressure. It looks like it will be a good year."

Tryouts continue through Friday with the Bruins opening at Wood River Saturday afternoon.

Girls

A strong junior class gives Bruin girls head coach Steve Schindler reason to hope for a good season of his own.

Gone is standout Orta Walsh, lost to graduation. But in her stead is a more balanced team that offers more offensive options and as a result may be harder to defend. Opponents no longer have the luxury of double-teaming Walsh to slow down the Twin Falls offense.

Aeri Browning was the No. 2 scorer last fall with seven goals. She is now the No. 1 threat while freshman Marissa Sanchez may become another option. Junior forward Laura Filas emerged as a scorer during her sophomore campaign.

All three will have to enjoy good seasons to match Walsh's 28-goal total.

Three senior defenders in Lynsey Hansen, Megan King and second-team all-region honoree Justine Williams,

should make for a sound defense ahead of junior goalkeeper Erin Donnelly.

Overall, a junior class that got some seasoning as sophomores could make for a deep team.

"A lot of the juniors have played together for a long time, Schindler said. "That's the strength of our team."

That same class won the President's Cup U-16 title during spring club soccer.

"I have high hopes for this year," he said.

Other junior starters include: midfielders Ashton Ford, Angie Hegman and Andrea "Amie" Watkins, and defender Tasha Stuzak. Sophomores Madri Fischer and Amanda Yardley round out the starting lineup.

With a strong four-team region, Twin Falls could finish anywhere from first to fourth. Twin Falls beat everyone last year but Highland. Skyline and Idaho Falls should be tough as usual.

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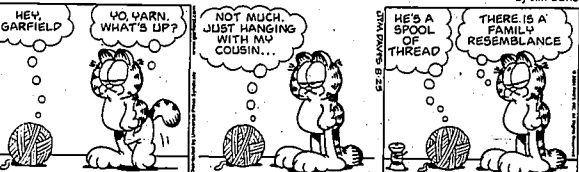
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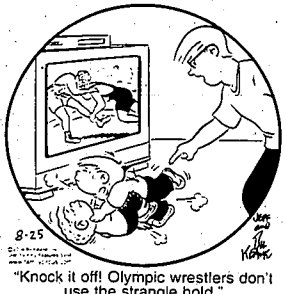
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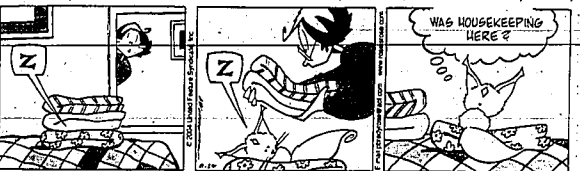
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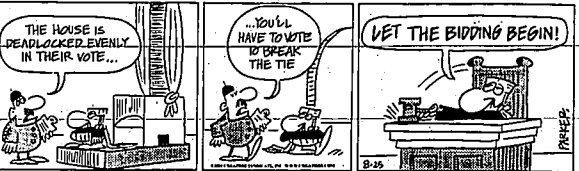
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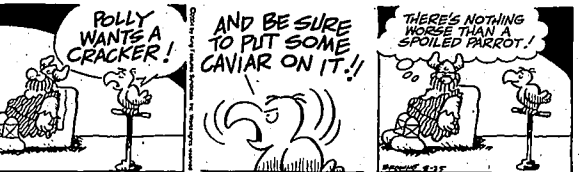
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Iraqi forces move near shrine

Defense minister threatens a raid

NAAI: Iraq (AP) — A Shiite insurgency appeared to be weakening Tuesday night as Iraqi forces moved to within 200 yards of the revered Imam Ali Shrine and Iraq's defense minister once again demanded fighters loyal to a radical cleric surrender or face a violent raid.

The militant force, which once waged fierce battles with U.S. troops throughout the Old City and Najaf's vast cemetery, seemed considerably diminished in number and less aggressive after days of U.S. airstrikes and relentless artillery pounding.

In Baghdad, assailants bombed the convoys of two government ministers in separate attacks that killed 10 people and a suicide bomber, but left the ministers unharmed, officials said.

Hundreds of insurgents have been spotted leaving Najaf in recent days, witnesses said. Those that remained appeared to have pulled back to the area around the shrine, where the fighting Tuesday was concentrated, U.S. troops said.

U.S. warplanes bombed the Old City late Tuesday for the third night in a row, witnesses reported. Huge blazes rumbled throughout the city for about 10 minutes followed by quakes and smaller explosions.

Earlier in the day, fierce fighting broke out near the shrine compound, with rockets launched from U.S. helicopters kicking up clouds of smoke and debris. Bradley fighting vehicles patrolling the nearly deserted, bullet-seared streets attacked militants, who responded with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades.

"We are under constant enemy small-arms, mortar, and RPG attack," said U.S. Lt. Chris Kent, whose unit was about 300 yards east of the compound.

"U.S. forces are consolidating positions to allow for future operations. Morale is very high."



Smoke rises near the area of the Ali Imam shrine in the besieged city of Najaf, southern Iraq Tuesday. U.S. and Iraqi forces battled militants in Najaf on Tuesday and Iraqi National Guardsmen advanced to within 200 yards of the holy city's Imam Ali Shrine compound as Iraq's defense minister demanded the insurgents inside surrender.

Iraqi forces, accompanying U.S. troops into the Old City for the first time in recent days, combed through the neighborhood, approaching as close as 200 yards to the shrine, controlled by militants loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Defense Minister Izzat Shaalan, addressing Iraqi National Guard troops in Najaf, said Tuesday that Iraqi forces would lead toward the shrine "tonight" to await the signal for

a raid or the capitulation of the militants.

"When your brothers approach the holy shrine compound, they will direct calls of mercy to those (militants) to surrender," Shaalan told the troops. "They have hours to surrender."

By late Tuesday there was no indication Iraqi forces had advanced on the shrine.

Shaalan made a similar threat a week ago, saying the govern-

ment could raid the shrine by the end of the day last Wednesday to free it of "its vile occupation."

The government later backpedaled and said it would work for a peaceful solution.

Any raid on the shrine, the holiest Shiite site in the country, risked igniting a massive Shiite rebellion throughout Iraq against the fledgling interim government, already battling a persistent and bloody Sunni insurgency.

"I tell Shaalan to throw his new declaration in the same garbage that he already threw his earlier declarations in," al-Sadr aide Sheikh Aws al-Khafaji told Al-Jazeera television.

But other al-Sadr lieutenants reiterated their appeal for talks, a request the government has repeatedly rejected.

"We are ready to negotiate to end this crisis and the suffering of our persecuted people ... but this government doesn't want negotiations," said Sheikh Ali Smeisni, a senior al-Sadr aide.

The militants have repeatedly accused U.S. forces of damaging the shrine during the fighting. The U.S. military accused the militants of launching attacks from holy sites, but said it has restrained itself from attacking those positions.

The military released aerial photos Tuesday purportedly showing a complete militant mortar system set up just outside the shrine compound.

Iraqi officials said that any raid on the shrine would be conducted by Iraqi forces, since the presence of U.S. troops at the holy site would fuel an inflame Shiites here.

In other violence, clashes between British forces and al-Sadr militants in the southern city of Amarah killed eight people and injured 18 others, said Dr. Saad Ilemoud, of the Zahravi General Hospital.

The fighting started when militants attacked a British foot patrol with small arms and fired mortar rounds at a building housing British troops, residents said.

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Women who fled their home near Najaf, Iraq, set up camp with their children. Many residents in Najaf now live in constant fear due to fighting between U.S. forces and militants.

Najaf's residents feel trapped in battle

NAAI: Iraq (AP) — For nearly three weeks, Amer al-Jamali hasn't been able to work. He cannot visit his father, find medication for his diabetic children or even sleep on his roof to escape the city's suffocating heat made worse by power outages.

The fighting between a Shiite militia and U.S. and Iraqi forces has scarred this holy city, killed scores of civilians, driven many families and pilgrims away and choked the city's economy.

"We're simple people. We just want to be able to go to work and come back home," said al-Jamali, a mechanic. "I don't know to whom I should complain. I just complain to God."

Al-Jamali spoke over the crackle of gunfire that has become a grim yet common soundtrack to many conversations here. Streets in Najaf are dotted with other reminders of the violence: Knocked down power poles. Carcasses of charred cars. Pockmarked doors and crumbling walls.

Al-Jamali lives in the Old City, hundreds of yards from the Imam Ali Shrine compound where Mahdi Army militiamen loyal to rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr have been holed up for weeks. Most of his neighbors fled their homes and moved in with relatives or friends in quieter areas or even left the city. Al-Jamali has nowhere else to go.

The fighting has confined his wife and two daughters to their home. The clashes have gutted some stores and forced others to close, so now al-Jamali cannot find any open pharmacies to buy medicine for his sick

children. Food prices have shot up. He and his family exist on a diet of bread, eggplant and potatoes.

When the rattle of gunfire and thuds of explosions echo through the city, al-Jamali's 12-year-old son, Mohammed, covers his ears with his hands.

The fighting has made it too dangerous to sleep outside. And al-Jamali's whole neighborhood has been swathed in darkness since the latest bout of violence broke out Aug. 5.

It's even worse for those living closer to the shrine area, such as al-Jamali's father. There, venturing out means braving sniper bullets from both sides.

"The old city has become an off-limits area. No one can go in," al-Jamali said. "We fear we would get killed."

"Many civilians have been caught in the crossfire. Mortar rounds launched by inexperienced Mahdi Army fighters sometimes go astray, hitting homes. U.S. troops and warplanes firing at fighters in residential areas have also killed civilians."

Taher Mohammed, 35, said a fire that erupted in the first days of the clashes destroyed his electrical appliances store along with many others. He hadn't even finished paying for the merchandise that was lost, he said.

"If the situation continues, I have no idea how I am going to get by," he lamented.

Like many here, Mohammed and al-Jamali have been reduced to borrowing money from relatives to put food on the table.

Judge: Investigation of prison abuse moves too slow

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MANNHEIM, Germany — The military judge presiding over the Abu Ghraib prison abuse hearings on Tuesday expressed continued exasperation at the pace of the U.S. government investigation and said he would soon consider granting immunity to three military intelligence officers to compel them to testify in order to ensure fair trials for those charged.

"Quite frankly, this goes to the core of a lot that's wrong in these cases," Col. James Pohl, the judge, said. "The government has until September 17th to show cause as to why I shouldn't grant immunity."

Prosecutors argued that granting immunity to the officers, whose testimony could

otherwise be used against them, would complicate any eventual case against the three men.

Meanwhile, soldiers charged in the case broke ranks with one accepting a plea bargain and another maintaining his innocence and blaming higher authorities. Attorneys for both men blamed the atmosphere at the prison, which preceded the arrival of their clients, for the behavior that followed.

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Putin orders investigation after one airliner crashes; another missing

MOSCOW — A Russian airliner crashed in the Black Sea and disappeared from radar about the same time Tuesday night after both planes took off from the Moscow airport, raising fears that terrorism was involved.

There was no word on survivors among the 89 people believed to be aboard the planes, which left from Moscow's Domodedovo airport, Russian news agencies reported.

President Vladimir Putin ordered an investigation by the nation's top intelligence agency, and security was heightened at airports across the country.

Authorities have expressed concern that separatist rebels in the breakaway republic of Chechnya could carry out attacks linked to this Sunday's presidential election there. Rebels have been blamed for a series of terror strikes that have claimed hundreds of lives.

Chechnya's rebel president, the pro-Russian Akhmad Kadyrov, was killed by a bombing in May.

Witnesses reported seeing an explosion before the first plane crashed about 125 miles south of Moscow, and authorities were not ruling out terrorism, the agency said.

The Interfax news agency said emergency workers spotted a fire about 600 miles south of Moscow in the region where the second plane went missing.

Putin ordered the Federal Security Service to investigate. Russian news agencies reported. The service is the successor to the Soviet-era KGB.

Israel: Withdrawal plans will be ready next month

JERUSALEM — Israel's defense minister, undaunted by growing resistance, outlined the ruling party's planned pullout from the Gaza Strip, said Tuesday.

World in brief

day that the army's blueprint for the withdrawal will be ready next month.

Gaza settlers charged that the government is already preparing to throw them out of their homes.

Also Tuesday, Israel's attorney general urged the government to consider adopting an international convention governing the treatment of residents in occupied lands. This showed increased Israeli sensitivity to international criticism, particularly in the aftermath of a world court ruling against its contentious West Bank separation barrier.

The barrier and the Gaza withdrawal are hallmarks of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's "disengagement" plan, which he says is meant to reduce friction between Israel and the Palestinians.

Sharon hopes to carry out the Gaza pullout next year, but it has sparked an internal uprising by hard-liners within his Likud Party.

The resistance has raised questions over whether Sharon can carry out the withdrawal without his government collapsing. Hard-line opposition has already cost Sharon his parliamentary majority, leaving him somewhat vulnerable to no-confidence votes.

Swiss court denies release for terror suspect

GENEVA — Swiss investigators have found evidence that suspected members of a group backing al-Qaida were supplying fake documents to enable collaborators to enter Switzerland and other European countries illegally, the supreme court said Tuesday.

The Federal Tribunal said one suspect, whose name was not

released, was found to have links to both an outcast al-Qaida recruiter who sent volunteers to the terror group's training camps and another unidentified individual convicted of terrorism offenses in France.

The support group also provided cell phone numbers to enable the network to make anonymous calls, the tribunal said.

The court's disclosures came in a ruling that blocked the release of a citizen of Yemen who was among 10 suspects of the alleged terrorist group arrested in Switzerland between December and May.

Although the court did not release any names, it disclosed details that investigators had previously refused to make public.

Japan's ministry orders Fischer deported

TOKYO — Former chess champion Bobby Fischer came one step closer to facing criminal charges in the United States after Japan's Justice Ministry on Tuesday rejected his request for asylum as a political refugee and issued an order to deport him.

Fischer's spokesmen in Tokyo immediately issued a statement saying lawyers for the New York City-born chess legend had already filed an appeal. But the statement added that Fischer had been informed by Japanese officials that he is likely to face an imminent return to the United States.

Known for anti-American and anti-Semitic statements, Fischer is wanted in the United States for violating international sanctions against Yugoslavia in 1992 by playing a chess match there.

Fischer was detained by Japanese authorities on July 13 for traveling with an invalid U.S. passport.

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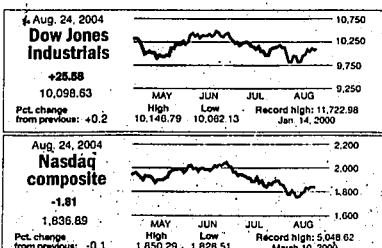
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Stocks muddled as traders avoid market

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors all but ignored another substantial retreat in oil prices Tuesday, leaving stocks mired in a listless and high-roller session. Tech stocks fell in response to a brokerage downgrade of Cisco Systems Inc., while blue chips got a boost from an upgrade of Caterpillar Inc.



Oil prices were concerned that oil prices, which topped \$49 per barrel late last week but closed down 84 cents at \$47.52 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, could advance again. Another sharp rise could raise corporate costs and reduce consumer spending, thus hurting earnings and fourth-quarter earnings.

An increase in stock options granted by Cisco Systems Inc. caused UBS to lower its price target for the network equipment maker by \$1 per share. Cisco slid 21 cents to \$18.97. Tech shares were closely watched as they begin more thorough accounting of their stock options, a key part of many companies' compensation for employees.

"People are very lethargic, and it's because it's been a very difficult market," said Richard Driehaus, chief investment officer of Driehaus Capital Management in Chicago. "Nobody really believes in growth. The market is much more sensitive to negative news."

"Without any real big economic or geopolitical news here, the market's keying off of what I said," said Jay Suskind, head trader at RBC & Co. "But we're in the dog days of August here, so there's just not going to be a lot of volume or conviction here."

The market had little reaction to the National Association of Realtors' testing home sales report, which showed that 6.72 million units changed hands in July, down 2.9 percent from June and less than economists had expected. Housing consumer prices and a drop in consumer confidence were blamed for the decline. However, it was still the third-best monthly reading on record, showing that consumers are still making advantage of historically low interest rates.

Profits at food producer H.J. Heinz Co. slipped 9 percent from a year ago, though the company's 55 cents per share profit matched analysts' estimates. Heinz rose \$1.03 to \$37.63.

Many investors were also mired by red trading leading up to the Republican National Convention, analysts said. They were also holding back as they awaited the government's employment report for August, which is the end of the market's summer lull.

While the housing data and oil prices were good news, it was difficult for buyers to gather any strength. Echoes of the last 12 months have caused investors very cautious, especially in low-volume sessions like Tuesday.

Information technology spending could rise over the next three years, according to a new survey by Accenture. However, the news failed to give tech shares a boost. Intel Corp. slipped 22 cents to \$21.67. Microsoft Corp. was unchanged at \$27.24, and Applied Materials Inc. was down 29 cents at \$15.93.

Southwest stands by its open seating

The Baltimore Sun Southwest Airlines' brand of travel has been credited with revamping an industry with many of its passengers coming around to many of its discounting ways. But the Dallas-based carrier clings to one practice no one is mimicking. It remains the lone major airline that won't assign you a seat in advance.

Starting at midnight the day of their flight to virtually assure them front-of-the-line status. For now, that's where they and their passengers stand.

While other airlines have adopted Southwest practices such as cutting fares and food, they do not seem interested in lining up passengers like school kids on a field trip.

"Changing it is always out there for consideration. But it's worked so well for 33 years, we just continue to do it, although we always look for ways to make things easier," said Whitney Elchinger, a Southwest spokeswoman. The popular carrier has budgeted just a bit in its most significant nod to those who dread arriving early to queue at the gate, the carrier recently began allowing passengers to check in via home computer.

By loading largely on a first-come, first-served basis, passengers arrive earlier, and Southwest can turn around a plane in about 20 minutes, the fastest in the industry.

The system creates built-in anxieties, with couples or families sometimes split up and prevented from traveling next to one another. Also, the value of an "A" pass tends to be unpredictable, especially if many passengers remain on a connecting flight.

Part of the Dow's gains came from Caterpillar, which rose \$1.10 to \$73.15 after Goldman Sachs upgraded the stock to "outperform" from "in-line/neutral," citing strong performance and an attractive share price.

That means each of its 405 jets can fly an average of seven, mostly short-haul, flights a day. Southwest's system works like a first-come, first-served queue at one of three lines based on check-in times, "A" being the first to board. Then come the "B" and "C" lines, whose members often are stuck with the

However, to the delight of Southwest, which logged \$442 million in income last year on \$5.9 billion in operating revenue — even the traditionally picky business travelers are getting on board.

Now, Nautilus is aggressively pursuing retailers, with plans to sell its Schwinn exercise cycles through its Bowflex systems at the Sports Authority and Stairmaster at bulk retailers such as Costco. The key, said Liannmann, is not selling the exact same model in the same channel.

After nearly disappearing, Nautilus stock is moving up, analysts say. "I raised it to a 'buy' again," said Wolf, who ranks stocks from a "strong buy" to a "strong sell."

"The treadmill did that in nine months," Wolf said. "Nautilus stock is expanding from its roots, the creator of the Bowflex fiasco vindicated."

The Bowflex is now available in five different models with five different price tags, from an entry level 60-exercise home gym for the Bowflex Ultimate, covering a range of 90 strength-training exercises. The most exclusive model costs more

than \$1,000 and still is available only by phone orders. After nearly disappearing, Nautilus stock is moving up, analysts say. "I raised it to a 'buy' again," said Wolf, who ranks stocks from a "strong buy" to a "strong sell."

"I used to see all these costly cars and I'd say, one day I'll buy them because I'll make lots of money," said Shiffner. He got 3 percent from the sale of each Bowflex until his patent expired.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Comp, High, Low, Vol, etc. Lists various stocks like ACE, AIG, AMZN, AAPL, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries for various markets.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Comp, High, Low, Vol, etc. Lists various NASDAQ stocks like AIG, AMZN, AAPL, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD, etc. Lists local stocks like Abertson, American, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Manual funds are in 115 largest. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Comp, High, Low, Vol, etc. Lists American Stock Exchange stocks like AIG, AMZN, AAPL, etc.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various commodities like Soybean, Corn, Wheat, etc.

MARKETS

Table with columns: Date, Price, Change. Lists market data for various commodities.

Metals/Money

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists metals like Gold, Silver, Platinum, etc.

Earnings

Continued from E1. H&R Block posts \$44.1 million loss in 1Q. KANSAS CITY, Mo. — H&R Block Inc. reported its first quarter earnings figures for the year.

CHEESE

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists cheese products like Cheddar, Swiss, etc.

SUGAR

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists sugar products like Sugar, Molasses, etc.

BEANS

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists various bean products.

GRAINS

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists grain products like Wheat, Corn, etc.

LIVESTOCK

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists livestock products like Cattle, Hogs, etc.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists fossil fuel products like Oil, Gas, etc.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table with columns: Fund Name, Price, Change. Lists various mutual funds.

Deduct

Continued from E1. However, to the extent it represents the IRS and Tax Court's view of the rules, it suggests that obtaining this kind of deduction is going to be very tough.

Forget some property?

Search the list for Burley, Bunch and Ketchum. Thursday in The Times-News. Something missing? We are able to customize our market reports...

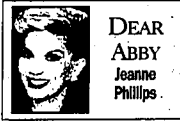
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MORNING BREAK

Wednesday's crossword puzzle was inadvertently printed Tuesday, in order to get back on track, we are printing Tuesday's puzzle today, with the solution to the puzzle that was printed in Tuesday's paper.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fool
 - 4 Essential part
 - 6 Francis and Kevyn
 - 14 Winku
 - 15 Component
 - 16 Cornell's city
 - 17 Hightland
 - 18 Pen's capital
 - 19 Veris
 - 20 Pageboy and Alto
 - 22 Flux
 - 23 Actress Brennan
 - 24 Alternate entrance
 - 28 Regions
 - 29 Game requiring no equipment
 - 30 Military salute
 - 31 Nationalist
 - 34 Marsh grass
 - 35 Turf
 - 36 Gregorian performer
 - 40 Mering product
 - 41 Hoopie's king
 - 43 Man courses
 - 45 The King
 - 47 Cuning
 - 48 Medleys
- DOWN**
- 1 Cabson of tennis
 - 2 Surflet's mislators
 - 3 Figure of speech
 - 4 Bird ally
 - 5 Edible bulb
 - 6 Outer edges
 - 7 Greek letter
 - 8 Two-footed animal
 - 9 Mokes almonds
 - 10 Burger topper, pottage
- DEAR ABBY:** Thank you for printing the letter from "Wants to Work in Milwaukee," who is HIV-positive, living on disability, and who asked how to explain the 10-year gap in her work history. Your response about her privacy was correct. However, as a person living with HIV and an employment services director at Positive Resource Center (in San Francisco) for people with HIV, I can tell you that many interviewers would regard the "personal reasons" explanation as a red flag. "Wants to Work" should contact both her local AIDS service organization and her local vocational rehabilitation service. She may need to update her job skills, and she may also need more information, preparation and support. She faces some big hurdles, but with guidance and support she can clear them. The newly formed National

Suggestions help fill in resume gap



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Jeanne Phillips

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helpful resources to other HIV-positive readers who are ready to re-enter the workforce. Yours is one of several I received. Read on:

"DEAR ABBY: Please advise "Wants to Work" (and others with a gap in work history, regardless of the reason) that an excellent way to re-enter the job market is to first begin working at a temporary agency. There are many opportunities in temping — secretarial work, project management, accounting, technical writing and engineering, to name a few. After staying home with my children for seven years, I found temping a great way to transition back into the job market. I also made wonderful business contacts who gave me excellent (and recent) references when I applied for my current job as an executive director of a nonprof-

it organization. —WORKING WOMAN, NOBLESVILLE, IND. DEAR WORKING WOMAN: Thank you for another practical suggestion.

DEAR ABBY: There are several ways that "Wants to Work" can include information in a resume without revealing that she has been out of the workforce for 10 years. She can find resume-writing books at most bookstores, and she should look for "functional" resumes. These documents focus on job skills, rather than the dates and years of positions held. This strategy allows writers to showcase their abilities.

—ENGLISH TEACHER IN THE EAST DEAR ENGLISH TEACHER: There are also businesses that help people create strong resumes.

Working Positive Coalition is bringing together the best information about effective services, education and research on HIV and employment. Your readers can find more general information at www.workingpositive.net. Individuals seeking specific advice may want to visit the Workplace forum of TheBody.com

— MARK MISROCK, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL WORKING POSITIVE COALITION DEAR MARK: Bless you for reaching out and offering such

Dollars flow into Taurus' bank account

IF AUGUST 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you may be upset because your life is somewhat unsettled. You have several months ahead filled with excitement, so cultivate resilience. Remember that the tree that bends with the wind springs back after a storm. Embrace change, as new people and things will become important in your life. Others you meet now can teach you valuable lessons and may become lifelong friends, or be steppingstones as you reinvent yourself. More predictability returns by January 2005.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Passions are lit and fires are burning brightly for love. Partnerships could become amorous, but entering into new relationships may have unforeseen pitfalls. Investments should get a shot in the arm.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): If you have played your cards right, your piggy bank should gain weight now. You have sex appeal that others find tantalizing, but stick with the tried and true tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Turn off the thinking cap tonight and treat yourself. Someone close is likely to be in the mood for love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Although you may start out the day in a mood for love, you are likely to kick into high gear and tackle work that needs your attention. The promise of romance gets added incentive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can

dazzle others and win your heart's desire. Sexy stars assure you of an amorous evening with the partner of your choice. Close deals and make money while cosmic signs are harmonious.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The winds of change could be sweeping through the workplace. Seductive stars promise satisfactory romantic encounters this evening or profitable transactions during the day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sometimes playing hard to get pays off. If you want to satisfy romantic desires, there is a promise of sensual delights this evening. Push hard to finalize financial affairs if you want to score big.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your passions are ready to burst, but you have the perseverance to obtain your objectives. Look for romance in your own back yard,

and work hard to close deals. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Swagger a little and push your luck. You can reach your goals in money or love. Quench your passions while power lies in your hands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Ardent desires can be satisfied; you will find that others appreciate your prowess, both in the bedroom and at the business table. Put the power of your convictions to work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could find yourself surrounded by a bevy of admirers. Strike while the iron is hot and close deals or take profits.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Make passionate dreams a reality, but avoid making new deals or agreements. Finalize financial transactions. Kisses taste sweeter under these cosmic conditions.

Italy saw a change of direction during the middle of World War II



Only one country changed sides in the middle of a World War — in 1943, Italy deposed Mussolini and joined the allies. "Arette" got its name from "arctos," Greek for bear, by a roundabout way. It's named for the constellation called Ursa Minor ("Little Bear"), which is where the North Star is.

Antarctica doesn't exactly translate to "South Pole." Literally, it means "opposite of North Pole." An electric eel can generate from 350 to 650 watts but don't expect to plug in your underwater appliances because each discharge lasts only about 1/500 of a second.

The element unununium got its name from un (one) un (one) and un (one). That's because its atomic number is 111. Its official abbreviation, by the way, is UUUU. Governments around the world have set off 2,051 publicly-known nuclear explosions since 1945. Most took place underground, but 511 were

expelled in open air. Of the radioactivity released, 80 percent is still circulating in the atmosphere — causing, some scientists believe, about 1.5 million extra deaths from cancer each year.

The copper sheets that cover the Statue of Liberty are no thicker than a penny. Luckily, the green patina of oxidation acts as a protective coating. Abigail Adams was a modest sort. In those pre-electric days, she didn't think it was seemly that the president's laundry was hung outside the White House to dry. She ordered that the laundry be hung up in the East Room instead.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME Case No. CV-2004-989
NOTICE OF HEARING IN RE: STACIE RENAE BALDWIN d.o.b. January 12, 1991
DAMIAN PAUL BALDWIN d.o.b. June 9, 1992
A Petition by Stacie Renae Baldwin, born on January 12, 1991 in Twin Falls, State of Idaho, now residing at 418 N 200 W, Jerome and Damian Paul Baldwin, born on June 9, 1992 in Hialeah, State of Idaho, now residing at 418 N 200 W, Jerome, proposing a change in name to Holton has been filed in the above entitled court. The reason for this change in name being to have the same name as his mother. The petitioner's father is living. Such petition will be heard at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on Sept. 15, 2004, at the Jerome County Courthouse. Objections

LEGALS

may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 13th day of August, 2004.
By Clerk
PUBLISH: August 18, 25, September 1 and 8, 2004

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME Case No. CV-2004-983
SUMMONS TABITHA MAE BALDWIN, Plaintiff, vs. JOSE TORRES Dolandant.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST

YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND TO: JOSE TORRES. You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appearance of the respondent must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. Served with this Summons (are copy) copies of the Complaint, Order to Attend parent education program and Joint Preliminary Injunction. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(b)(1) and other

LEGALS

Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

- The title and number of this case.
- Your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
- Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
- Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff or Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above named court. DATED this 9th day of August, 2004.
Clerk of the District Court
By Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Twin Falls Highway District will hold a public hearing on their Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2005, at the office of the Twin Falls Highway District, 1234 Highland Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, on Monday, September 1, 2004. The proposed budget will be examined at the Highway District office during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

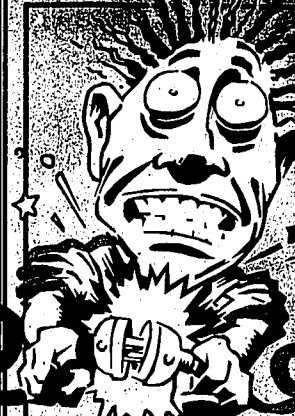
PROPOSED BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2005

REVENUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE
Taxes	2,319,418
Beginning Balance	2,668,011
Highway User's Revenue	2,364,500
Federal Grant Funds	1,778,700
Sales Tax and Inventory Replacement	222,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	105,500
Agricultural Exemption Replacement	29,844
TOTAL REVENUE	9,496,773
UNEXPENDED FUNDS	9,496,773

EXPENSES	ESTIMATED EXPENSES
Road Maintenance	1,710,000
Road Construction	2,600,000
Equipment	1,055,415
Administrative and General	1,052,959
Three Commissioners' Salaries	15,150
50% to Cities	506,780
Building Fund	1,503,025
Land	200,000
Plant	140,844
Bridg Construction	563,000
Bridg Maintenance	64,510
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,496,773

By/Karon Dalton, Clerk
Twin Falls Highway District
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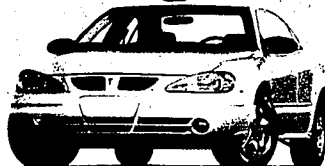
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