

Irrigators face membership

Cities, food processors and well owners are off the hook

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — For the time being, cities, homeowners and industrial and commercial water users who live within the boundaries of groundwater districts won't have to belong to the district.

Only irrigators will have to

belong if a bill that passed 62-7 to in the House also passes the Senate.

A groundwater district is a legal entity that allows water users inside its boundaries to develop plans to make up for water losses to those who get their water from the river or from the springs that flow into the river. If the plan is approved

by the Idaho Department of Water Resources as a fair and viable plan, then members are protected from their wells being shut down during water shortages.

Those plans, which can include projects, cost money, and so groundwater districts have the power to bond for up to 30 years.



Idaho has six groundwater districts, all on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. Two are in Magic Valley. Most irrigators should be bonded for up to 30 years. Please see WATER, Page A2

Nez Perce approve water deal

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Nez Perce Tribe has agreed to give up its claims to most of the water in the Snake River Basin under a multimillion dollar agreement with the state and federal governments.

The 6-2 vote by the tribe's executive committee came Tuesday afternoon, after a meeting in which tribal members spoke out both for and against the plan.

The agreement has already been approved by the state and federal governments, and the tribe's ratification was the last step needed for the plan to take effect.

The magnitude of deciding whether to accept the proposed settlement and continue our water right claims in litigation cannot be overstated," Chairman Anthony Johnson said in a prepared statement. "We have done our homework, and feel we have made an informed decision that best protects the interests of the people of our sovereign nation and the tribe's sovereignty. This is not a decision that was made lightly or in ignorance by any member."

Roughly 60 people packed the meeting room on Tuesday, said tribal attorney Julie Kane, and many of them shared their opinions about the agreement.

The meeting was closed to reporters and nontribal members. Those who spoke passionately about the agreement, tribal attorney field Gudge said, with the majority speaking against it.

Under the agreement — perhaps one of the largest water deals in the West — the Nez Perce would give up their claim to much of the water in the Snake River Basin in exchange for cash, land, environmental improvements and some water.

The agreement grants the tribe rights to 50,000 acre-feet of water in the Clearwater River, plus \$80 million in cash and land and a pledge from the state and federal governments to provide tens of millions of dollars for fish habitat and other environmental improvements.

The agreement would protect irrigators in the Upper Snake River Basin and some loggers and landowners in the Clearwater and Salmon river basins from endangered species-based lawsuits.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne called Johnson to thank him after the vote.

This was the final step in a long journey," the governor said in a prepared statement. "Think Please see NEZ PERCE, Page A2

Legislators may adjourn on Thursday

Cigarette tax bill passes House 45-25

By Chuck Oxley
Associated Press writer

BOISE — House and Senate leaders, tallying up the few "must pass" bills remaining Tuesday, concluded that this year's legislative session could close as early as Thursday.

Water, highways, economic development and taxes remain the critical issues, and each is connected to the other this late in the game.

A bill that would extend Idaho's 29-cent per-pack surcharge on cigarettes passed the House 45-25 Tuesday afternoon. The vote mirrored the 44-26 tally when the original bill passed in 2003. The legislation met stiff resistance in Bingham, Canyon and western Ada counties.

Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden Lake, voted against the original tax extension two years ago. But he was the bill's floor sponsor in Tuesday's debate, mainly because he is now chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Clark acknowledged that the Legislature passed the tax in 2003 intending to let it expire on June 30 of this year.

"But nobody could have predicted the emergency provisions we have now with water," he said.

Much of the money raised by the bill would be used to buy water which the state can use for fish mitigation under the Nez Perce agreement. The money also could be used as advance payment for loans from private water users to resolve the Eastern Idaho Aquifer dispute.

Reps. Lawrence Denney, Midvale; Ann Rydzek, Idaho Falls; and Rich Wills, Mountain Home voted against the extension. All three had initially voted for the measure. Five Republicans switched sides, including Clark and Reps. Joe Cannon and Dennis Lake of Blackfoot; Del Ray Wood of Rexburg and Bert Stevenson of Rupert.

SPRING SHOWER



A truck drives through a large puddle at the corner of Fourth Avenue East and Jerome Street East on Tuesday in Twin Falls. The Magic Valley saw rain and even some snow throughout the day. Today's forecast calls for windy, clear weather with a high of 44.



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DYING AND LIVING WILLS

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As Terri Schiavo nears death in a Florida hospice, it should send an important reminder to young and old alike: Have a local attorney. You won't get out of this world alive.

"We're looking at the death watch as if it were something unique in our experience," said Dennis Voorhees, a certified elder law attorney. "It's not. It happens every day. Man is mortal."

Schiano, now 41, has been in a persistent vegetative state for 15 years, ever since she suffered brain damage after a cardiac arrest brought on by a potassium imbalance which doctors suspect could have been caused by the eating disorder bulimia. She has been confined to a hospice bed ever since, and though able to breathe on her own, has been kept alive by a feeding tube. Her husband said he never would have wanted to linger this way and asked that the feeding tube be removed.

Her family begged to differ, maintaining their daughter is not "brain dead" and is able to communicate with them. A story played out in the courts and even Congress and the Florida governor got involved. The courts sided with her husband. As of Tuesday, Schiavo had been without the feeding

Discussing a difficult subject

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Anita Burdick has seen dying up close and personal, both as a health care professional and more importantly, as a daughter.

Her mother died a year ago in January after a four-year battle with leukemia. She was 58.

In Burdick's family, death was not a dirty word, but something to be discussed openly. And when the end came, she was in conflict and we would have an ethics meeting. She's seen the confusion that can take place when family members are unsure about a loved one's end-of-life care.

"There were times a family would be in conflict and we would hold an ethics meeting that included nurses, the doctor and social services people," Burdick said.

"It was wonderful," Burdick said. "It was one of the most bonding experiences of my family's life because we really had to sit down and talk about those subjects. Once we brought them up, it was easier for us."

Burdick said the decision on whether or not to have a living

will is up to each person. But she strongly encourages them.

"It's much better if they make the decision before an accident or something happens and they can't make the decision for themselves," Burdick said. "I ask all our residents to have a living will or a durable power of attorney for health care."

Before going to Alternawynwood, Burdick worked for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where she sat on the hospital's ethics committee. She's seen the confusion that can take place when family members are unsure about a loved one's end-of-life care.

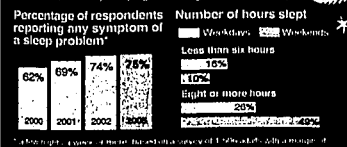
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Not a good night's sleep

An increasing number of adults are experiencing at least some difficulty sleeping, according to a recent survey



SOURCE: National Sleep Foundation

Sleep plays hard-to-get

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Getting a good night's sleep is hard for many adults and that can mean poorer health, lower productivity on the job and more danger on the roads.

"By 3:04 in the afternoon, I'm starting to feel brain-drained and I need that caffeine to pick me back up again," said Becky Mazerion, 56, of Philadelphia.

She gets about 6.5 hours of sleep a night — slightly less than the adult average of 6.9 hours reported by the National Sleep Foundation.

Many experts say adults need a minimum of seven to nine hours of sleep a night.

A poll for the foundation, released Tuesday, reports three-quarters of adults say they have a sleep problem, such as waking during the night or morning.

Most people ignore the problem and few think they actually

have one. Only half of those polled were able to say they slept well on most nights.

"I get what I need to function," said Guillermo Sardino, 55, of Hamilton, N.J., who averages six or seven hours a night.

One-fourth of adults say sleep problems impact on their lives. Richard Gadea, the foundation's CEO, said there's a link between sleep and quality of life.

"People who sleep well, in general, are happier and healthier," he said. "But when they sleep is poor or inadequate, people feel tired or fatigued, their social and intimate relationships suffer, work productivity is negatively affected and they make out-roads more dangerous by driving while sleepy and less alert."

Symptoms of a sleep problem include trouble falling asleep, waking during the night, waking too early, waking feeling unrefreshed, morning pain in the legs or pauses in breathing.



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Windy and clearing. Highs 40s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy, less windy and chilly. Lows 20s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and not so cool. Highs upper 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather table with columns: City, HI, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for various cities.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Drying and clearing, but still windy and cool. Highs lower 40s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and chilly. Lows 20s.
Tomorrow: A little bit warmer, mostly dry and breezy at times. Highs upper 40s to lower 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Precipitation chances will diminish with some clearing possible today. Thursday will be much warmer and less rain and snow chances are likely to return this weekend.

BOISE Windy all day long. Cloudy early, becoming less cloudy in the afternoon. A small chance of rain developing. Warmer, less windy and mostly dry on Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH Areas of rain and snow developing today with drizzle winds expected. Drier, warmer and sunnier on Thursday.

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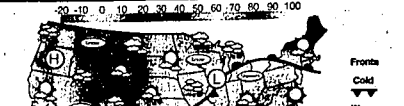
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Wills

Concerned over Al tube for 12 days. And except for a drop of communion wine on Easter, has also been without hydration.
Schlavo's sister is making people ask a very difficult, but important question. If they were to end up incapacitated, would they want to be kept alive by artificial means? Voorhees said most people would.

Dying

Continued from A1 days. Gary Thillett, president of Idaho Home Health and Hospice, has been in the health care field ever since his medic days in Vietnam.
He said Schlavo is not suffering.
The way she is dying is very, very peaceful. Thillett said "She's not having an ounce of pain. The hospice she's in is making sure she's not suffering."

concern out there," said Joy Baker, the administrator at Sun-Bridge Care and Rehabilitation Center. "There are concerns from families saying, 'Should I be looking at living wills?'"
Baker, who's been in the long-term care field for 11 years, said although there is no one like Schlavo in her facility, "I see families every day concerned about their loved ones on how the next step should be dealt with."

Voorhees sits on the ethics committees both at Magic Valley and St. Benedicts medical centers. He said he's seen families wrestle with the decision of what the next step should be for a loved one who is incapacitated. He recommends everyone get a living will.

"It takes an enormous burden off our family members and puts it where it belongs — on ourselves," Voorhees said. "The living will stands out there as a testament to your desires at the very end of life. You should precede that with a robust discussion with family members about how you feel about end-of-life care."

Voorhees also recommends another document called a health care power of attorney in which a person chooses someone to carry out their wishes.
"The living will comes into play only in the last frame of life," Voorhees said. "Between health and imminent death, who would you like to speak for you? You get to say who."

to be specific about the care they want to receive — or not receive — should they become incapacitated.
For instance, a person can say yes to a feeding tube but no to a respirator. The documents are available from hospitals, medical associations and local organizations that care for the aging and terminally ill. They can also be downloaded from the Internet.
People don't need an attorney to do a living will or health care power of attorney, however, the documents do require witnesses' signatures and some require notarization. A person should keep one copy in a safe place and give others to a close relative or friend as well as to their physician.

Nez Perce

Continued from A1 about the significance of this agreement, which — for decades to come will provide certainty and predictability for all of us while preserving state water rights.
Now we know we can begin implementing the to-do list and the terms of the historic agreement.

Proponents of the agreement have said that while the agreement was not perfect, it was the best way to avoid greater risks for all parties.
Opponents attacked the plan on several grounds, saying it would reduce the property rights of nontribal members living

on the reservation or that it would cause more litigation. Both tribal and nontribal members said their group was giving up too much. The tribe would likely win only the matter could continue in court.
The debate made odd enemies and allies, with farmers, ranchers, food and fish processors, anglers and outdoormen, bankers and timber workers, environmentalists and federal and state agencies landing all across the spectrum of opinions.
Lawmakers lauded the tribe's decision.
"I think it's great," said Idaho Republican House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, adding that the vote was by no means a sure

thing. "Yesterday it was kind of in flux because they were wading a feud with BPA (Bonneville Power Administration). But (BPA Administration) Steve Threlkoff felt the case had been hijacked for political purposes," Voorhees said when the case became political, it took the attention off what really mattered.
"There's a frustration that we are focusing so much on family conflict and not enough on the importance of an individual coming to terms with his life, about living and dying with dignity," Voorhees said. "The most important issues are how this woman wished to live and die."

groundwater legislation to accompany three other major bills that senators will consider today or tomorrow. The four bills were crafted to help irrigators address water shortages, but Stevenson said he would rather the other bill, but really set in," Stevenson said.

Most Magic Valley cities on the north side of the Snake River already belong, but if the legislation passes they'll have to petition to join again, Stevenson said.
He warned, "If they don't believe they won't have that protection."
The processors and cities can pay for their own mitigation plans, which would give them Resources. But Stevenson pointed out the cost of a mitigation plan is cheaper when spread across many members.

The biggest problem with the new plan said Lynn Stenings, a spokesman for groundwater users, is it gives cities and processors the ability to opt in or out. That Snake Plains Aquifer groundwater districts to bond, he said.
There are long-term problems if you don't have a stable tax base, he said.
Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, put it in stronger terms.
"I think we have been successfully entwined by IACT and

Water

Continued from A1 within the boundaries of those who already belong, with a handful that have yet to be roped in.
Lawmakers had intended in new legislation to make it mandatory for cities and industrial users within the boundaries of a district to also belong. And additional legislation surfaced Monday that would have included domestic and livestock users within the boundaries of a district to also belong.
But there was last-minute opposition from a coalition of food processors, represented by Idaho's strongest business lobby the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry. Small cities also resisted. And so Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, who sponsored the legislation to require users within the boundaries and wrote a new bill. For one thing, he said he needs that

CLARIFICATION

Jerome deputy had custody of Stephenson Robert Dwayne Stephenson, 46, of Twin Falls escaped from the custody of a Jerome County Sheriff's Department deputy at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. A story in Sunday's edition of The Times-News was unclear about who had custody of Stephenson.

About living wills

The Fern Schlavo case has resulted in an explosion of interest in living wills, which some estimate as few as one in four Americans have filed out. A look at some basic facts about living wills and other medical directives, in question and answer form:

- Q: What is a living will?
A: A document that allows a person to state how far they want medical care to go if they become severely ill or injured and are unable to function without assistance — and, importantly, that permits they want to set on care.
Q: Where can you get a living will?
A: Forms for living wills or similar advance directives can be obtained from each state, and are also available in many other places — from hospitals, medical associations and local organizations dedicated to aging or to caring for the terminally ill.
State-specific forms can be downloaded online at the Web site for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.
Q: Do you need a lawyer to prepare a living will?
A: No. Documents only require witnesses. Some documents require or suggest that the living will be notarized. But a lawyer can help you think through related end-of-life issues.
Source: The Associated Press

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Probe looks into broader attack

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A coordinated attack on targets beyond the Red Lake high school campus may have been planned by Jeff Weise and others, a source familiar with the federal investigation said Tuesday.

The alleged plot under investigation by the FBI was planned over a period of weeks and included unspecified sites in the community. Any plot to strike more targets fizzled when the other students either backed out or didn't take Weise's scheme seriously.

Federal prosecutors this week charged Louis Jourdain, 16, one of Weise's classmates, with conspiracy to commit murder in connection with last week's shootings in which 10 people, including Weise, died.

The investigation allegedly is fueled by e-mail traffic involving other students discussing more locations and people to be attacked.

The teenage defendant is the son of Red Lake tribal chairman Floyd "Buck" Jourdain Jr. Louis Jourdain appears in federal court in Duluth on Monday and again Tuesday. The second hearing lasted 90 minutes before U.S. Magistrate Raymond Erickson. It was closed to the public because Jourdain is a juvenile.

Federal prosecutors have refused to specify the charges or even to identify the juvenile, although his father confirmed his son's arrest.

The teenager wore handcuffs and a blank look as he was ushered out of the courtroom by U.S. marshals. His father followed close behind.

"I have no comment," the older Jourdain told reporters outside the courtroom. Earlier in the day, he issued a statement proclaiming his son's innocence.

"I know my son and he is incapable of committing such an act," Floyd Jourdain Jr. said in response to the charge filed against the youth he described on his Web site as his "pride and joy."

As events unfold, it will be proven that the individual who committed this horrible crime did so of his own choice and that he acted alone," Jourdain said. "I strongly believe that my son will be cleared of these charges."

The younger Jourdain was arrested Sunday. At least three other reservation teens suspected of being in contact with Weise or discussing the plot via e-mail were questioned and could face similar charges, sources said Tuesday.

None of the e-mails has been made public. Classmates last week said Weise had spoken openly about shooting up the school. Attention has focused on a group of students who are seeking an attractive female junior, the panel said.

Jackson's visit gives Schiavo supporters emotional boost

PINELAS PARK, Fla. (AP) — As Terri Schiavo entered her 12th full day without food or water, the Rev. Jesse Jackson prayed with her parents Tuesday and joined conservatives in calling for state lawmakers to order her feeding tube reinserted.

The former Democratic presidential candidate was invited by Schiavo's parents to meet with activists outside Schiavo's hospice. His arrival was greeted by some applause and cries of "This is about civil rights!"

"I feel so passionate about this injustice being done, how unnecessary it is to deny her a feeding tube, water, not even to be used for her parched lips," he said. "This is a moral issue and it transcends politics and family disputes."

Jackson's visit provided an emotional boost to Schiavo's parents and siblings who have maintained that Schiavo would want to be kept alive. Her husband, Michael Schiavo, insists he is carrying out her wishes by having the feeding tube pulled.

Mary Schindler, Terri Schiavo's mother, later made a terse but emotional appeal to Michael Schiavo: "Michael and Jodi, you have your own children. Please, please give my child back to me!" Michael Schiavo and fiancée Jodi Centonze have two children, born long after Terri Schiavo's collapse.

Although supporters of the Schindlers have claimed the dehydrated woman is being denied comfort measures such



Terri Schiavo's father Bob Schindler, right, comforts his wife, center, as the Rev. Jesse Jackson stands nearby during a news conference on Tuesday. Jackson said allowing Schiavo to die was an injustice.

as ice chips for her dry mouth or balm for chapped lips. George Felos, the husband's attorney, defended how Schiavo is being cared for.

"Obviously, the parents and the siblings are desperate. Desperation may lead to different perceptions," Felos told CNN. "I can only tell you what I've seen, and Terri is dying a very peaceful, cared-for death." Felos did not return phone messages seeking comment from The Associated Press.

Jackson said he asked Michael Schiavo for permission to see the brain-damaged

woman but was denied. He also telephoned black legislators in a last-ditch effort to bring back a bill that would prohibit severely brain-damaged patients from being denied food and water if they didn't express their wishes in writing. Lawmakers rejected the legislation earlier this month and appeared unlikely to reconsider it.

One of those contacted by Jackson, Democratic state Sen. Gary Sipkin, said he told Jackson the issue had been "thoroughly discussed." Senate Democratic leader Les Miller added, "I have voted. It's time to move on."

Brain tumor takes life of attorney Cochran

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., who became a legal superstar after helping clear O.J. Simpson during a sensational murder trial in which he uttered the famous quote "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit," died Tuesday. He was 67.

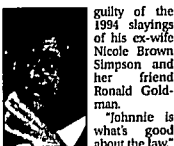
Cochran died of an inoperable brain tumor on his home in Los Angeles, his family said. Cochran, who was diagnosed with the tumor in December 2003, was surrounded by his wife, Dale, and two sisters when he died.

"Certainly, Johnnie's career will be noted as one marked by 'celebrity cases and clientele,'" his family said in a statement. "But he and his family were most proud of the work he did on behalf of those in the community."

With his colorful suits and ties, his gift for courtroom oratory and a knack for coining memorable phrases, Cochran was a vivid addition to the pantheon of America's best-known barristers.

The "if it doesn't fit" phrase would be quoted and parodied for years afterward. It derived from a dramatic moment during which Simpson tried on a pair of bloodstained "murder gloves" to show jurors they did not fit. Some legal experts called it the turning point in the trial.

Soon after, jurors found the Hall of Fame football star not



Johnnie Cochran in a telephone interview from Florida. "I don't think I'd be home today without Johnnie."

For Cochran, Simpson's acquittal was the crowning achievement in a career notable for victories, often in cases with racial themes. He was a black man known for championing the causes of black defendants. Some of them, like Simpson, were famous, but more often than not they were unknown.

"The clients I've cared about the most are the No Js, the ones who nobody knows," said Cochran, who proudly displayed copies in his office of the multimillion-dollar checks he won for ordinary citizens who said they were abused by police.

"People in New York and Los Angeles, especially mothers in the African-American community, are more afraid of the police inflicting or killing their children than they are of muggers on the corner," he once said.

Unpaid taxes hit \$300B per year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' unpaid taxes are now topping \$300 billion a year, with people who under-report their income the biggest culprits.

The government is also losing hundreds of millions of dollars each year because Internal Revenue Service computers don't record interest on penalties for those unpaid taxes.

The IRS estimated the tax gap, the difference between taxes owed and taxes paid, after auditing 45,000 people and combining those findings with older estimates of unpaid corporate, payroll and unemployment taxes.

The report Tuesday estimated the gap at \$312 billion to \$353 billion for 2001, about 15 percent of the total taxes owed.

Taxpayers were slightly less likely to comply with tax laws than they had been at the time

of the latest previous study, completed in 1988.

"This research confirms that the vast majority of Americans pay their taxes honestly and accurately," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. "People who aren't paying their taxes shift the burden to the rest of us."

The IRS recovered \$55 billion of the unpaid taxes through audits' and late payments, leaving a net gap between \$257 billion and \$298 billion — about the same amount as the government expects to spend on Medicare this year.

The majority of unpaid-tax cases involved individuals, not businesses. Among the people who contributed to the tax gap, most understated their income, especially business income.

Excessive deductions, exemptions, credits and other adjustments accounted for 25

percent of the tax gap.

The audits found frequent mistakes reporting alimony income, unemployment compensation and state income tax refunds.

Everson said the tax agency will probably never collect every dollar owed.

"No one should think we can totally eliminate the gap," he said. "That would take draconian measures and make the government too intrusive."

Panel admonishes judge over courtroom behavior

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — In a rare public admonishment, a state oversight panel has scolded a former Los Angeles County judge for making inappropriate comments and asking women in his courtroom out on dates.

Superior Court Judge John D. Harris once asked a rape victim—whose trial he had presided over—to have a private dinner with him, according to the Commission on Judicial Performance. On another occasion, Harris pulled lawyers aside to thank them for selecting an attractive female juror, the panel said.

During a prostitution case, the judge disparaged the defendant by saying in open court: "She would look OK if she had her teeth straightened."

Rather than appearing dignified and impartial, Harris showed "poor judgment" and a "troubling pattern of insensitivity to women," the commission concluded.

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WORLD

Oil-for-food report raises questions

Probe has limited criticism for Annan

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Investigators probing the U.N. oil-for-food program said Tuesday that Secretary-General Kofi Annan didn't interfere in the awarding of a contract to a company that employed his son, but their report criticized the U.N. chief for not properly investigating possible conflicts of interest.

Asked if he was planning to step down, Annan replied with a rare use of profanity, saying "f--- no" and noting the report's findings that he committed no wrongdoing.

"After so many distressing and untrue allegations have been made against me, this exoneration by the independent inquiry obviously comes as a great relief," he said.

But the investigation led by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker did not completely vindicate the secretary-general.

Although it found no wrongdoing by Annan, it clearly faulted the secretary-general's management of the world body and his oversight of the scandal-ridden oil-for-food program in Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

The report raised questions about when the secretary-general learned about the December 1998 contract to the Swiss firm, Cotecna Inspection S.A., through it said there was insufficient evidence that he was aware of the company's bid. It also strongly criticized the destruction of documents by his former chief of staff that could have shed light on the oil-for-food program.

The independent inquiry, released Tuesday, faulted Annan for conducting a one-day investigation into the matter, saying



United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan addresses a news conference at the United Nations on Tuesday.

it should have been a more rigorous, independent probe. "I accept the criticism," Kofi Annan told reporters. But he also referred them to a letter attached to the report, in which his lawyer said the secretary-general had acted on the advice of three advisers.

The report also accused Cotecna and Annan's son, Kofi, of trying to conceal their relationship after the firm was awarded the contract.

At a separate news conference after the report was released, Volcker said the investigation found no evidence that Kofi Annan improperly influenced the process by which Cotecna was selected for an inspection contract under the oil-for-food program.

"Our investigation has disclosed several instances in which he might, or could have become aware, of Cotecna's participation in the bidding process," Volcker said.

Earthquake death toll rises

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia (AP) — The death toll from a powerful earthquake that devastated a remote Indonesian island rose to an estimated 1,000 Wednesday, according to Sumatra's governor, as rescuers searched frantically through collapsed buildings for survivors.

Bodies were still being dug from ruins of houses and shops early Wednesday and laid out in front of churches and mosques.

Most of the deaths from Monday night's 8.7-magnitude earthquake in the Indian Ocean were on the Sumatran island of Nias, 75 miles south of the epicenter.

The death toll has risen steadily. Officials put it at 230 Tuesday. But Sumatra Gov. Rizal Nurdin estimated the figure had risen to 1,000 on Wednesday. Government officials have said it could climb as high as 2,000.

In Nias island's main town of Gunung Sitoli, a makeshift

triage center was set up on a soccer field next to a palm-fringed Indian Ocean beach. Thirteen patients spent the night under a corrugated iron roof hoping to get on helicopter flight to a hospital on Indonesia's nearest main island of Sumatra.

One man spent the night lying next to his wife, one of the quake victims, planning to bury her later Wednesday. "What will I tell my children?" said Dato Mendra, 55, a restaurant owner said Tuesday. "I can't face it. My faith in Jesus is helping me through this."

Mendra's wife was among some 20 bodies wrapped in white sheets, candles flickering at their heads, laid out on the street outside the Santa Maria church in this predominantly Roman Catholic island.

Dave Jenkins, a New Zealand physician who runs the relief agency SurfAid International in western Sumatra, said he feared for about 10,000 people living on the tiny Banyak Is-

lands, close to the quake's epicenter. By late Tuesday, contact had not been made with the islands.

Nias appeared to have borne the brunt of the tremor, but neighboring islands also were hit and details of casualties there were sketchy.

Budi Atmaji Adiputro, chairman for Indonesia's Coordinating Agency for National Disaster Relief, told The Associated Press that his office was reporting only 17 dead on Simeulue island, despite reports from a local official of 100 victims.

"We have to be careful in counting" the dead, he said, adding that, "We just have to count when we have seen the bodies."

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Iraq meeting shows deep divisions in parliament

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In a chaotic session marred by shouting, finger-pointing and walkouts by Iraq's top leaders, the new parliament failed Tuesday to choose a speaker — an impasse that brought tensions to the surface and raised concerns about a government that still isn't in place two months after landmark elections.

The National Assembly's second meeting ever was certainly its stormiest — marked by outbursts of anger and wrangling among Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish legislators. The session was first delayed for nearly three hours, then abruptly closed to the media, its live TV feed cut off.

The Sunni Arab minority — dominant under former dictator Saddam Hussein and believed to be the backbone of the insurgency — was given until Sunday to come up with a candidate to serve as speaker of the 275-seat parliament.

The Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance and the Kurdish coalition want an Arab Sunni to hold the position as a way of healing rifts with the Sunnis, many of whom boycotted the Jan. 30 elections or simply feared attacks at the polls.

"We saw that things were confused today, so we gave (the Sunnis) a last chance," said Hussein al-Said, a Shiite cleric and member of Interior Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's coalition. "We expect the Sunni Arab brothers to nominate their candidate. Otherwise, we will vote on a candidate on Sunday."

More meetings were sched-

uled for this week. "There's a consensus that the talks should continue tonight and in the coming days so that Sunday's session will be better," Alliance negotiator Abdul Karim al-Anzi said.

Iraqis were angered by the meeting.

"They haven't been able to even name a parliament speaker, so how will they rule Iraq when they're only after their personal interests and gain?" said 35-year-old Sunni Sahib Jassim.

Report: Doctors mull feeding tube for pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II may have to return to the hospital to have a feeding tube inserted because he is having difficulty swallowing, an Italian news agency reported Tuesday.

The AP news agency said no decision had been taken and the feeding tube was one option being considered to help the 84-year-old pope get better nutrition and regain his strength.

Calls to the Vatican spokesman went unanswered late Tuesday.

Citing an unidentified source, the agency said the pope's doctors were considering the procedure, which involves inserting a feeding tube through the throat and into the stomach. The tube is drawn through the throat then extended from inside the stomach to outside the body through a small incision in the abdomen. Liquid food is fed through the tube into the stomach, and the tube does not remain in the throat.

The technique — percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy, or PEG — was developed in

1978 and is used more than 250,000 times a year in the United States alone. If performed, the pope would be receiving nutrition the same way Terri Schiavo did before her feeding tube was removed.

Schiavo, a severely brain-damaged woman, is at the center of a legal battle in the United States.

The Vatican last week strongly condemned a decision by a U.S. judge not to order the reinsertion of Schiavo's feeding tube after it was removed on orders from another judge. The Vatican said the decision was akin to capital punishment for someone who had committed no crime. Schiavo's tube was removed March 18.

John Paul has been having trouble swallowing since a tracheotomy tube was inserted in his throat Feb. 24 to help him breathe.



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Study: College faculties lean left

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — College faculties, long assumed to be a liberal bastion, lean further to the left than even the most conservative conservatives might have imagined, a new study says.

By their own description, 72 percent of those teaching at American universities and colleges are liberal and 15 percent are conservative, says the study being published this week. The imbalance is almost as striking in partisan terms, with 50 percent of the faculty members surveyed identifying themselves as Democrats and 11 percent as Republicans.

The disparity is even more pronounced at the most elite schools, where according to the study, 87 percent of faculty are liberal and 13 percent are conservative.

"What's most striking is how

few conservatives there are in any field," said Robert Lichter, a professor at George Mason University and a co-author of the study. "There was no field we studied in which there were more conservatives than liberals or more Republicans than Democrats. It's a very homogeneous environment, not just in the places you'd expect to be dominated by liberals."

Religious services take a back seat for many faculty members, with 51 percent saying they rarely or never attend church or synagogue and 31 percent calling themselves regular churchgoers. On the gender front, 72 percent of the full-time faculty are male and 28 percent female.

The findings by Lichter and fellow political science professors Stanley Rothman of Smith College and Neil Nevitte of the University of Toronto, are based on a survey of 1,643 full-time

faculty at 183 four-year schools. The researchers relied on 1999 data from the North American Academic Study Survey, the most recent comprehensive data available.

The study appears in the March issue of the Forum, an online political science journal. It was funded by the Randolph Foundation, a right-leaning group that has given grants to such conservative organizations as the Independent Women's Forum and Americans for Tax Reform.

Rothman sees the findings as evidence of "possible discrimination" against conservatives in hiring and promotion. Even after factoring in levels of achievement, as measured by published work and organization memberships, "the most likely conclusion is that 'being conservative counts against you,'" he said. "It doesn't surprise me, because I've observed

it happening." The study, however, describes this finding as "preliminary."

When asked about the findings, Jonathan Knight, director of academic freedom and tenure for the American Association of University Professors, said, "The question is how this translates into what happens within the academic community on such issues as curriculum, admission of students, evaluation of students, evaluation of faculty for salary and promotion." Knight said he isn't aware of "any good evidence" that personal views are having an impact on campus policies.

"It's hard to see that these liberal views cut very deeply into the education of students. In fact, a number of studies show the core values that students bring into the university are not very much altered by being in college."

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Lab expert links traces of explosives to Rudolph

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Traces of an explosive used to bomb an Alabama abortion clinic were found in Eric Rudolph's home in North Carolina, a federal agent testified Tuesday in a key pretrial hearing for the serial bombing suspect.

Richard Alan Strobel, an explosives expert for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said small quantities of the compound



EGDN were found on a towel, a tent, a cardboard box and a brown wig taken from Rudolph's trailer during a search days after the January 1998 bombing.

Strobel said the same explosive substance was found in the crater left by the nail-laden bomb that exploded outside an abortion clinic in Birmingham, killing a police officer and critically injuring a nurse.

"The finding of EGDN tells us we are dealing with dynamite," he testified.

The testimony came at the start of a hearing before U.S. District Judge Lynwood Smith, who is considering a defense request to throw out the explosive evidence as unscientific and unreliable.

Scout official faces child pornography charge

DALLAS — A former high-ranking Boy Scouts of America official has been charged with possession and distribution of child pornography.

Douglas Sovereign Smith Jr., 61, who as program director co-

Serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph is led to a police car after a hearing at a federal courthouse on Tuesday.

ordinated scouting programs with schools and churches, was accused of receiving images over the Internet in February of children engaging in oral sex, intercourse and other sexually explicit conduct. The charges were filed by federal prosecutors March 21.

"We're shocked and dismayed to learn of this," said Gregg Shields, national spokesman for the Boy Scouts, based in the Dallas suburb of Irving. "Smith was employed by the Boy Scouts for 39 years and we had no indication of prior criminal activity."

Law enforcement officials indicated the pictures did not show boys who were with the Boy Scouts organization, Shields said.

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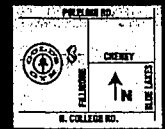
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EDITORIAL

Let's hear the full debate over splitting State Board

It was an idea that went down before it even took off.

When Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, introduced a constitutional amendment in the Senate last week to split the state Board of Education, it was immediately stowed away by Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis.

Apparently, constitutional amendments can't be introduced after the 56th day of the session without a petition from Senate leaders.

B. U. Schroeder presists that the State Board of Education, which oversees policy for K through 12 public schools and higher education, is overworked.

Overworked, maybe. Perhaps Schroeder's biggest beef is how he thinks the board would wield too much political appointments.

As much good as the State Board has done, Schroeder may be on to something, especially after new revelations show the board pushed Idaho State University President Richard Bowen into retirement.

Bowen, who's been at ISU for 20 years, told university staff last week that he is currently negotiating the terms of his retirement.

Bowen didn't say when he would step down, but it could be this year or the next.

But Bowen, 71, also indicated his exit wasn't exactly voluntary. "It's been suggested to me that there's a concern about the need for a change," Bowen said. "I'm leaving your university because I've been told."

To that statement, some State Board members were shocked — shocked! — at Bowen's announcement. But Lewis didn't mince words.

He, in fact, was the one to encourage Bowen to step down, and although Lewis

said he didn't inform other board members about his recommendation to Bowen, the idea had already been discussed for some time.

"Obviously we have talked about it as a board informally for a number of years now," Lewis said to the Idaho State Journal. "I think it is the general sentiment of the board that now is an appropriate time to have a change and for us to make that transition."

The whole timing of this issue is suspect, especially since Bowen is the dean of Idaho universities, experience-wise.

Both the University of Idaho and Boise State University are breaking in new college presidents.

Why chase off the one man who has experience that can help the higher-ed system?

An irate former Gov. Cecil Andrus appeared to have the same question about Bowen's exit. If he were governor, Andrus said, the State Board would go — not Bowen.

Some may call this episode a black eye for the board. But perhaps it's just another sign that splitting the State Board warrants some genuine debate among state leaders.

Sure, the State Board has its critics — and Schroeder's one of the biggest.

But without the board, Idaho would be lagging on numerous issues, including standards testing, alternative certification, and the pursuit for a fair performance-based pay system.

The question, however, is whether a split would allow the board to be more efficient in one realm, while allowing a new board of regents to focus on higher ed.

If nothing else, maybe regents can be more discreet on personnel issues such as Bowen's.

Come next year, it might be worth a full discussion among lawmakers.

Our view: Idaho leaders should consider the pros and cons of splitting the Board of Education.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Why Congress acted in the Schiavo case

There are few more ardent advocates of the 10th Amendment than Idaho's two members of the U.S. House of Representatives. We are staunch supporters of state sovereignty, and of minimizing the federal government's influence on our lives. However, it is individual rights — not those of states — that are at the heart of the U.S. Constitution.

History has shown us that, on extraordinarily rare occasions, it becomes necessary for the federal government to intervene on behalf of individuals whose 14th Amendment rights to legal due process and equal protection may be violated by a state. Such was the case in the 1960s when some states sought to deny citizens their civil rights based on race.

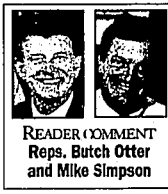
Such was the case shortly after midnight on March 21 as Congress passed legislation authorizing a review of Terri Schiavo's case in federal court. This was not a decision made lightly or without regard for its implications. However, it also was not — as some have characterized it — a case of Congress seeking to impose its will on what should be a personal and private matter.

Allowing the diminution of anyone's basic civil rights, the disabled no less than the unborn, puts us all at risk.

There can be no greater purpose for the federal government protecting life, liberty and property. If a state fails in its duty to do so, the Constitution empowers Congress to act.

Indeed, the Constitution gives Congress complete authority over the jurisdiction of federal courts.

The bill that was adopted 203-58 early last Monday, with our support, is an appropriate exercise of congressional authority directing that a federal court should hear Mrs. Schiavo's case solely to ensure none of her federal rights were denied by the state court.



READER COMMENT
Reps. Butch Otter and Mike Simpson

The bill did not direct the restoration of feeding tubes for Terri Schiavo.

It did not overturn or direct the reversal of state court rulings.

All it did was provide a double check in federal court to make sure none of her constitutional rights were violated.

Beyond the tragic facts of Mrs. Schiavo's circumstances and the legal issues involved, her case provides an important reminder of the need for individuals to establish and maintain a living will and as-

sign durable power of attorney for health care before the need arises. There are many resources available online or through physicians, attorneys, hospitals or nursing homes for inexpensive or no-cost forms and instructions to meet these critical planning goals.

We urge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to avoid the kind of turmoil and misery that now is surrounding Mrs. Schiavo and her loved ones.

Legally document your wishes in the event of terminal illness or other conditions under which medical care decisions must be made on your behalf.

Death is inevitable. We all face it eventually. It is vital that each of us takes the time, before it becomes imperative, to decide how we will face death or prolong life.

Such decisions should be based on our own conscience and beliefs, with advice from our doctors and clergy, not on

hearsay, the persuasiveness of lawyers or even the wisdom of judges.

It is the responsibility of government to be the arbiter of conflicts between individuals when other means of mediation fail.

In the case of Terri Schiavo, or anyone else lacking the ability to represent their own best interests, it is incumbent upon government not to force a particular result but to ensure individual rights are protected.

Each of us has it within our power to forestall government's undue involvement in our lives when we are at our most vulnerable.

Please avail yourselves of that opportunity, so that the most personal of decisions about life and death is yours alone to make.

Republican Congressmen Butch Otter and Mike Simpson represent Idaho's first and second congressional districts, respectively.

Missing opportunities — geo-greening by example

How will future historians explain it? How will they possibly explain why President George W. Bush decided to ignore the energy crisis staring us in the face and chose instead to spend all his electoral capital on a futile effort to undo the New Deal by partially privatizing Social Security? We are, quite simply, witnessing one of the greatest examples of misplaced priorities in the history of the U.S. presidency.

"Ah, Friedman, but you overstate the case." No, I underestimate it. Look at the opportunities out there — and the risks we are assuming — by having a president and vice president who refuse to lift a finger to put together a "geo-green" strategy that would marry geopolitics, energy policy and environmentalism.

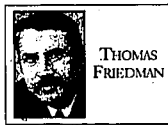
By doing nothing to lower U.S. oil consumption, we are financing both sides in the war on terrorism and strengthening the worst governments in the world.

That is, we are financing the U.S. military with our tax dollars — and we are financing the jihadists — and the Saudi, Sudanese and Iranian mosques and charities that support them — through our gasoline purchases.

The oil boom is also entrenching the autocrats in Russia and Venezuela, which is becoming Castro's Cuba with oil.

By doing nothing to reduce U.S. oil consumption we are also setting up a global competition with China for energy resources, including right on our doorstep in Canada and Venezuela.

Don't kid yourself. China's



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

foreign policy today is very simple — holding on to Taiwan and looking for oil.

Finally, by doing nothing to reduce U.S. oil consumption we are only hastening the climate change crisis, and the Bush officials who scoff at the science around this should hang their heads in shame.

And it is only going to get worse the longer we do nothing.

Wired magazine did an excellent piece in its April issue about hybrid cars, which get 40 to 50 miles to the gallon with very low emissions. One paragraph jumped out at me.

Right now, there are about 800 million cars in active use.

By 2050, as cars become ubiquitous in China and India, it'll be 3.25 billion.

That increase represents an almost unimaginable threat to our environment. Quadruple the cars means quadruple the carbon dioxide emissions — unless cleaner, less gas-hungry vehicles become the norm.

All the elements of what I like to call a geo-green strategy are known:

- We need a gasoline tax that would keep pump prices fixed at \$4 a gallon (even if crude oil prices go down).
- At \$4 a gallon (premium gasoline averages about \$6 a gallon in Europe), we could change the car-buying habits of a large segment of the U.S. public, which would make it

Look at the opportunities our country is missing — and the risks we are assuming — by having a president and vice president who refuse to lift a finger to put together a "geo-green" strategy that would marry geopolitics, energy policy and environmentalism.

profitable for the car companies to convert more of their fleets to hybrid or ethanol engines, which over time could sharply reduce our oil consumption.

"We need to start building nuclear power plants again. The new nuclear technology is safer and cleaner than ever."

"The risks of climate change by continuing to rely on hydrocarbons is real and it poses a civilizational threat that could transform the carrying capacity of the entire planet." — And we need some kind of carbon tax that would move more industries from coal to wind, hydro and solar power, or other, cleaner fuels. The revenue from these taxes would go to pay down the deficit and the reduction in oil imports would help to strengthen the dollar and defuse competition for energy with China.

The country is dying to be led on this.

Instead, he prefers to squander his personal energy trying to take apart the New Deal and throwing red meat to right-to-life fanatics.

What a waste of a presidency. How will future historians explain it?

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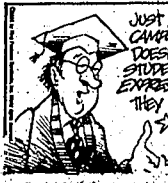
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OPINION

A frank Bush-Fox conversation — LETTER —

The characters are real. The gathering occurred. But the conversations depicted here are purely a columnist's musings of unlikely political candor.

Imagine if U.S. President George Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin dropped their diplomatic shields of courtesy, this might have been said during their non-historic meeting in Texas.

Bush (gesturing to Fox's feet): "Hey, love those cowboy boots, they make you even taller!"

Fox: "Thanks, but you know without my boots, I'll always be taller than you."

Bush: "All right. Point taken, now let's get to the issues."

Fox: "What's this blather by your people about the dangerous Mexican border?"

Bush: "Oh you mean Ambassador Garza's accurate comments about Mexican drug lords and their violence?"

Fox: "Yeah, and the FBI guy, Mueller, talking about terrorists sneaking across the border from Mexico. And what do you have to say about the State Department issuing a warning to American travelers?"

Bush: "I thought Condoleezza handled this a few weeks ago."

Fox: "She said she was sorry, but that hardly ended it. We're losing American tourism dollars on our side."

Bush: "Sorry about that. But you know I have to take every opportunity to sound tough on terrorists, even if it means verbally inflaming a possibility."

Fox: "How am I to address a possibility? Sure, terrorists could sneak across the border into the U.S. Anything is possible. But there is no evidence that it has happened. That

MARY SANCHEZ

would be a political nightmare for both of us. The only real terrorist your people stopped at a border was on the U.S./Canadian side, remember, the millennium guy!"

(Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin clears his throat nervously.)

Bush: "Oh, sorry Paul. I forgot you were here."

Fox: "I'll give you an absolute. How about the 22 Mexican citizens who died fighting your war over in Iraq? Those are hard numbers, real people. No one is talking about them."

Bush: "Well, yes, of course we honor all our service men and women. We don't care where they were born, so long as they are willing to uphold the United States of America."

Fox: "Kind of like my people are helping hold up your economy with their labor?"

Bush: "Well, be honest there Vicente, you are getting quite a nice cut out of their labor as well. How do you say 'remittances' in Spanish?"

Fox: "OK. OK. The money Mexicans working illegally in the United States send back to Mexico virtually supports the country. I can't afford to have all those migrants sent back to me."

Bush: "And I can't afford to let them all stay."

Fox: "You mean politically you can't afford to let them stay. The situation works quite well economically."

Bush: "Give me a little credit. I tried to support a guest-worker plan that would at least give your folks a three-year

period to work in the United States legally."

Fox: "I'm a Mexican diplomat. I know profuse rhetoric when I hear it. You never proposed a real plan, just an idea. And now that Senzenbrenner comrade is leading the conversation about immigration reform in your Congress. And he's not talking about allowing legal workers."

Bush: "Well at least I have three more years in my term. I still might get something done. You sit, are done."

Fox: "Not my fault I'm only allowed one six-year term. Why don't you do more to help Americans understand the watershed importance of my election. Prior to me, for 71 years the same party held the Mexican presidency. And believe me, they used all sorts of tricks to keep that reign."

Bush: "Man, and people say I stole an election. A little ballot confusion is nothing compared to Mexican political corruption."

A security agent enters the room and whispers to Bush.

Bush: "Excuse me gentlemen, I need to take a phone call. It's our intelligence people in the Middle East."

Fox (with a heavy sigh): "Middle East, Middle East. Always the Middle East. All sorts of we're the closest country to you geographically."

(Martin clears his throat.)

Fox: "Oh, sorry Paul. I forgot you were here."

Martin: "We could use some extra help in Canada. Fox raises an eyebrow, takes a notepad from his jacket and makes a note. Ask DeWet to look into a Mexican migrant booklet to Canada."

Mary Sanchez is an opinion-page columnist for The Kansas City Star.

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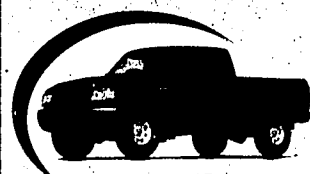
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Truckwash trips up on water permit

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

GOODING — Years of thought inspired Gooding residents to drench a special-use permit applicant with questions over water rights at a public hearing Monday night.

Diamond A Livestock has operated a washout facility for livestock trucks and equipment for more than 20 years. Company owners, Fred and Jay Faulkner, would like to upgrade and move their operation. However, the Faulkners' application for a special-use permit caused neighbors to scrutinize their existing water rights at the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

"I suggest to you that there's been about 25 years of illegal use here," said Pat Brown, an attorney representing Heidi and

Harold Olson, who live across the highway from Diamond A. Diamond A has two types of water rights — groundwater and stockwater, Brown said. The Faulkners can use the groundwater for irrigation and the stockwater for livestock. The company does not have a commercial water-use permit needed to charge customers to wash farm vehicles, Brown said.

The company's co-owner, Jay Faulkner, told the standing-room-only crowd that Diamond A is entitled to use up to 2,500 gallons of water daily. If the upgraded operations needs exceed that amount, then the Faulkners will apply for a commercial water-use permit and transfer additional water rights through the Idaho Department of Water Resources, he said.

The uncertainty of Diamond A's water rights didn't sit well with one planning and

zoning member.

"I need to know that you're permitted for what you need to do," Suzanne Jensen told Faulkner. "You say this is going to cost a lot of money. You can't get a return with the water permit you have."

New Diamond A's existing water permit will allow the company to wash about two vehicles per day. The used water will be stored in a pond and later used for irrigation similarly to how some dairies and cheese plants use wastewater.

Gooding resident Vern France, who also used to operate a truck washout facility, noted that Diamond A will not use more water than a domestic well.

"This is an existing facility," France said. "It serves a public need. In case you haven't noticed, there are a lot of livestock operations in Gooding County."

Water use, however, wasn't the only thing on Michelle Stewart's mind. Stewart lives near one of the pivots that Diamond A will use to sprinkle its used water from the facility. Stewart worries about the health risks — an irrigation water poses to her children.

"This has been in operation for several years without proper permits," Stewart said. "I don't know that we can trust someone who has not shown in the past they can apply for the proper permits."

Commissioners will give their decision on the permit at their next regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the planning and zoning office in Gooding.

Compromise reached in embezzlement case

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A ticket agent accused of embezzling approximately \$40,000 from her employer has reached a compromise with prosecutors.

Adrienne Steiner, 34, of Twin Falls, was charged with one count of grand theft, a felony, in connection with missing funds from Greyhound Lines Inc. But the case was dismissed after parties reached a civil compromise, said Grant Loeb, Twin Falls County prosecutor.

"We will do that occasionally if our case is otherwise a difficult one to prove, and there is a substantial risk we would lose everything at trial and the victim would not be compensated at

all," Loeb's said.

Compromises are worked out to benefit the victim while holding defendants responsible for what they did, he added.

Loeb would not comment on specific evidence they had on the case or what problems they might have faced if the case went to trial.

"Any time the defendant goes to trial they have a chance to lose as well," Loeb's said. "They're also comparing their risk, what they would lose at trial. They're making the same kind of calculation."

The dollar amount of the compromise has not been finalized Tuesday.

Steiner will not have a criminal record in connection with this case.

Comedians will perform Thursday at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Four major comedy talents from Los Angeles will headline Comedy Night Live at 7 p.m. Thursday in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the CSI Program Board and is open to students and the general public.

The comedians include Craig Carmean, Jessica Kiron, Jamie Lissow and Michael Dean Ester.

Carmean was voted Comedian of the Year 2004 by Campus Activities Magazine. He uses an acoustic guitar in his routine, poking fun at well-known musicians. Kiron has performed at colleges and universities all over North America as well as on VH1. Nickleodeon, Comedy Central and NBC's Last Comic Standing. Lissow has appeared in numerous commercials, as well as on Comedy Central, and is a contributing writer for the

Magic Valley in brief

Tonight Show, Ester was nominated Best Male Performer 2005 by Campus Activities Magazine and has done more than 1,500 live performances.

Registration is free to CSI students with student ID cards. Tickets for the general public are \$10 each and are available in advance at the CSI Student Union Information desk or by calling 732-3675. Tickets also will be available at the door.

have finalized information Tuesday about how much money the district would seek. He said an election could be in May to raise money next school year.

The board will also hear an energy efficiency update and hearings from the principals of Bickel Elementary, Harrison School and Magic Valley High School.

The board will be at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the school administration building, 201 Main Ave. W. The meeting is open to the public.

Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at 735-3237 or by e-mail at mdunlop@magicvalley.com.

Hide

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report and would then hide from responding officers."

Jay was arrested and booked at the Twin Falls County Jail and released the next day. He's due in court at 2 p.m. April 12 for a pretrial conference to determine if his hearing will require a jury.

"Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. John Wilson said the depart-

ment would also like to get some money back. The two-hour game of hide and seek involved six officers and cost about \$600 after all the paperwork was filed, Wilson said.

"After he was captured, you have another officer spend three hours doing the paperwork for the arrest," Wilson said. "That's about 12 hours dealing with a meathead."

T.F. schools might ask for supplemental levy

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School Board will hear about a possible election tonight to raise money through a supplemental levy.

Robert Seaman, the district's director of fiscal affairs, did not

have finalized information Tuesday about how much money the district would seek. He said an election could be in May to raise money next school year.

Man gets sentenced in sex abuse case

TWIN FALLS — A Hollister man who pleaded guilty to one count of lewd conduct with a minor has been sentenced to five years probation.

Judge District Judge John

Hohnhorst sentenced Larry Dallas Haines, 20, to eight years in prison, with four years fixed, but the judge suspended that term in favor of probation, according to court records.

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hearing set for June 16; released on own recognizance.

Jesse James Naderstuber, 27, 1122 Washington St., S., No. 46, Twin Falls; failure to appear — driving without privileges; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 5; \$25,000 bond.

Ramon Chavez-Cabeza, 34, 209 Eighth St., Burley; probation violation — driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; preliminary hearing set for April 7; \$1,000 bond.

Cary G. Jacobson, 46, 2500 S. 400 W., Jerome; failure to appear — driving under the influence, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 12; \$25,000 bond.

Jay Lewis, 21, 870 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls; failure to appear — failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failure to appear; pleaded innocent; preliminary hearing set for April 5; \$10,000 bond.

Kasey M. Detman, 19, 3225 N. 2500 E., Hollister; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for April 12; released on own recognizance.

Greg Donald Powell, 20, 136 Quincy, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, provide false information to an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for April 12; \$500 bond.

Arvin Rodriguez, 18, 11225 S. Washington St., No. 25, Twin Falls; battery; minor consumption of alcohol; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for April 12; released on own recognizance.

Miles Kent Miller, 48, 170 Alexander South Park, Twin Falls; unlawful possession of a firearm; no plea entered; pretrial conference set for April 12; \$1,500 bond; driving without privileges; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 12; released on own recognizance.

Charles Clifford, 24, 1221 Occidental Ave., Burley; possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for April 12; \$1,500 bond; driving without privileges; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 12; \$1,500 bond.

Arvin Rodriguez, 18, 11225 S. Washington St., No. 25, Twin Falls; battery; minor consumption of alcohol; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for April 12; released on own recognizance.

Bligh Nicole Conner, 20, 122 Jefferson, Twin Falls; probation violation — failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; public defender appointed; disposition

April 5; \$10,000 bond.

Joshua M. Northrup, 20, 3550 S. 1800 E., Wendell; two counts issuing a check without funds; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 1; posted bond.

Theodore A. Hansen Jr., 20, 426 Dubois Ave., Twin Falls; probation violation — driving without privileges; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 7; \$1,000 bond.

James Mendosa, 19, 1558 E. 4200 N., Buhl; robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 7; \$250,000 bond.

Jason Ronald Ross, 23, 558 Clover Ave., Twin Falls; lewd conduct with a minor under 16; five counts rape; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 1.

James Donald Foster, 55, 3105 W. Davis St., Boise; probation violation

— driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance; public defender continuing; pleaded innocent; evidentiary hearing set for April 7; \$15,000 bond; driving under the influence — excessive public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for April 12; \$1,000 bond; driving under the influence — excessive public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for April 12; \$1,000 bond.

James Coy Holby, 21, 2427 Pleasant Dr., Jackpot; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 1; \$10,000 bond.

Richard Garza Pena Jr., 29, 153 Eighth Ave. E., Twin Falls; resisting arrest; possession of paraphernalia, carrying a concealed weapon; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for April 12; \$2,500 bond; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 1; \$20,000 bond.

Blind artist will exhibit her work tonight

GOODING — Blind artist Julie Madler will exhibit her work tonight at Gooding City Hall.

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What to cook when you'd rather garden

Spring slipped in a little more than a week ago bringing with it the urge to get out into the yard and dig in the dirt. I don't know what it is but this time of year, I have an uncontrollable need to kneel in the mud and get dirt under my fingernails.

After a few weeks of spending every spare minute pulling dead plants from flower beds, pruning bushes and raking leaves, the desire recedes and I locate some money-hungry youth to mow my lawn and do the other unpleasant yard chores for a price and call it good.

But between now and the day when the spring yard work gets old, I intend to enjoy the outdoors and the new sprouts pushing up through the soil.

Here are a few recipes to try on those days when you, too, get out into the yard and do some digging.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

WHOLE WHEAT, FLAX SEED, CRACKED OATS BREAD

Makes 2 loaves
Great toasted and served with fruit or yogurt for breakfast.
3 cups warm water (110 to 115 degrees)
2 lbs. dry yeast
2 tbs. gluten
2 tbs. honey
2 tbs. powdered milk
2 tbs. olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt

Mix the above ingredients and let set for 20 minutes to 1/2 hour to allow the yeast grow. Then add:
1/2 cup whole flax seed
1/2 cup cracked oats
4 to 5 cups flour or enough to make a stiff dough.
Mix with dough hook till dough is smooth, satiny, slightly sticky and feels like baby's skin. Line 2 (8 by 4 by 2 inch) loaf pans with parchment paper. Divide dough into two equal parts and place in pans. Push dough down to fill all corners of the pans. Cover with a wet paper towel and allow to double in size, about one hour. Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes. Whole grain breads tend to be heavy, but gluten helps make them light and fluffy.

CHICKEN AND GARBANZO STEW

Serves 4
3 lbs. boneless chicken, cut up
2 table spoon olive oil
1 medium onion, minced
1 garlic clove
1 teaspoon ground ginger
4 white flakes hot pepper flakes
2 cups chicken broth
1 (16-oz.) can garbanzo beans
1/2 cup fresh coriander

Season chicken pieces with salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat in olive oil in a large skillet until golden colored. Remove chicken pieces and brown onions, garlic cloves, ginger and pepper flakes in the olive oil over low heat. Return chicken to skillet, add chicken broth and garbanzos. Simmer for 45 minutes. Mixture will be soupy. If a thicker stew is desired remove chicken pieces and boil mixture until it sprinkle to desired consistency. Sprinkle coriander over stew.

SOUR CREAM POTATO SALAD

Serves 8
4 cups diced leftover boiled potatoes
1/2 cup diced chili pickles
1 small onion, diced
1/2 cup celery, diced
1 bell pepper, diced
4 hard boiled eggs, diced
1 cup sour cream, can use low fat
1/2 cup mayonnaise, can use low fat
1/4 cup pickle juice
1 teaspoon house made salad dressing
Combine potatoes, pickles, onion, celery, pepper and eggs and toss. Combine the sour cream, mayonnaise, pickle

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KNITTING together a COMMUNITY

Age-old craft rediscovered its social roots

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Knitters make up a thriving community of men, women and children, young and old alike. Not just for little old ladies anymore, knitting is a portable activity for keeping the hands busy while accomplishing something.

It's a calming pastime, a way of reducing stress.

But some folks knit for knitting's sake. According to the Washington Post, nearly 38 million men, women and children knit worldwide.

Jennifer Hamilton, manager of From Sheep to Shawl in Twin Falls, says interest in home arts is cyclic, building for several years and then dropping off. Right now, it's at a peak.

Mary Ash, owner of Tiffany Square in Twin Falls, says the surge in local popularity of knitting in recent years can be attributed to the celebrity knitters such as Julia Roberts, Cameron Diaz and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

"People think if knitting is OK for movie stars, it is OK for me," Ash said. There are even men, locally, who knit, she says. Dorothy Tanner - a talented 62-year-old self-taught local knitter - has made more than 100 afghans and given them as gifts to friends and relatives in Idaho, Utah and even on the East Coast over the years. She works on afghans every day while watching television so that she has something to show for her TV time.

In the past, mothers and grandmothers taught daughters and granddaughters to knit, but formal classes may be the best way for beginners to learn today because Mom and Grandma don't always knit anymore. Hedy Vann, executive coordinator of technology for the Public Broadcasting System in Washington, D.C., teaches knitting to coworkers at her workplace and has had as many as 25 show up for lunchtime classes.

According to the Washington Post, Americans spent an estimated \$450 million on yarn last year - up from \$400 million five years ago. Yarn wholesalers can't keep up with demand, forcing them to retrofit plants and build new yarn mills.

Ash says the choice of yarn available today is extensive - a far cry from the Red Heart skeins of yesterday. Modern yarns are made of silk, linen, mohair, alpaca, cashmere, rayon, wool, cotton and acrylic.

Some yarns have metallic threads run through them, some resemble ribbons. There is an eyelash yarn that adds a look of fringe to a garment, and there are lace yarns and finely textured yarns. Beads can be knitted into the fabric and there are boucle, brushed and chenille finishes to name a few.

Skein prices run from around \$4 to \$40 per 100-yard skein - enough to do a scarf. Ash says:

"There is such a large variety of yarns available on the market today that one

Getting started

To get started, a knitter needs yarn, needles and a bit of instruction. Local teachers say they can't offer enough knitting classes to fill the demand. Classes are taught at Sheep to Shawl (735-8425), 628 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, and at Tiffany Square (736-7289), 132 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls. Some classes are being scheduled at From Sheep to Shawl. If enough people request a class, one can be taught any time of the year. Mary Ash, owner of Tiffany Square, is willing to demonstrate how to get a person knitting in 15 minutes to a half hour. And Jennifer Hamilton, manager of From Sheep to Shawl, says the staff at From Sheep to Shawl can demonstrate knit, puri, cast-on and cast-off stitches for customers and will offer free advice on a project to anybody who purchases yarn from the store.

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<http://www.knitting.com>, an online resource for knitters, covers everything you want to know about knitting from sets for yarn barns to knitting groups, to message boards to knit-alongs, to patterns and discussion groups to heritage yarns.



Dorothy Tanner has started a new comstarch-colored afghan. She knits while watching television in the evenings. Photos by DIXIE THOMAS REALE/The Times-News

shop can possibly stock even one-third of the many choices, Hamilton says. The new yarns don't tangle like the old varieties used to, so the knitter doesn't have to wind the yarn into a ball to keep from tying itself in knots anymore, saving one time consuming step, Turner says. Knitting needles are priced starting at around \$5 a pair. You usually need two-knitting needles made of plastic, wood or steel to make a series of loops and knots or stitches called knit, puri, cast-on and cast-off with yarn. These stitches create a fabric. The fabric becomes sweaters, scarves, socks, mittens, hats and afghans. Ash says it's easy to get started knitting

because of the availability of large needles and wide variety of yarns. There are scarfs kits with yarn, needles and instructions. The beginner learns one knitting stitch and repeats it throughout the entire scarf. The needles are large and the project goes fast. If the beginner makes a mistake, it's no big deal because it looks like part of the pattern and nobody knows the difference. Once the first project is completed, the novice feels successful and wants to try another knitting project, learns another stitch and he or she is hooked, Ash says. Turner prefers to use one long curved needle with points on both ends because she makes afghans and can't get the whole length of the afghan on one needle.

Manufacturers don't make the needles long enough, Turner claims. She used to use two long needles and make her afghans in blocks, then knit the finished blocks together. But no matter how carefully she worked she couldn't hide the seams. So now rather than using two long needles she employs one large circular needle exclusively and a small ring is used to mark her place in the knitting pattern. "The large circular needle will hold an entire afghan," Turner said. Each afghan she makes uses between \$20 and \$30 worth of yarn, and represents Please see KNITTING, Page C5

A natural history of knitting

The art of hand knitting has been practiced for thousands of years. How this art was learned by ancient humans is still a mystery, and so is the country and time of its origin. However, some believe that the craft originated in Persia. Others claim Israel, Jordan and Syria, and still others maintain it was in the mountains of North Africa. Knitted socks discovered in Egyptian tombs have been dated between the 3rd and 6th centuries. In medieval Europe, hand-knitting was an important industry and had developed into an advanced craft by 16th century. From ancient times, the art of hand knitting remained an occupation for women. Originally knitting was confined to making socks and women's stockings. Earlier than that, the leg and foot coverings were woven. In 1589, William Lee, a clogmaker, invented the first knitting machine in England. In the 17th and 18th centuries, knitting was gradually taken over by

guild-organized cottage industry. Interestingly, the basic technology of the modern-day knitting machines is similar to Lee's machine. Even the full-fashioned machine invented in 1864 by William Cotton of Leicester, England, used the same bearded-spring needle, which was part of the original model of Lee's. In the 19th century power was applied to the knitting machines and simultaneously circular-knitting machines appeared on the scene. Women's stockings when knitted on original machines were a straight knitted tube, because stitches could not be added or dropped on circular knitting machine. So these products were known as hosiery. The word hosiery is derived from the old English hose, which means a covering for the leg. Now seamless stockings are knitted even on circular machines, developed in the mid-19th century. To start with cotton, wool, silk and later rayon yarns were used for making

hosiery, but with the emergence of nylon in the 1940s women preferred nylon hose, because they could be permanently formed into the desired shape by heating. The use of nylon also improved the fit of hosiery due to stretchability of nylon fabrics. Subsequently in Great Britain, hosiery came to be associated with all types of machine-knit garments, now called knitwear. In United States, stockings, socks, panty hose, and tights are still called hosiery products. Between 1880 to 1910, knitwear was mainly a female fashion. Later knitted pullovers, cardigans, skirts, men's underwear, sportswear and swimwear became popular. Developments in the 20th century increased the production speeds of the machines and offered wider choice to pattern the knitted fabrics. Now computer-controlled knitting machines have come on the scene, which are highly versatile. Source: J.N. Vohra

FOOD & HOME

Berry basics

Los Angeles Times

Strawberries are among spring's simplest pleasures. If you remember a few basic rules...

Choose the best berries by aroma, not color or size. The flavor of strawberries is complex only by smelling around you will get the best. Once you've found the ones that smell the sweetest, check the underside of the box to make sure there's no spoilage.

Store strawberries at room temperature for as long as possible. The chemical compounds that make up much of the berries' flavor are cold sensitive, and chilling will diminish their taste.

Wash strawberries in plenty of cold running water, but do it before removing the green caps. This helps prevent the water from getting up moisture and diluting the flavor.

Remember that sugar draws moisture out of berries. In some cases, this is bad - if you want the berries to remain firm, sugar them just before serving or they'll go limp. In other cases it's a big help - sugar strawberries for ice cream well in advance of freezing and you won't end up with ice cubes in your ice cream.

The red color of strawberries comes from the pigment anthocyanin, which is not heat stable. If you cook strawberries alone, that lovely crimson color will turn to a bristled purple. But acidity stabilizes the pigment, so add some lemon or orange juice (or bake the berries with rhubarb) and the color will remain red.

When you've got great berries, the simplest treatment are always the best. I can't imagine a more perfect spring dessert than lightly sugared strawberries served atop vanilla ice cream. In fact, if the berries are really grand, serve them by themselves. This is especially nice at the end of a party when you still have red wine in your glass for dipping.

If you want to get a little more elegant, serve the strawberries in a light flavored syrup. Basil is brilliant. Use just enough to bring out the berries' herbal complexity. Adding orange slices is not only pretty, it also adds another layer of flavor.

If strawberries have a drawback - and I'm not saying that they do - it's their veins. You can take care of that by mounding them in a pastry crust (strained strawberry jelly will keep things together). Or you can bake them in a crisp with some of that rhubarb - for color and flavor.

Another way to add a little crunch to those succulent berries is with meringues. One of the classic French strawberry desserts is the "vacherin" - a meringue base spread with whipped cream and topped with strawberries. This quick version captures most of the original charm without forcing you to beat, pipe out and bake all those egg whites. Commercial meringues vary in sweetness, so test before adding them to the recipe; you might adjust the amount of sugar added to the whipped cream or to the berries.

Strawberry fields forever in California

Los Angeles Times

Kirk Larson knows that somewhere among the more than 25,000 plants he inspects every week, the next great strawberry might be waiting to be discovered.

A plant breeder for the University of California, he helps run a program that has produced some of the most delicious berries offered at local farmers markets - Goufotas, Sessopas and Chandlers. And it has also succeeded in extending the fruit's season from the couple of months nature traditionally allotted to nearly all year-round.

Now the trick is finding a strawberry that will do both.

Although he doesn't know when this hero will turn up - maybe this year or maybe five or six years from now - he does know many of the things it will have to do. It will have to be a tough plant, resistant to the many pests that plague the crop. The fruit will be firm enough that you can ship it to New York and have it arrive looking just the same as the day it was picked in Southern California.

The plant will pop out berries like a little fruit factory. And it will do so steadily over an entire yearlong growing cycle, regardless of the season or the weather. These days, having plants that produce during January and February's rains is not a bonus but a requirement.

The strawberries will be beautiful to look at, bright red and perfectly conical in shape. They will be huge, each one weighing about an ounce. And they will appear at the end of long stems, well free of the plant's leaves so they'll be easy to pick.

The flavor? Well, the flavor should be good, too, but that's less crucial, from Larson's point of view. The history of strawberry breeding is littered with great-tasting berries that were no longer popular. The most recent example is the Chandler.

"The fruit looked great and tasted good, but if you shipped it to New York, when the buyer opened the box, the fruit was all leaking out the bottom - that's an automatic rejection," Larson says.

"You've paid all that money to grow the fruit, pack it and ship it, and it's a total loss. That only has to happen a couple of times before you get real tired of it."

That might sound hard-nosed, but it is this philosophy that since World War II has transformed what was once a tender icon of spring into one of the marvels of modern industrial agriculture. Since 1950, California strawberry growers have increased their production more than twentyfold, from 81 million to about 1.67 billion pounds.

Last year, strawberries earned more than \$1 billion and were the fourth most profitable fruit or vegetable grown in California, behind only grapes, lettuce and almonds. The state produces more than 85 percent of all the strawberries grown in this country and more than 20 percent of all the strawberries grown in the world.

At the root of this transformation have been the breeding programs strawberry breeders Larson, working out of the South Coast Research and Extension Center at Irvine, Calif., and his partner Doug Shaw, who



Los Angeles Times photo

Strawberries and oranges in basil syrup.

What's in a name?

The modern strawberry owes its discovery to a Frenchman named Amedee Francois Frazier, who, while spying on Spanish fortifications in Chile in 1712, collected specimens of some very large wild strawberries he found growing nearby.

He brought these Fragaria chiloensis back to Europe, where they were crossed with wild berries collected in Virginia (F virginiana) to produce the ancestor of all modern commercial strawberries, F ananassa. Traditional European wild berries (F vesca and F moschata, commonly called "fraise des bois") are too delicate to grow commercially.

Ironically, according to strawberry historian George McMillan Darrow, Frazier's last name (as well as the common surname Fraser, Fraser or Frazer), dates from an earlier strawberry incident.

In the 10th century, one of Frazier's forefathers presented the king of France with a gift of perfectly ripe berries at an important banquet. For this he was knighted and presented with the last name Fraise (the Fraser coat of arms displays these strawberry flowers).

His name before the change? Julius de Berry. Source: The Washington Post

operates out of Davis, in Northern California, are the newest generation.

The two are split because growers in different areas of the state have different demands, both aimed at cashing in on the lucrative off-season market. There is far more money to be made selling strawberries when nobody else has them than trying to peddle them when the stores are glutted. The same fat of strawberries that sells for \$6 to \$8 in June can fetch a farmer \$30 to \$40 more in December or January.

In Southern California, farmers prize "short-day" varieties that will ripen early. In the north, they prefer "day neutral" berries, which will produce fruit all year long.

that will produce well past the traditional end of the season.

Put together, Larson and Shaw's University of California varieties account for almost two-thirds of all the berries grown in the state. Overseas, their share is even higher. Roughly 90 percent of the strawberries grown in Spain, the second-largest producer, come from University of California varieties, and these same varieties are similarly influential in strawberry fields from Mexico to Morocco.

In addition to the University of California program - which is funded partially by growers through the California Strawberry Commission - there are two major private strawberry breeding programs in the state, managed by shippers Driscoll's Inc. and Well-Pict Inc. These proprietary varieties make up about one-third of the California harvest.

If ever there was a fruit that seemed designed to frustrate industrial agriculture, it is the strawberry. From the tips of its berries to the ends of its roots, it is the essence of vulnerability. Unlike most fruits, strawberries wear their seeds on the outside of their flesh rather than the inside: there is neither skin nor peel to protect the sweet meat from the predators of climate and pest. This fragility is amplified after the fruit has been picked, as the teeniest nick cut can become an open doorway for the fungi that lead to rot.

If anything, the roots are even more vulnerable than the fruit. They lack any corky bark or peel that would protect their simple tissue from soil-borne pests. As a result, an established field of strawberries is little more than a well-advertised, all-you-can-eat buffet for almost any bug around. Verticillium wilt, anthracnose crown rot and two-spotted spider mites are just a few of the most obnoxious.

STRAWBERRY VACHERIN

Servings: 8
1 1/2 pounds (about 1 1/2 pints) strawberries
1/4 cup sugar, divided

1 tablespoon orange liqueur
2 cups whipped cream
2 ounces meringues (about 6, 2-1/2 inch, round meringues)
1/2 cup toasted sliced almonds

Wash the strawberries, remove their caps and slice them. In a bowl, gently stir together the strawberries, 2 tablespoons sugar and the orange liqueur. Set aside.

Beat the whipping cream with the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar until soft peaks form. Cut each meringue in half crosswise and then vertically.

Put the strawberries once more and add them to the whipped cream. Add the meringues and gently fold together just until combined.

Divide the mixture among 8 (1/2 cup) serving dishes. Sprinkle each serving with 1 tablespoon toasted almonds and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.
Total time: 20 minutes, plus chilling time.
Each serving: 317 calories; 3 grams protein; 21 grams carbohydrates; 2 grams fiber; 25 grams fat; 14 grams saturated fat; 82 mg. cholesterol; 28 mg. sodium.

Prepare the syrup by bringing the water and sugar to a boil and then cooking just until clear, 2 to 3 minutes. Let the syrup cool very briefly and add the sliced basil. Set aside to steep and cool while you prepare the fruit.

Wash the strawberries, remove their caps and cut them in quarters if normal sized, or sixths if very large. Cut away the orange peel, being careful to remove all of the bitter white pith. Working over a mixing bowl to catch any juice, cut the oranges in sections, leaving behind the membrane that separates the sections.

Add the strawberries to the orange sections and juice and pour the syrup over. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes before serving.

Total time: 30 minutes, plus chilling time.
Each serving: 144 calories; 1 gram protein; 36 grams carbohydrates; 4 grams fiber; 0 fat; 0 saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 2 mg. sodium.

STRAWBERRIES AND ORANGES IN BASIL SYRUP

Servings: 8
1 1/2 cups water
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup thinly sliced basil
2 pounds (about 2 1/2 pints) strawberries
4 oranges

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Versatile meat: It's time to pig out on pork

Consider the pig, that four-footed collection of some of the most enjoyable and tasty cuts of meat known to man. Pork, considered white meat, sports a wide range of flavors ranging from sweet to savory.

It can be baked, broiled and boiled, grilled, fried and butter-fried. It produces a different and exotic taste from the same animal.

The pig has been on this planet for nearly 40 million years and for as long as man has been on this good earth, he has pigged out on pork. Indeed, carbon dating has shown that the earliest known usage of pigs for food preparation was about 700,000 years ago, at a campsite in the northern Dead Sea valley of modern day Israel.

The site, called Gesher Benot Yaqov, has shown trace amounts of porcine parts, most now inedible, but definitely a part of the subsistence diet. Now, those early campers really knew how to eat. Evidence shows that besides pork, a wide range of animals were consumed, including birds, deer, hippo, horses and rhino. (Sorry, I don't have a recipe for rhino, but I hear it tastes like chicken).

The pig is considered the fourth most intelligent animal on the planet (if truly don't know how they determined this, as I've never seen a pig psychiatrist sliding out an IQ test). Despite being ranked temporary and violent in the wild, this intelligence makes them remarkably easy to train and domesticate.

The first evidence of raising pigs domestically was in China around 7500 B.C. But initially, it was intended only for royal consumption. Around 4000 B.C., the pork-hungry emperor issued a royal decree ordering all of his subjects to raise pigs. The decree proved so successful that an abundance of meat soon developed. Deer, hippo, horses and rhino meat sold on the international commodities market. To this day, China remains the world's largest producer and consumer of pork.

Pigs have also played an interesting role in the American financial markets. In early day New York City, in what is now known as Lower Manhattan, a herd of roaming pigs created havoc for the local grain farmers. After several unsuccessful attempts to capture or kill the four-legged beasts, the farmers all banded together to build a stout wall to protect their crops. The road alongside of this barrier became known as the modern day Wall Street and the first marketplace located on that road where those pigs were sold, was called the "stock market."

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Pardon the expression

Pork and pork have connoted several colorful phrases to our vocabulary. Sayings such as, "a pig in a poke," "porkbarrel politics" and "going whole hog" each contribute to our daily vernacular and each has an interesting story behind its derivation:

- "A pig in a poke:" This refers to a common scam in 17th century England, whereby an unscrupulous individual places a cat in a burlap bag (called a poke) and go in search of an unsuspecting soul to buy his "pig in a poke!" Interestingly, when the unlucky buyer opened the poke, he literally "let the cat out of the bag."

- "Porkbarrel politics:" During the Civil War, salt pork was delivered to the troops in large barrels. If a cook wanted to impress an officer or NCO, he would dip into the barrel for a choice cut of meat. By the mid-1870s, a politician who tapped public funds to fund projects in his home district and thus impress his constituency, was said to be "digging into the pork barrel" or "proceeding 'porkbarrel politics.'"

- "Going whole hog:" This phrase stems from 18th century England, when the British shilling was referred to as a "hog." This was a

derogatory term in reference to the rather portly monarch plotted on the coin's face. When a person went out for the evening and spent an entire evening on a date, he was said to be "going whole hog."

Some of these common phrases actually have origins derived from pork as a food product. For example, "living high on the hog," which was started by U.S. Army officers in the 18th century, is the practice of feeding the common soldier cuts from the legs and lower pig, while higher cuts such as the pork loin were reserved for the officers.

The word barbecue comes from French-speaking pirates of the Caribbean. When they first experienced a whole roasted pig cooked in this manner, they uttered the phrase, "le barbe et queue," which is translated as "from beard to tail." By this, they were inferring that literally every part of the pig could be consumed. Though only referring to barbecue, the French phrase holds true for all pork, as nearly every part of the pig is eaten somewhere in the world. From pickled pigs feet to hog's head soup, pork is present on the tables of every continent on earth.

meat and vegetables. Pork sauce over top. Cover and bake at 275 degrees for 3 hours.

Servings: 6, Calories: 288, Carbs: 8.6g, Total Fat: 5.5g

PORK MANICOTTI WITH MARINARA SAUCE

- One 6-ounce package manicotti shells
- 2 lbs. olive oil
- 2 lbs. ground Italian pork sausage
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. chopped cilantro
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp. chopped basil

• One 15-ounce can tomato sauce

• One 6-ounce can tomato paste

• 1 1/2 cup chopped Roma tomatoes

• 1/4 cup grated onion

• 1/4 cup finely chopped bell peppers

• 1/2 tsp. garlic salt

• 1/2 tsp. brown sugar

• 1/2 tsp. dried oregano

• 1/2 tsp. chopped basil

• 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes

In a saute pan, bring lightly salted water to boil and manicotti shells and cook 8-10 minutes, until al dente. Drain

and set aside.

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add meat, onion, garlic salt and pepper and saute, until meat is brown. Drain off grease.

In a bowl, combine ricotta, 1 cup mozzarella, parmesan, eggs and herbs and mix together thoroughly. Stuff shells with filling and place side-by-side in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish.

In a saute pan, combine all ingredients of marinara sauce and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer, stirring for 20 minutes. Four sauce over stuffed shells and top with remaining mozzarella cheese. Place in an oven, preheated to 350 degrees and bake for 40-45 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes, before serving.

Servings: 6, Calories: 640, Carbs: 38.2g, Total Fat: 26.6g

STIR-FRY PORK WITH ALMONDS

- 2 lbs. peanut oil, divided
- 2 cups onion vertically sliced in strips
- 2 cups small broccoli florets
- 1 cup carrots, bias sliced
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, julienne
- 1/2 cup stir-fried celery
- 2 lbs. pork tenderloin, sliced thin
- 1/4 tsp. crushed pepper flakes
- 1/4 cups chopped chives
- 1/4 cup blanched sliced almonds
- 1 lbs. minced fresh ginger
- 1 lbs. garlic paste
- 2 lbs. sesame seeds
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 4 cups cooked white rice

In a large skillet or wok, heat 1 tablespoon peanut oil over high heat. Add onions and stir-fry for 4 minutes. Add broccoli and stir-fry for 3 minutes. Add carrots, peppers and celery and stir-fry for 1 minute. Remove veggies to a bowl to keep warm. Add remaining oil, pork and pepper flakes to skillet and cook for 5 minutes. Add chives, almonds, ginger, garlic and sugar and stir-fry for 1 minute. Reduce heat to medium.

In a bowl, combine wet ingredients and cornstarch. Add to skillet, along with veggies and cook stirring until sauce thickens. Serve over rice.

Servings: 6, Calories: 526, Carbs: 48.3g, Total Fat: 13.6g

STUFFED PORK CHOPS

Some grocery stores regularly

stock thick pork chops, but most

don't. Just talk to your butcher and he should provide just what you need for no extra charge.

- 6 pork chops, 1-1 1/4 inches thick
- 4 ounces feta cheese
- 1 apple, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup chopped chives
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. mustard powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 lbs. vegetable oil

Cut slices in diet of pork chops all the way to bone-forming pockets. Opening should not be

Heat oil in a hot skillet. Sear each pork chop in skillet for 3 minutes per side. Place in a baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve with au gratin potatoes, asparagus spears and croissants.

Servings: 6, Calories: 445, Carbs: 18.5g, Total Fat: 13.7g

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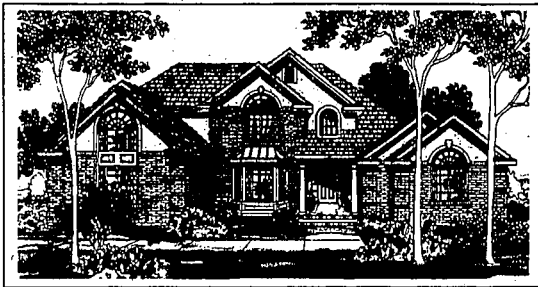
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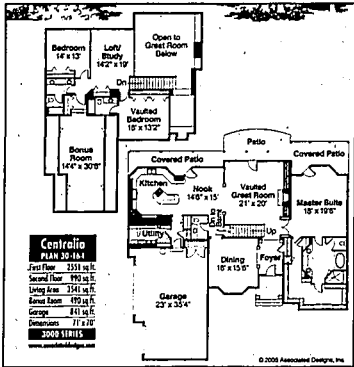
No doubt about it, this is a large home. It boasts more than 3,500 square feet of living area, plus a huge bonus room and a three-car garage.

Stepping inside, you pass under a plant shelf into the two-story entry. Plants glory in natural light spilling down through the arched window over the door.

Ahead, another plant shelf caps an arched opening that leads into a dramatic vaulted great room. Glass fills more than half of the rear wall, while fireplace nestles between cabinetry that could house a home entertainment center or be filled with books and art. A wide arch, flanked by columns, leads into the kitchen's bright eating nook.

Spacious and lavishly appointed, the kitchen easily accommodates multiple chefs. Notable features include a bay window, roomy pantry and rambling work island.

From there, one passageway leads to an elegant dining room with a tray ceiling and wide bay window. Another leads to a large utility room equipped with a pull-down ironing board.



deep sink, long folding counter, and a closet for hanging clothes.

Large and luxurious, the master suite is the only bedroom on the main floor. The unique walk-in closet wraps around two sides of an octagonal bathroom with a spa tub, oversized shower, private toilet, and dual vanity bay.

Upstairs, a huge loft or study overlooks the Centralia's vaulted great room, and each bedroom has its own bathroom. That huge sky-it bonus room is

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Spatial enclosure transforms garden into refuge

By Joel M. Lerner
The Washington Post

Have you ever wished for a secret garden, like the one in the famous children's story where an intrepid young lady brings to bloom both the neglected garden and the motherless invalid boy? The garden in Frances Hodgson Burnett's book is walled and locked, and within it the children discover a mysterious, inspiring world.

It would be relaxing to come home from a hard day and step into such a serene and secluded place, wouldn't it? The lack of an English manor house surrounded by acres of grounds shouldn't discourage you. With a little planning and ingenuity, you can turn your garden, or part of your garden, into a hidden refuge.

In landscape terminology, this practice is called "spatial enclosure." It offers the illusion that the world is sealed out, and the garden is its own little sphere. Generally it refers to screening the side of your space, but you can also screen from above with a canopy of leafy boughs. A high masonry wall, like the one in the story, is

the most severe form of enclosure, but feelings of seclusion and security can come from all sorts of strategies.

You might not need to enclose the entire garden. You could close off part of the yard with plantings or a hedge, leaving room inside for a bench and maybe a bit of sculpture or a sundial.

If you have a deck, you might want to enclose part of it for more privacy. The deck at the back of my house is enclosed on one side by a six-foot-tall fence of wooden lattice, neatly finished with wood frames and fitted with a shelf for plants. The rest is open to the wooded surroundings, but simply not being able to see the neighbor's windows provides a sense of privacy.

Any element that is a barrier offers enclosure. There's a wonderful garden "room" at Hillwood Museum and Gardens in Washington, the former home of Marjorie Merivale Post, that has "walls" made of ivy. The ivy is supported by an iron fence, but you can see the metal; the ivy is clipped to about six inches on either side of it. Of course, it takes a while to cover an eight-

foot-tall fence with ivy—three years, Hillwood horticulturist Bill Johnson said. You can use other plants that grow faster, such as crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata*), trumpet vine (*Campsis radicans*) or honeysuckle.

Actually, the barrier doesn't have to be either tall or solid to create a feeling of seclusion. Sometimes a screen or a suggestion of enclosure is all you need. An old-fashioned picket fence can turn a yard into a more private space. A couple of pieces of fencing, placed at right angles, can screen a busy corner and lend a note of privacy.

An herb garden could be surrounded by short boxwood hedges or other plants. Try street-front gardens in the oldest parts of Charleston are often bordered by litrape, as they are a frame around a painting.

Clients once asked me to enclose their backyard swimming pool without blocking their views of the rolling lawn and woods behind. I used masses of flowers—black-eyed Susans, purple coneflowers and other plants—along the far edge and side of the paving around the

In praise of the toaster oven

DEAR JIM: My husband claims it is better to use the oven broiler than a toaster oven to toast bread and bagels and prepare small dishes. I think he is wrong and I want to get a toaster oven. Who is correct?

-DIANE L.

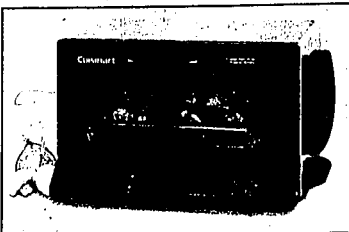
DEAR DIANE: Chalk up one for the lady of the house. There are many reasons it is better to use a toaster oven than the large oven/broiler in your range. To go even one step further, for toasting bread, bagels, waffles, etc., a standard toaster is even better and faster than a toaster oven.

One good reason for using a toaster or toaster oven is to save money. The heating elements in your range oven can use more than 3,500 watts of electricity. A typical toaster uses only about 900 watts and a toaster oven uses from 1,350 to 1,500 watts. During the summer, your air conditioner has to run longer to remove all the extra heat created by the oven broiler so it is a double expense.

I would recommend you purchase both a toaster and a toaster oven for the best overall efficiency and time savings. Some simple toasters cost as little as \$15 so it won't be a budget buster. A toaster toasts bread faster than a toaster oven and is the best choice when toasting just one or two slices.

If your budget is not limited, consider a toaster with digital controls. These provide more accuracy and consistency in toasting just one or two slices.

West Bend has a convenient, fast model which automatically moves the slice of bread or bagel through the toaster. You put the slice of bread in the top of the toaster and it slowly moves down past the heating elements and it slides out the bottom on a tray when it is done. The tray closes flat against the side of the toaster to save space when it is not in use.



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When selecting a toaster oven, consider a more expensive one with digital controls. As with toasters, these provide more precise heating. The controls are also easier to see when your eyes may not focus as well in the morning. Measure the size of a slice of bread you typically toast to determine if the toaster oven will accommodate four or six slices at a time. A good-quality toaster oven can be used for most of your smaller baking and roasting needs.

A model which includes a convection feature will cook items faster. It costs more, so if time is not an issue, you may not need it. Models labeled as "infrared heating" toast bread faster. If you broil hamburgers, look for an easy-to-clean non-stick or porcelain interior. The following companies offer toaster and toaster ovens: Braun (800-272-8622 www.braun.com), Cuisinart

DEAR JIM: I have purchased water-saving showerheads in the past, but I have never seen any water-saving faucet adapters. It seems as if faucets use a lot of water too. Do you know of any sources for faucet adapters?

-JEFF N.
DEAR JEFF: Water-saving adapters are not commonly needed on faucets as they are on showers. With a faucet, you can adjust the water temperature and the flow rate. Most showers allow you to control only the water temperature so a low-flow showerhead helps. You might try installing a different aerator on the faucet. Some aerators allow you to control only the water temperature so a low-flow showerhead helps. You might try installing a different aerator on the faucet. Most showers allow you to control only the water temperature so a low-flow showerhead helps. You might try installing a different aerator on the faucet. Most showers allow you to control only the water temperature so a low-flow showerhead helps. You might try installing a different aerator on the faucet. Most showers allow you to control only the water temperature so a low-flow showerhead helps.

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Best-of-both worlds stir-fry recipe

The Associated Press

Good taste and good nutrition don't always go hand in hand, but when they do, diners can eat with a special level of delight. This recipe for a substantial main-course dish is an example of well-calculated benefits on both counts.

The dish is low in fat, but high in nutrition and flavor from an imaginative combination of ingredients influenced by Southeast Asian cooking, especially in its use of fruit.

The recipe is among 200 in "The New American Plate Cookbook" (California, 2005, \$24.95), subtitled "Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life," which comes from the American Institute for Cancer Research, the Washington, D.C.-based cancer charity, research and education organization.

SWEET POTATO AND PEAR STIR-FRY WITH CHICKEN AND CHILI SAUCE

- Makes 6 servings
2 tbs. reduced-sodium soy sauce
1 tsp. sugar
1 tbs. mirin or sake or dry white wine
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast or thigh, cut into thin bite-sized pieces
2 tsp. cornstarch
1 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 1/2 tbs. Vietnamese or Thai fish sauce or reduced-sodium soy sauce, or to taste
1/4 tsp. dried red pepper flakes, or to taste
2 large orange-flesh sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tbs. canola oil
2 large garlic cloves, minced
2 tbs. peeled and minced fresh ginger
Pinch of cayenne
1 medium yellow bell pepper, seeded and cut into bite-sized pieces
1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and cut into bite-



This photo provided by University of California Press shows Sweet Potato and Pear Stir-Fry With Chicken and Chili Sauce. The dish is low in fat, but high in nutrition and flavor from an imaginative combination of ingredients influenced by Southeast Asian cooking, especially in its use of fruit. Recipe and photo are from "The New American Plate Cookbook."

sized pieces
1/2 cup canned whole water chestnuts, drained and sliced
1 large Asian pear or Bosc pear, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
1 bag (6 oz.) baby spinach leaves
3 cups hot cooked brown rice
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, loosely packed, for garnish
To prepare the marinade, combine the soy sauce, sugar and mirin in a glass, plastic or nonreactive metal pan large enough to hold the chicken. Add the chicken, tossing to coat all sides, and marinate for up to 30 minutes at room temperature, or cover and refrigerate for 1 hour, or up to 8 hours. If chilled, bring the chicken to room temperature before beginning to stir-fry.
To prepare the sauce, in a small bowl or measuring cup, stir or whisk the cornstarch with the broth until completely blended. Stir in the fish sauce and red pepper flakes. Set the

sauce aside.
In a large pot, add the sweet potatoes with water to cover. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for about 3 minutes, until the sweet potatoes are fairly resistant when pierced with a fork. Drain the sweet potatoes into a colander and set aside.
Remove the chicken from the marinade and pat it dry with a paper towel. Discard the marinade.
In a large, heavy skillet or wok, heat 1 tablespoon of the canola oil over medium-high heat. Add the garlic, ginger, and cayenne and stir-fry for 30 seconds, or until the garlic is golden. Add the chicken to the skillet and stir-fry for about 3 to 4 minutes, until just cooked through or until the juices run clear. Transfer the contents of the skillet to a bowl.
In the same skillet, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of canola oil over medium-high heat. Add the drained sweet potatoes, bell peppers and water

chestnuts. Stir-fry for about 3 minutes, until the bell peppers and the sweet potatoes are not quite tender. Add the cooked chicken, pear and spinach. Stir-fry stirring constantly, just until the spinach is wilted, about 2 to 3 minutes.
Stir the sauce and add to the skillet. Cook, stirring constantly, for 2 to 3 minutes, just until the sauce becomes clear and thickened. Immediately remove from the heat.
Use a slotted spoon to serve the stir-fry mixture over the rice. Garnish with the cilantro. Pass the sauce to add separately, as desired.
Nutrition information per serving: 370 cal., 7 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated), 54 g carbs., 24 g pro., 7 g dietary fiber, 754 mg sodium.

Veggie shopping tips

Knigt Rllder News Service

Some things to consider when buying fresh veggies:

- When buying spinach, look for deep green, fresh leaves that are not torn or soggy. Broccoli and asparagus should be bright green and firm to the touch.
- New potatoes will have small indentations but should have thin, healthy-looking red skins. Green beans also should be slender and firm, with a rich green color.
- To season vegetables in healthier ways, steam in chicken broth instead of adding salt. Use herbs for seasoning. Or branch and chill to serve as snacks.
- The new dietary guidelines recommend at least five servings of veggies a day. The guidelines encourage increasing the number of dark green vegetables such as broccoli and spinach.
- In addition to blanching and steaming, roasting is a delicious way to enhance the flavor of a vegetable.
- To store fresh asparagus, trim ends and place upright in a container in water in the refrigerator until ready to prepare.
- Green beans, broccoli and spinach should be kept in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator.
- Introduce a baby or toddler to vegetables one at a time, checking for the child's preference and to ensure the child is not allergic. For babies 4 to 6 months old, puree vegetables; for those 7 to 9 months old, serve mashed vegetables such as potatoes, squash and peas. For children 10 to 12 months old, begin to introduce raw vegetables such as peeled tomatoes and cucumbers, which are soft and easy to chew.

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Knitting

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about one month of time. Tanner and Shaw will be on special whenever she can.
She recently spent \$50 and got "enough yarn to last for several months."
Over the years, Tanner has made a variety of garments, patterns and stitches, ranging from argyle socks to multiple scenes on a sweater. She also has a high-fashion pattern and memorized the stitch sequence so that she no longer has to refer to instructions.
Knitting is often perceived as a solitary activity, but more and more people are coming together,

gravitating to knitting groups and knitting as a community. From Sheep to Shawl has knitting get-togethers on Wednesday afternoons and all day Saturdays. People can bring their knitting, come to the store, and knit along with others — whoever shows up.
Once a month the Magic Valley Knitting Guild meets at From Sheep to Shawl.
Wendy Johnson, a team leader at the federal Labor Department, has sponsored online knit-alongs at her blog, www.wendyknilts.net, and has people from all over the world knitting the same project together, sharing questions,

suggestions and ideas. Last fall Johnson's knit-along project was a Japanese-looking pattern created by an American woman living in Sweden.
On April 9, From Sheep to Shawl will sponsor a color stitching and dyeing workshop at Miracle Hot Springs west of Boise. Participants will learn how to dye yarn and end up with one of a kind yarn for their knitting projects. Hamilton says, "—The Associated Press and the Washington Post contributed to this report."
Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached at 324-3670.

Valley

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flesh and horse radish and whisk all smooth. Pour over the potato mixture, mix well and serve. Allow to stand for 20 minutes to 1/2 hour before serving to allow the flavors to blend.

Years ago, when I was younger, I ate a rich and creamy chicken liver dish in a restaurant in Fredericksburg, Va. I've never tasted it since but recently came across a recipe that sounds like it just might duplicate the dish I remember. Of course I have since reached that age where I have to watch the bacon and animal fat and would probably leave the dish in the bacon fat. Turned out, but here is the recipe straight out of "Cooking With California Wines."

GOLD COAST CHICKEN LIVERS

- Serves 4 to 6
8 slices bacon
1 pound chicken livers
1/2 teaspoon salt
dash pepper
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup white wine
finely chopped parsley
Fry bacon until crisp, drain on paper towel. Measure drippings and return 1/4 cup to skillet. Dredge chicken in flour, salt and pepper mixture. Brown lightly in hot bacon fat. Turn heat to low, add wine cover and steam 5 minutes or until livers are cooked. Crumble bacon and sprinkle with the parsley over the livers. Serve on toast, white rice or egg noodles.

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Give Nature A Hand

By Tress Erickson
You did it. You cut down the last dead tree in your yard this weekend and now you're left with a pile of wood and several yds of stumps. If you're lucky, you'll burn some of the wood in two or three stumps. Getting rid of the stumps, on the other hand, might not be as easy. You could dig them up, but that will take hours of back-breaking work. You could rent a stump grinder, but that will leave a dent in your pocketbook. The best way to get rid of the stumps is to let them decompose naturally, but that will take years. A better alternative might be to speed up the decomposition process and get rid of the stumps without a lot of expense or backbreaking work. Sound like a good idea? Read on to learn more.
The first step is to remove the stumps in your yard. First, you'll need to gather the necessary supplies: a chain saw and drill, some plastic tarp and some high-nitrogen fertilizer and garden mulch. Next, you need to cut each stump as close to the ground as possible with a chain saw.

Don't get too close to the ground, or you'll cut the chain. After you've leveled all of the stumps, drill several holes a few inches deep into each stump. The bigger and deeper the holes, the better.
Fill the holes with water and a fertilizer high in nitrogen. Manure will work, as will a commercial-grade 4-5-0 fertilizer. When you're finished, hose down each of the stumps and the surrounding ground with water and cover them with plastic tarp. This will help retain moisture in and around the stumps. Add some mulch on top of the tarp around each stump and pack it with water. In addition to keeping the stumps moist, the wet mulch will weigh down the tarp and prevent it from blowing away. If needed, you can also tie some heavy stones on the tarp.
Periodically remove the mulch and tarp from each stump and soak the ground and stump again. Add more fertilizer, re-soak the tarp and mulch, and hose down the stumps. Then sit back, relax and wait for the stumps to rot. Depending upon the size of the stumps and how well

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Curry some flavor: Try Indian cooking

Los Angeles Times

New Delhi, India-born Suvir Saran is rocketing toward the top of the Indian food scene in the United States with his fresh take on Indian-style home cooking.

It's what he taught in his popular cooking classes at New York University. It's the theme he established at the New York restaurant Anna, where he and co-chef Hemant Mathur attracted critical praise and a serious following. It's what he and Mathur cook now at the highly regarded restaurant Devi, which opened, also in New York, last year.

It's the topic of his book "Indian Home Cooking," coauthored by Stephen Snydes (Clarkson Potter, \$32.50). And this summer he'll try it out on the toughest of audiences, Indians in India.

Saran, 32, and Mathur will open up as partners in a restaurant on Connaught Circle in New Delhi in July or August. Devi's owner, Rakesh Aggarwal, is also behind this project, and the food will be similar.

"We are both excited and a little nervous," Saran said in a phone interview. Except for tourists and students, Indians prefer to eat at home, and he worries that going out for home cooking may not appeal.

Saran's home cooking is anything but mundane. This is the food he grew up with in New Delhi (as the son of a well-connected Indian bureaucrat), ate as he traveled through India, wrote down as recipes as he watched Panditji, the family cook. It's embellished with choice dishes gleaned from grandmothers, mothers and aunts of friends.

It has made a hit at Devi, where, according to Saran, half of the customers are Indian. And in a twist on the usual process of cookbook creation in which a chef develops his or her best-known dishes and signature techniques at a restaurant, Saran's recipes came first and Devi's menu grew from them. About 80 percent of the restaurant's menu came from the cookbooks' pages.

At Devi, says Saran, "I give the diner one plate, a meal like an Indian would eat at home." For example, tandoori lamb chops would be accompanied by crispy potatoes with cumin, apple or quince chutney and grape raita - a meal easy to duplicate with the book.

Saran's creative, freewheeling style is flexible, never dogmatic. If recipes call for obscure ingredients such as black salt, he suggests easily obtainable alternatives. The taste may be affected, but he insists. "I make sure other recipes are used so that the dish is not robbed of its flavor," he says. Indians, like all home cooks, adjust recipes according to what's on hand rather than following them exactly, Saran points out.

These days Indian ingredients are readily available in many metropolitan areas in the United States and also online, so anyone can stock up on black mustard seeds, black salt,



South Indian-style chicken with curry leaves and black peppercorns.



Suvir Saran's Mangalore fried shrimp and marinated with easily available spices in less than five minutes.

"urad dal" (black lentils), "kalonji" (nigella, also known as onion seeds) and the like. Indian fresh cheese, "paneer," is harder to obtain. However, Saran has come up with a workable substitute: ricotta cheese baked in a loaf pan. Although I had trouble with this unorthodox procedure (the cheese burned in my oven), it turned out well in the Los Angeles Times test kitchen; one taster said that Saran's "saag paneer" (called "indian cheese in an herb and green sauce" in the book) was the best version of this dish that she had come across.

I had very good results with the recipe called "my sister's favorite corn curry," a creamy dish seasoned with ground green chiles, cumin, ginger, curry leaves and cilantro. The taste and texture are remarkable. Also wonderful is south Indian-style chicken with curry leaves and black peppercorns. Saran's take on a Chettinad dish from Tamil Nadu state. Some of Saran's recipes are complex; others are super-easy. I would make potatoes braised in a fragrant yogurt sauce only if I had hours to spare, but peeling dry potatoes, grinding spices and cooking in several stages pays off. The dish disappeared in a flash at an Indian vegetarian potluck.

Mangalore fried shrimp, on the other hand, couldn't have been easier. They're marinated with spices available in any well-stocked kitchen and cook in less than five minutes. The shrimp are colorful, and the flavor is bright and appealing.

Interestingly, Saran is a vegetarian, "but I do cheat and eat meat when I'm traveling," he says. And he cooks it beautifully, as in a lamb curry with

coriander and garam masala, set apart from ordinary north Indian lamb curries by the addition of coconut and curry leaves.

Not everything is spelled out in the cookbook. The fenugreek leaves that Saran suggests adding to "saag paneer" aren't listed in the ingredients, and I'm not sure what he means when he calls for a fresh hot green chile - a fat jalapeno, a slim small serrano? The choice would make a difference. These quibbles aren't stumbling blocks. As with all cookbooks, the recipes may require adjustments.

SOUTH INDIAN-STYLE CHICKEN

Servings: 4
Spice mix
1 1/2 fresh or 20 frozen curry leaves, torn into pieces
2 tsp. black mustard seeds
1 tsp. cumin seeds
3/4 tsp. fenugreek seeds
1/2 tsp. black peppercorns
6 whole cloves
3 green cardamom pods
1. Combine the curry leaves, mustard seeds, cumin seeds, fenugreek seeds, peppercorns, cloves and cardamom pods in a skillet over medium heat and cook, stirring, until fragrant, 1 1/2 to 2 minutes.
2. Cool slightly. Grind to a powder in a spice grinder and set aside.

Chicken and assembly
2 lbs. chicken thighs, skinned
3 small whole dried red chiles
1 tsp. ground black pepper
Juice of 1/2 lemon
3 tbs. canola oil
1/2 tsp. black mustard seeds
3 small whole dried red chiles
6 green cardamom pods
1 fresh hot green chile (serrano), sliced crosswise into

rounds (with seeds)
1/2 fresh or 18 frozen curry leaves, torn into pieces
Spice mix
1/4 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
1 (1 1/2-ounce) can coconut milk

1. Toss the chicken with one-fourth teaspoon salt, the pepper and lemon juice and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

2. Combine the oil, mustard seeds, red chiles, cardamom, green chile and curry leaves in a large sautepan over medium-high heat. Cover and cook until you hear the mustard seeds crackle, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the ground spice mix and cook, stirring, 30 seconds. Add the shredded coconut and cook, stirring, 30 seconds.

3. Add the chicken and cook, stirring, until opaque, about 3 to 5 minutes.

4. Add the coconut milk and one-half tsp. salt. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, partially covered, until the chicken is tender, 25 to 30 minutes. Stir two or three times during the last 10 minutes of cooking and scrape the bottom of the pan to keep the sauce from sticking. Taste for salt, add more if desired and serve hot.

Each serving: 535 calories; 30 grams protein; 7 grams carbohydrates; 3 grams fiber; 45 grams fat; 23 grams saturated fat; 87 mg. cholesterol; 542 mg. sodium.

MANGALORE FRIED SHRIMP

Servings: 4
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

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1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/4 tsp. turmeric
1/4 tsp. ground mustard
2 tsp. lemon juice
4 tsp. canola oil
1/2 tsp. cumin seeds or black mustard seeds
6 fresh or 10 frozen curry leaves, torn into pieces (optional)
3 tbs. finely chopped green onion
Salt

1. Rinse the shrimp and pat them dry on paper towels. Put them in a bowl and sprinkle with the cayenne, turmeric, mustard and lemon juice. Stir gently to coat the shrimp evenly with the spices. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

2. When the shrimp have marinated, combine the oil, cumin seeds and curry leaves

in a large wok or skillet over medium high heat. Cover. If using mustard seeds, because the seeds will splatter and pop, or you hear the mustard seeds crackle, 1 to 2 minutes.

3. Add the shrimp and cook 30 seconds, stirring often. Add the green onion and cook, stirring, until the shrimp turn pink all over, about 1 to 3 minutes. Sprinkle with salt to taste and serve hot.

Each serving: 167 calories; 23 grams protein; 2 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 7 grams fat; 1 gram saturated fat; 172 mg. cholesterol; 169 mg. sodium.

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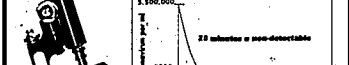
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The Boston Globe

Every night Linda Genovese sits for hours in the big, comfortable, leather chair in her family room watching little dramas unfold. Spike gets mad when his territory is invaded. Bruce bosses his counterparts around. Dory hides in fear. But Genovese isn't watching her nearby giant-screen TV. She's looking at something more interesting — the fish in her 120-gallon saltwater aquarium.

All the fishy characters have names — well, except for the lionfish with the poisonous sting that no one bothered to name. And they all have personalities that Genovese knows as well as she knows her six children. She knew right when Tad, the annularis angle fish, was sick and not quite himself recently because his eyes were cloudy. "You just attached to them," said Genovese, who lives in Hingham, Mass. "The lionfish, when I'm watching TV, will come right over to me and look at me."

For enthusiasts like Genovese, keeping sea life goes way beyond sticking goldfish in a bowl and placing them next to a lamp on an end table; she has developed enough expertise to recreate the conditions of the ocean right in her living room. Fellow fish lovers have pushed their passion even further. Karen Randall of Holliston is an aquatic gardener who keeps fish and grows aquarium plants that are found in the lakes and streams of the tropics. Bobby Branon, a 15-year-old high school student, has African cichlids in his bedroom tank and has filled a room next to the pipes and furnace in his family's basement with 11 fish tanks ranging from 10 to 30 gallons. He breeds freshwater fish and then sells them at auctions at conventions where hobbyists gather.

Bill MacIndewar, Branon's mentor and a middle school science teacher, also has a fish room where he has 25 tanks full of more than 1,500 fish from catfish to yellow and black bumblebee fish.

Each hobbyist's tank is as individual as a thumb print, but they do have traits in common. Perhaps surprisingly, many of the aquarium owners say they eat fish, even sushi. They all have to know how to spell; it's a must when you have such fish as anemocanion, bidartium and fundulopanchax gardneri from Nigeria in your tank, as Pinto does. They know their way around the Internet, where sites help them learn about fish.

They will go almost anywhere to get the fish they want. (Randall, an education advocate, once brought back a rare fish found in Amazon waters by a speaking engagement by carrying it on a plane in a bag with oxygen tanks attached.) They know how to bargain and trade to keep the expenses down. (Pinto makes his own fish food by blending beef, liver, and shrimp with carrots.) But, they are willing to pay high prices for the fish or plants they want.

Indian

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Servings: 4

Green paste

- 1 fresh, hot green chile (serano), stemmed, cut in half and seeded
- 1/2 tsp. cumin seeds
- 1/2-inch piece ginger root, peeled and cut into large chunks
- 12 fresh or 16 frozen curry leaves, torn into pieces
- 1/4 cup cilantro sprigs, with tender stems only
- 2 tbs. water

Combine the chile, cumin seeds, ginger, curry leaves, cilantro and water in a small food processor or spice grinder and process to a paste. Set aside.

Corn curry

- 1 cup milk
 - 1 cup half-and-half
 - 3 tbs. canola oil
 - 1 1/2 tsp. cumin seeds, optional
 - 3 small, whole, dried red chiles
 - 1/4 tsp. turmeric
 - 6 fresh or 10 frozen curry leaves, torn into pieces
 - 1 recipe green paste
 - 1 tbs. flour
 - 3/4 tsp. salt
 - 4 cups fresh corn kernels (about 6 ears) or frozen corn
1. Combine the milk and half-and-half in a 2-cup measure or small bowl. Combine the oil, cumin and

mustard seeds, if using. In a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Cover. If using mustard seeds, and cook until the cumin turns golden brown or you hear the mustard seeds crackle, 1 to 2 minutes.

2. Add the chiles, turmeric, curry leaves and asafoetida (if using) and stir. (Stand back when adding the curry leaves. They spit when they hit the oil.) Immediately add the green paste and reduce the heat to low. Then cook, stirring, 1 minute.

3. Add the flour and cook, stirring, 1 to 2 minutes, scraping the bottom of the pan to keep the flour from sticking. Gradually add the milk mixture; about 1 tablespoon at a time at first, to make a smooth paste. Start to add the milk more quickly, adding the final cup all at once.

4. Stir in the salt and the corn and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the corn is tender, about 4 minutes. Taste for salt and serve hot.

Each serving: 366 calories; 10 grams protein; 40 grams carbohydrates; 5 grams fiber; 22 grams fat; 6 grams saturated fat; 28 mg. cholesterol; 514 mg. sodium.

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Newsday

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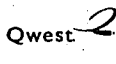
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UPSCALE MACARONI AND CHEESE

Yield: 12 servings.

- 2 tbs. (1/4 stick) butter, plus more to prepare baking dish
- 3 large red bell peppers (about 1 1/2 lbs.), cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 5 ribs celery, chopped
- Salt
- Ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 1 pound blue cheese, crumbled
- Ground red (cayenne) pepper
- Beat 3 large egg yolks
- 1/2 cup chopped celery leaves
- 1 pound penne pasta
- 3/4 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese (about 2 oz.)

Butter a 3-quart oval baking dish. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

Melt butter in a large, heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add bell peppers and celery; saute until just beginning to soften, about 7 minutes. Remove from heat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Combine cream, half-and-half and blue cheese in a heavy medium saucepan. Stir over low heat until cheese melts. Remove from heat. Season sauce with cayenne and salt and pepper to taste.

Beat yolks in a medium bowl until blended. Gradually whisk in half of the cheese sauce. Return mixture to the saucepan; whisk to blend. Stir in celery leaves. Set aside.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta; cook until just tender but still firm to the bite, stirring occasionally. Drain. Return pasta to its cooking pot. Add sauce and vegetables; stir to blend. Transfer to the baking dish. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Cover and refrigerate. Let come to room temperature before continuing.)

Sprinkle Parmesan over the pasta mixture. Bake until the pasta is heated through, the sauce is bubbling and the top is beginning to brown, about 25 minutes.

PER SERVING: 482 calories; 36g fat (56 percent calories from fat); 18.5g saturated fat; 140mg cholesterol; 18g protein; 35g carbohydrate; 4g sugar; 2.5g fiber; 660mg sodium; 346mg calcium; 381mg potassium.

CLASSIC MACARONI AND CHEESE

Yield: 6 to 8 servings as a main course; 10 to 12 servings as a side dish.

- 8 tbs. (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, divided
- 6 slices (about 6 oz.) good-quality white sandwich bread, torn into rough pieces
- 1 pound elbow macaroni
- Salt
- 6 tbs. all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tps. dry mustard
- 1/4 tsp. ground red (cayenne) pepper, optional
- 5 cups milk
- 8 oz. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (2 cups)
- 8 oz. sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded (2 cups)

Cut 3 tablespoons butter into 6 pieces. Place the pieces of butter in a food processor; add bread. Pulse 10 to 15 times, until bread crumbs are no larger than .125 inch. Set aside.

If using an electric oven, place an oven rack in the lower-middle position; heat the broiler. If using a gas oven, place an oven rack in the middle position; preheat the oven to 500 degrees.

Meanwhile, bring 4 quarts

water to a rolling boil in a Dutch oven over high heat. Add macaroni and 1 tablespoon salt; stir to separate the noodles. Cook until pasta is tender. Drain in a colander; set aside.

Add remaining 5 tablespoons butter to the Dutch oven; place over medium-high heat until butter foams. Add flour, mustard and cayenne; whisk well to combine. Continue whisking until the mixture becomes fragrant and deepens in color, about 1 minute. Whisking constantly, gradually add milk; stirring to a full boil, whisking

constantly, then reduce the heat to medium and simmer, whisking occasionally until thickened to the consistency of heavy cream, about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat; whisk in the cheeses and 1 teaspoon salt until the cheeses are fully melted. Add pasta; cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is steaming and heated through, about 6 minutes.

Transfer the mixture to a 13-by-9-inch baking dish (if using an electric oven, use a broiler-safe dish); sprinkle evenly with

the bread crumbs. In an electric oven, broil until the crumbs are deep golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes, rotating the pan if necessary for even browning. In a gas oven, bake until the topping is golden brown, about 5 to 7 minutes. Let cool about 5 minutes, then serve.

PER SERVING (based on 8 servings): 676 calories; 35g fat (68 percent calories from fat); 21g saturated fat; 101mg cholesterol; 28g protein; 62.5g carbohydrate; 9g sugar; 1.5g fiber; 543mg sodium; 634mg calcium; 316mg potassium.

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Cavaliers right ship against Clippers

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James, playing on a sore left ankle, scored 22 points in leading the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Los Angeles Clippers 94-84 Tuesday night.

James shot just 7-for-20 from the field, but he hit two key 3-pointers down the stretch.

The Cavaliers, coming off a one-point overtime win Monday in New Orleans, won on consecutive nights for the first time since Nov. 26-27 and moved closer in the race for home-court advantage in the playoffs.

Zdrunas Ilgauskas had 19 points and 15 rebounds for Cleveland, which pulled within 15 games of Washington for fourth place overall in the Eastern Conference. The top four teams get the home-court edge in the first round and Cleveland is 26-9 in Gaud Arena.

Maggette scored 26 points to lead Los Angeles, but the Clippers have lost four straight on the road, where they are 7-26 this season, with eight of their final 11 games away from home.



coach Sam Mitchell. Damon Jones added 14 for Miami, which trailed by two with 10 minutes remaining before outscoring the Raptors 24-10 down the stretch and extending its franchise-best home winning streak to 17 games.

Rafer Alston had 19 points and Chris Bosh had a 16-point, 13-rebound game for the Raptors, who also got 15 points from Peterson.

Eric Williams' 3-pointer with 10:12 left gave Toronto an 81-79 lead, but the Raptors missed their next eight shots and the Heat took advantage. Wade's spinning layup with 8:01 left tied the game, and the Heat, who moved 10 games ahead of Detroit in the Eastern Conference standings, never trailed again.

SuperSonics 102, Grizzlies 99

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Seattle SuperSonics clinched a Western Conference playoff berth with a 102-99 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

The Sonics were led by Ray Allen and Jerome James with 22 points each.

Seattle, which trailed by 14 earlier, used a fourth-quarter comeback keyed by Luke Ridnour, whose 3-pointer with 2:55 left sealed the Sonics' rally for a 93-92 lead.

Memphis tied the game at 99 after Paul Gasol converted a 3-point play with :46.2 remaining. James, who was 9-of-11 from the free-throw line, finished with 27.6 points. Ridnour's two free throws with 1:52 left gave the Sonics their final margin.

Mike Miller missed a pair of long 3-pointers in the final seconds. The Grizzlies led their third straight and fourth out of their last five.

Ridnour had 15 points for Seattle, while reserve Damien Wilkins added 13. Reggie Evans scored 12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and kept Seattle in the game as the Sonics struggled in the first half.

Gasol, in his best performance since a returning March 20 from a foot injury, led Memphis with 24 points and eight rebounds. Bonzi Wells scored 17 and Shane Battier added 16 points. Stromile Swift and Earl Watson finished with 15 each for the Grizzlies.

Heat 103, Raptors 91

MIAMI — Once the Toronto Raptors lost their cool, they lost any chance of ending the Miami Heat's home winning streak.

Shuttleworth led Miami with 28 points and Dwyane Wade added 27, leading the Heat to a 103-91 win Tuesday night in a game marred by the fourth quarter section of the Raptors forward Morris Peterson and

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time that has happened.

Could it happen again? Michigan State now has that chance if it wins its next game. The Spartans took a 13-point lead against the team that was ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll, but lost out on the No. 1 seed to Michigan State.

Stanford (32-3) came back to tie the score three times, but never got the lead and its 23rd game winning streak ended, denying the Cardinal a seventh Final Four trip.

"You dream about this moment and you dream about going to the NCAA Final Four and it hurts so much and you're so close," said Candice Wiggins, Stanford's brilliant freshman.

Stanford drew to 76-69 on Wiggins' three-point play with 43.6 seconds left. But Bowen, who had been 0-for-7, answered with her first layup of the game, a 15-footer with 27.1 seconds to go.

Tennessee 59, Rutgers 49

PHILADELPHIA — Tennessee already gave coach Pat Summitt the record for career wins in this tournament. On Tuesday night, the Lady Vols gave her something even more meaningful—a trip to the Final Four.

Shanina Zolman broke out of a slump with a couple of big baskets down the stretch, Nicky Anosike scored 14 points and the top-seeded Lady Vols beat No. 3 seed Rutgers 59-49 in the Philadelphia Regional final.

Tennessee will play Michigan State (32-3) in the national semifinals in Indianapolis on Sunday night. The top-seeded Spartans beat Stanford 76-69 in the Kansas City Regional final on Tuesday night.

The Lady Vols (30-4) are in the Final Four for the fourth straight year, fifth time this decade and 16th time overall, all under Summitt. She extended her record with her 882nd career win.

Venus breaks through against sister Serena

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Big sis won for a change in the latest Williams family showdown, and little sis took it poorly.

Venus Williams ended a streak of six consecutive losses to sister Serena, winning 6-1, 7-6 (8) Tuesday in the quarterfinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

Meeting for the first time since July 2003, the sisters produced the same tense, sloppy tennis that has marred the rivalry in the past. But there was plenty of effort and camaraderie. When Serena lost the first five games, she took an angry swipe at the hardcourt and mangled her racket, prompting jeers from the crowd in a stadium that was only two-thirds full.

Then, when Venus smacked a crosscourt winner for a 3-2 lead in the second set, she walked to her chair with a glare, her teeth gritted in determination, while Serena admonished herself and screamed a profanity.

In the tiebreaker, Serena pushed a forehand into the net to fall behind 9-8, then flung her racket and buried her feet in her hands. She called a backhand long on match point, and Venus raised her arms in jubilation.

The sisters met at the net and hugged, and Venus consoled her younger sister with a pat on the back. Venus grinned and waved to the crowd, then gestured to Serena and applauded by patting her racket.

Maris Sharapova started strong and finished fast, while Justine Henin-Hardenne was feisty but rusty.

Henin-Hardenne, playing her first tournament in seven months, staged a gallant comeback Tuesday but lost to Sharapova 6-1, 6-7 (6), 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

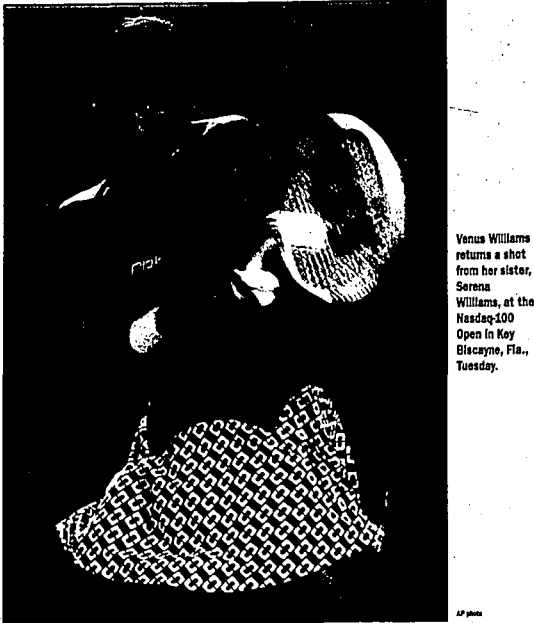
"She has been a top player," Sharapova said. "I was expecting a really tough match. It came out to be really tough."

Sharapova, seeded second, failed to convert three match points in one of 10 breakpoints while leading 6-3, but finally closed out the victory an hour later with a backhand winner accompanied by her trademark shriek.

Advancing to the men's quarterfinals were top-ranked Roger Federer and six-time Key Biscayne champion Andre Agassi.

Federer was pushed to three sets for the second match in a row but beat Mario Ancic 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. Federer, bidding for his first Key Biscayne title, extended his winning streak to 19 matches and improved to 45-1 since the start of last year's U.S. Open.

Agassi ended a grueling first set and beat French Open champion Gaston Gaudio 7-6 (7), 6-2. Gaudio faded after converting just one of 10 breakpoints while leading 6-3 in the opening set, which lasted 85 minutes.



Venus Williams returns a shot from her sister, Serena Williams, at the Nasdaq-100 Open in Key Biscayne, Fla., Tuesday.

Two Spaniards made the men's final eight. Rafael Nadal, an 18-year-old left-hander with two titles already this year, bent No. 13-seeded Ivan Ljubicic 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3. Unseeded David Ferrer rallied past countryman Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-7 (7), 6-3, 7-5.

No. 26 Dominik Hrbaty, who upset Marat Safin in the third round, eliminated 18-year-old Gael Monfils 6-3, 6-3.

Henin-Hardenne, coming back from a virus and knee injury, was pushed to win three matches and five Sharapova a battle.

"It's pretty amazing," the three-time Grand Slam champion said. "I couldn't imagine before coming to Miami that I

would play at this level. I did a good job, so it's good for my confidence."

Against Sharapova, Henin-Hardenne dug in after a poor start. She shanked several shots early, and even her picture-perfect backhand malfunctioned on a six-hit that sailed 10 feet long on break point. She blew an overhead and lost that game, too, and hit a drop shot that didn't even reach the net.

Sharapova, meanwhile, repeatedly placed shots inches inside the lines to keep Henin-Hardenne on the defensive.

"She was playing unbelievable tennis," Henin-Hardenne said. "She's tall and she's powerful. She's a great player."

N.D. state senator calls for Maris to regain record

By Michael O'Keefe
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Joel Heitkamp grew increasingly angry as he shared a few cold ones with friends recently at a VFW post in Mandator, N.D., talking about the way Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa hemmed and hawed their way through negotiations with the union over steroids and baseball.

"Like many fans, Heitkamp is furious that steroids may have helped McGwire and Sosa surpass the home run mark of 61 set by Babe Maris in 1951. Unlike many fans, he is in a position to do more than cry in his beer."

The North Dakota state senator is sponsoring a resolution that asks Major League Baseball to declare Maris the single-season home run record holder if clear evidence emerges that McGwire, Sosa and Barry Bonds used performance-enhancing drugs to top the deceased Yankee slugger.

"There's no hard proof that these guys used steroids, but in my gut I believe they did," Heitkamp said Tuesday. "If the boys want on the juice, the record should go back to Roger Maris."

Maris grew up in Fargo, where he was a high school football and American Legion

baseball star. The city is home to a cancer treatment center named after Maris and a museum that displays his memorabilia. Maris, who died in 1985 from lymphoma, is buried in Fargo.

"The Maris family is too classy to pick this fight, so it's up to us to stick up for one of our own," Heitkamp said.

On Monday, the North Dakota Senate Education Committee recommended approval of the bill.

Maris League Baseball spokesman Rich Levin declined to comment Tuesday.

Maris broke the home run mark held by Babe Ruth for 34 years. In 1958, McGwire hit 70

home runs to claim the record and 65 in 1993. Bonds took the record three years later when he hit 73. Sosa hit 66 in 1998, 63 in 1991 and 64 in 2001.

In BALCO grand jury testimony leaked to the San Francisco Chronicle, Bonds said he unknowingly used steroids. Sosa denied violating any laws of the United States and his native Dominican Republic at the congressional hearing earlier this month.

McGwire declined to talk about the past, but as the Daily News reported earlier this month, he had been named in a massive FBI steroids investigation in the 1990s.

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Pilot boys win at Carmela Vineyards

GLENN'S FERRY — Glenn Ferry received a solid performance from all four of its scoring golfers on the way to a win in a five-team meet held at Carmela Vineyards Golf Course in Glenn's Ferry on Tuesday.

Tanner Singh led the Pilots by carding a 56 in the inclement weather, while Kyle Brown clipped in with a 37, Willie Hunt a 38 and James Snyder a 41.

"I know Tanner is capable, but in the poor conditions, I'm surprised he shot a 36," Glenn's Ferry coach Bill Andrews said. "I'm surprised anyone shot below a 60 in these conditions."

Magic Valley Christian's Zach DeKruyf won medalist honors by firing a 35. Anthony Hurley led Bush with a 45. Garret Merritt and Fitzgerald by carding a 39 while Scott Simpson recorded a 63 for Richfield.

No team scores were kept on the girls side. Lindsey Humphreys of Glenn's Ferry and Emma Ardena of Magic Valley Christian each notched 48s. Courtney Watson of Buhl fired a 47 while Richfield's Hannah Ellis wound up with a 66.

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Other events scrapped by snow, rain

TWIN FALLS — Mother Nature forced the cancellation of several high school sports Tuesday.

Nonconference tennis meets between Minico and Gooding

and Burley and Twin Falls High were scrapped while a baseball game between Burley and American Falls was also canceled.

In softball, doubleheaders between Parma and Glens Ferry and Minico and Preston were also canceled.

There was no information on any makeup dates or times by press time Tuesday.

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competing in the tournament from April 30 to the May 15 in Innsbruck and Vienna, Austria.

Last year, Lavolette guided Team USA to the bronze medal at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Lavolette has coached the Hurricanes since December 2003.

He was coach of the New York Islanders during the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons.

He captained the 1994 Olympic hockey team and also played on Team USA during the 1988 Olympics.

Rutz and Toney mix it up for a substitute fight

NEW YORK — Their fight is an orphan. So James Toney and John Rutz did what boxers do to stir things up. Push a little, shove a little and shout at each other and their trainers.

With the help of, coach of Don King who had the appropriate cap on Rutz's promotional news conference/tauntation:

"We ain't gonna have a fight tonight for free."

The actual fight will take place April 30 at Madison Square Garden when Rutz, the WBA heavyweight champion, defends his title against Toney, who has held middleweight, light heavyweight and cruiserweight titles.

It was cobbled together to replace Vitali Klitschko's WBC heavyweight title defense against Hasim Rahman, which was supposed to be held that night but was called off because Klitschko pulled a thigh muscle. That fight probably will be rescheduled for June 11.

So the Garden finally agreed to take Toney and Rutz on the cheap — so little money is on the table that the fight is being shown on HBO without paying royalties to the promoters.

Report: Panthers filed steroid prescriptions

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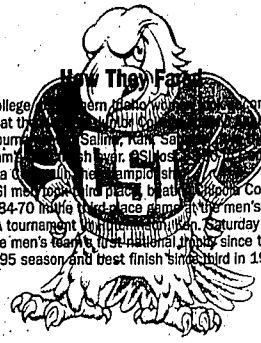
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Golden Eagle sophomore Sidney Omdorff reacts after the women's team advanced to the championship game. Omdorff was named to the all-tournament team, averaging more than 13 points per game. Teammate Delicia Jernigan also received all-tournament honors.



The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team placed at the Southern Idaho Association tournament in Salina, Kan. Saturday. The program finished with a 15-11 record. The Arizona Cardinals won the championship. The CSI men's basketball team beat Florida College (Fla.) 84-70 in the first round game at the men's NCAA tournament in Gainesville, Fla. Saturday night. It is the men's team's first national game since the 1994-95 season and best finish since third in 1992.

NJCAA Tournament



Straining to see their opponents shoot free throws in the final seconds of the College of Southern Idaho's 70-69 win over Midland (Texas), Eagles freshmen Reggie Larry, center, Kirk Egan, right, sophomore Shaun Davis, far left, and freshman Danny McCrae hold each other up along the bench.

Southern Idaho



CSI point guard Nakeya Isabell readies herself for a game by listening to music in the upper seats of the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan.



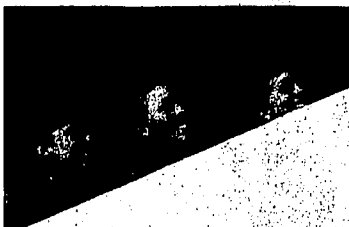
Golden Eagles sophomore center Denise Svarov, center, pulls down a tough rebound during the semifinal game with University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.



All-tournament team selection, and CSI sophomore Jamaal Brown, 10, delivers a pass from his knees against Northeastern Junior College (Colo.). Golden Eagles center Mohamed Kone was also selected to the all-tournament team.



Golden Eagles teammates Zarryon Ferrell, right, and Shaun Davis joke around with each other while waiting for their game to start.



While watching a game of a future opponent, CSI's Megan Kase, left, Jordan Eckman, center, and Jaleen Williams pose for a family member's picture.

Golden Eagles

MONEY

Stocks drop as investors wait on data MCI will stay with Verizon deal

NEW YORK (AP) — End-of-quarter selling and growing uneasiness about the economy sent stocks sliding Tuesday with Caterpillar Inc. and other industrials depressing blue chips and technology issues dragging the Nasdaq composite index to a five-month low.

Analysts blamed the selling on portfolio managers looking to unload poor performing stocks before the end of the quarter.

Investors were also nervously awaiting two key economic reports due on Friday, including the Labor Department's March employment figures and the Institute for Supply Management's monthly report on the industrial sector.

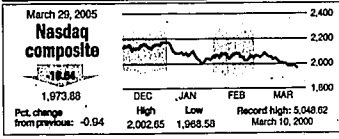
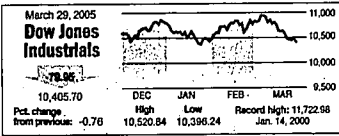
Investors discounted the latest report from the Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index, which showed a larger-than-expected drop in confidence for March.

The index reading came in at 102.4, less than the 103 forecast from Wall Street and the 104 reading in February.

"To some extent, we can expect to be pretty trendless until Friday," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Illingard Advisors.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 79.95, or 0.76 percent, to 10,405.70, its lowest close since Jan. 24.

Other stock indicators also gave ground. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 8.92, or 0.76 percent, to 1,165.36, its worst showing since Jan. 24.



The Nasdaq's drop was on par with the other major indexes, with no real standouts leading the way. But the new five-month low illustrates how far the technology and small-cap-oriented index has fallen out of favor with investors.

Caterpillar Inc. led the decliners on the Dow, tumbling \$4.42 to \$89.80 after a Morgan Stanley analyst said the stock was fairly valued and urged investors to collect profits.

Industrials and consumer discretionary stocks fell on fears that consumers would be parsimonious this year, though all the major sectors saw losses for the session.

"We've been in kind of a downward trend overall this year, but the markets offer what is positive that I can see to shake us out of it," said Brian Bruce, director of global investments at PanGamma Asset Management.

Investors are going to take a number of positive things, from both an economic and individual-company basis, for the market to get

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — MCI Inc. announced it raised offer to Verizon Communications Inc. Tuesday, spurning repeated attempts by Qwest Communications International Ltd. to break up the merger agreement between the two companies.

Verizon's offer totals \$7.1 billion in cash and stock, or \$900 million more cash than its previous offer. Qwest, a smaller and financially weaker company that's the major local-phone service provider in Magic Valley, offered \$8.45 billion, or \$26.8 billion in cash and stock.

The board's decision comes after weeks of wrangling between Qwest, Verizon and MCI's shareholders, as the board of directors of MCI deliberated whether to accept or reject the offer.

The revised Verizon offer, submitted to MCI Monday

night, added \$2.75 in cash per MCI share, which increased its offer to \$2.20 a share. The amount of stock Verizon is offering, 4662 Verizon shares for every MCI share, is unchanged, although the new offer includes a provision to protect MCI shareholders from a drop in Verizon's share price.

The company also raised the amount of the breakup fee, if the new agreement is severed, to \$240 million, up from \$200 million.

In addition, under a termination of the agreement, MCI would have to pay \$10 million to Verizon for its expenses. The Wall Street analysts have said Verizon represents a better deal, in part because it has a better network in the major cities where most of MCI's business is. Verizon also offers a wireless unit, which it could sell to MCI corporate customer base, and is investing billions in a network to deliver cable-like video services. By comparison,

Qwest has a local network in 14 mostly rural markets and a national network that has no wireless unit, and it does not have the financial capital to build a new fiber-optic network to sell video services to its customers.

"It is still unclear whether Verizon's sweetened offer will satisfy MCI shareholders, many of whom have been growing that the original offer was too low. Many were vocal in their opposition to that deal, and they encouraged MCI's board to reconsider Qwest's offer."

"Verizon had to do something because shareholders had told them that if they held a vote today, the only people voting for that deal would be (MCI) insiders," said David Ahl, a consultant who advises a major institutional shareholder.

"It's a first step in what will be a legitimate auction for MCI," he said, adding that Verizon's current offer is still of less value to his clients than Qwest's offer.

Delta announces tech operations cuts

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation's third biggest carrier, said Tuesday it will restructure its technical operations division in a move to save \$240 million over five years.

The airline, which has been trying to cut costs, said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it plans to hire two suppliers for aircraft maintenance work, reducing by a 34 percent cost reduction. Delta said Miami-based Avione will work on its MD-88 and MD-90 fleet types while Vancouver-based Air Canada Technical Services will work on the 757 and 767 fleets.

Atlanta-based Delta is air travelers' only nonstop destination from the Twin Falls airport — said it will be responsible for monitoring proper execution of its maintenance program by its vendors.

The moves announced Tuesday will result in the elimination of 1,600 to 2,000 Delta jobs in the technical operations.

The cuts are part of Delta's plans announced in September to cut 6,000 to 7,000 positions throughout the company over 18 months.

Last week, chief executive Richard Gristin told investors at a conference in New York that Delta will have to further cut costs to deal with increases in fuel prices because raising

ticket fares alone will not do the job. Gristin said he believes Delta can avoid a bankruptcy filing, though he indicated that it hasn't ruled out such an option.

In Tuesday's SEC filing, Delta said it will shift some of its operations from its Tampa, Fla., hangar to Atlanta to help with maintenance work. The hangar maintenance work is shifted to the two outside suppliers.

In a memo to Delta's technical operations employees, Tony Charaf, the division's senior vice president, said, "We must review our options to survive, to make certain we are doing what we can to keep this airline going."

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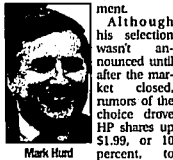
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NCR veteran named as new CEO for HP



Mark Hurd

San Jose, Calif. (AP) — Hewlett-Packard Co. named Mark Hurd, the leader of the computer services company NCR Corp., on Tuesday to succeed Carly Fiorina, who was ousted last month as the head of the computer maker. HP shares rose more than 10 percent.

Hurd, 46, will become chief executive and president at HP, a major Boise executive. He joined Dayton, Ohio-based NCR in 1980 and spearheaded an ambitious turnaround when he became its CEO and president in March 2003.

Hurd — the antithesis of the celebrity CEO — is a sharp contrast to Fiorina. She was one of the country's most powerful female executives, a media-savvy marketing specialist who was fired for not slacking costs or boosting profit quickly after HP's ill-fated merger with Compaq Computer in 2002.

Hurd isn't well known on Wall Street or in the financial media but enjoys a solid reputation among business executives as a relentless cost cutter familiar with nearly every facet of management.

Although a selection wasn't announced until after the market closed, rumors of the choice drove HP shares up 51.99, or 10 percent, to close at \$21.78 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Business experts praised the decision and said Hurd's appointment marked a break with the management style and business strategies of Fiorina, a politically ambitious executive loathed by many HP employees as a management expert devoid of engineering expertise.

NCR, located far from Silicon Valley's venture capital industry power brokers, operates data warehouses that store countless bits of information from corporate customers. The company also sells relationship management software that helps companies keep track of customers and their orders.

Hotel

Continued from E1. The hotel to accommodate winter guests, which wouldn't have been possible a few years ago. From a structure isn't heated, and the wind-swept island is snowbound and often bitterly cold in winter.

But a new wing was opened in 2001, featuring 42 rooms and an adjacent four-room cottage that were heated and insulated. That's where customers are housed until the summer season kicks in.

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They wore coats and scarves donated by island residents, who heard such garments were scarce in the Caribbean.

"This is new for us, but we're pretty much adapted," said one of the workers, Heady Banks, manager of the Jockey Club. "We're glad the owners of the Grand Hotel could get the visas for us so we could have jobs this summer. We love to come here."

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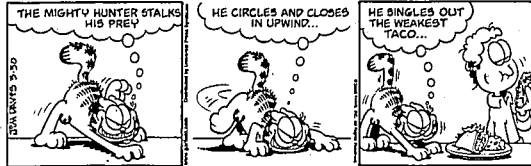
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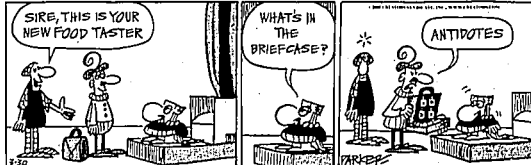
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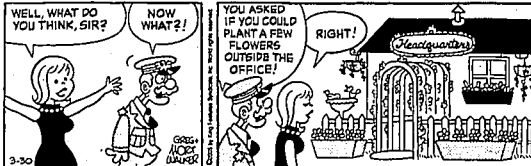
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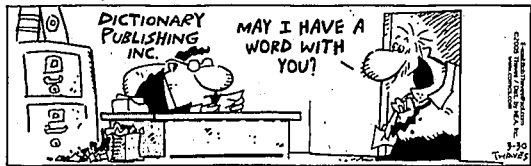
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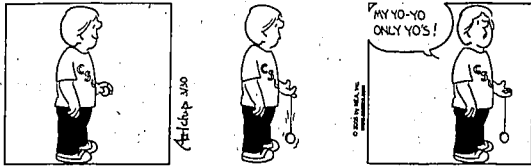
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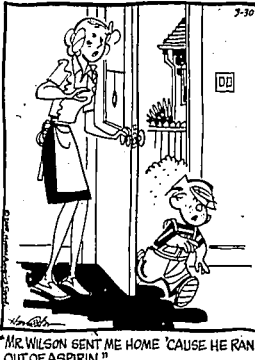
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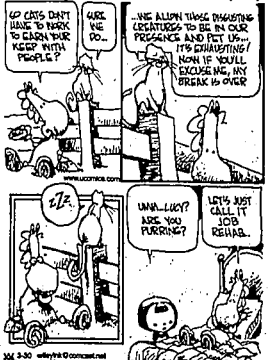
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and

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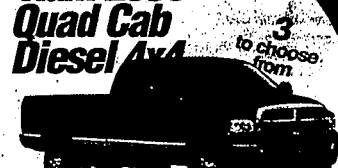
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