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## Sempre pitches request

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — It's not every day that dozens of people turn out to comment on a permit for a weather station.

"There is no doubt this is the largest single project that will ever be built in the Magic Valley," said Rob Williams. "It seems commensurate to allow this company to construct

its meteorological tower." Williams, along with residents from around the Magic Valley who packed a courtroom in Jerome, recognized that there is more at issue than a meteorological tower. The permit applicant, Sempra Generation, announced earlier this month its intent to construct a 600-megawatt coal-fired powerplant northeast of Jerome. However, Jack Nelsen, a

Jerome County Planning and Zoning commissioner, advised residents to stick to the application at hand — for the weather station — and to reserve comments for a future public hearing. Sempra Generation, working under the subsidiary of Idaho Valley LLC, will collect information about precipitation, wind

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### Sempre's weather station permit

• The Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission will make a decision on Sempra's permit at its next meeting at 7 p.m. June 6 in the large district courtroom at 300 N. Lincoln in Jerome.

## Idaho judge nomination still viable, Craig says

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Sen. Larry Craig insisted Tuesday that a bipartisan Senate agreement to pressure filibuster rights for minority Democrats while breaking gridlock on several judicial nominees does not spell the end to the judicial nomination of Boise attorney William G. Myers.

Under an agreement signed Monday by 14 members of the Senate, Democrats will allow final confirmation votes for Priscilla Owen, Janice Rogers Brown and William Pryor — appeals court nominees they have long blocked.

The agreement was clear enough on the fate of Owen, Brown and Pryor, guaranteeing them a yes-or-no vote on confirmation. It made no such guarantee for two others, Myers and U.S. Circuit Court nominee Henry Saad, although Republicans promised to press for their approval as well.

Senators disagreed Tuesday over the precise meaning and staying power of a compromise forged by centrist senators Monday night. But the Senate showdown over judicial nominees and the Senate's own filibuster rules.

Filibustering is a method of using the Senate to stall floor business indefinitely; 60 votes are needed to cut off debate.

In the end, the compromise said senators would filibuster fewer nominees only under extraordinary circumstances.

Republican Craig said he still expects Myers' nomination to reach the Senate floor sometime next week.

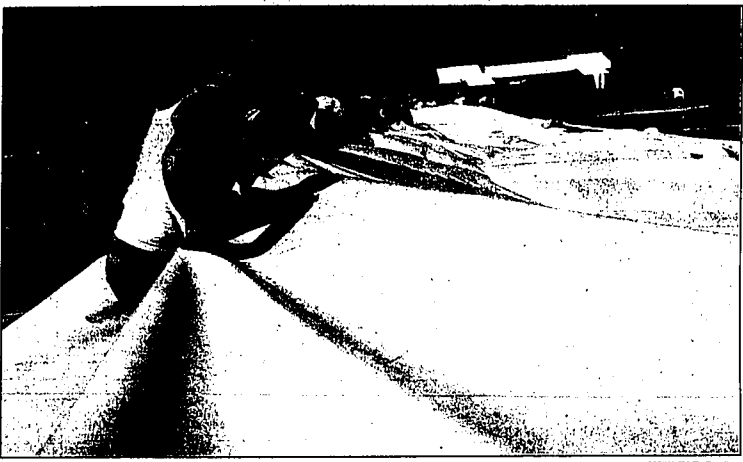
"The agreement was only struck on the three most controversial judges," Craig said Tuesday. "The other judges are expected to be handled" in the usual way.

And, Craig said, if the Democrats care to filibuster next week, then he would expect Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee to take action to end the minority's right to stall.

Frist issued a statement Tuesday saying that he would continue to fight for other qualified nominees who have been waiting for votes and deserve the same courtesy and fairness, as those included in the agreement.

Myers, a former Interior Dept. official, was one of four people pitched to the Bush administration by Craig in 2003 to replace a judge on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

## SEASONAL SCENE



Charlene Keole, 16, helps remove the bubble from Twin Falls' municipal pool Tuesday morning. Beginning this summer, the city will require summer pool passes to be paid in full up front, eliminating the monthly payment option.

## Pool eliminates monthly payment plan for summer

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Volunteers from Magic Valley High School removed the winter "bubble" from the municipal swimming pool Tuesday.

The yearly ritual of removing the 6-year-old dome signifies the summer season of swimming lessons and family fun is under way.

But families thinking of buying a three-month summer

pass will find they have to pay for all of it up front this year, instead of making monthly payments as they could last year.

One thing isn't changing, though. The \$150 charge is the same as last year. The pass ensures that your family, no matter how many members, can swim as much as they want from now through Aug. 31.

Last year families could make \$20-a-month payments on a \$225 yearly pass to the pool.

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### City pool schedule May 31 through Aug. 22

Public swim hours	Daily prices		
	1 to 5 p.m.	6 to 7 p.m.	7 to 9 p.m.
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* The \$25 printer's fee to the YMCA is waived on these memberships.			



From left, anti-U.S. Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Chalabi, and al-Sadr aide Sheik Ali Smeisan after a meeting Tuesday in Najaf. The meeting with al-Sadr sought to defuse tension between Sunnis and majority Shites after a recent series of sectarian killings.

## U.S. military deaths on the increase in Iraq

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — A car bomb exploded next to a U.S. Army convoy in Baghdad on Tuesday, killing three soldiers, while another American died in a drive-by shooting a half-hour later. Their deaths pushed the number of U.S. troops killed in three days to 14, part of a surge in attacks that have also killed about 60 Iraqis.

In the northern city of Tikrit, there were reports that militants were in control and that Shites and Sunnis were

fighting in the streets, a day after two car bombs killed at least 20 people. Police Capt. Ahmed Haidar said Tikrit was experiencing "civil war." Journalists were blocked from entering the city of 200,000. Eighteen U.S. troops have been killed in Iraq during the

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## East-West barbecue battle has North Carolina smoking

The Washington Post

**SILER CITY, N.C.** — Contempt spread across Jerry Bledsoe's face. Well, kind of a theatrically exaggerated version of contempt, but contempt nonetheless. The gloopy, gristly, just plain old grade of meat that he'd stumpled onto one — and Bledsoe had him.

"All right, let's get this imitation barbecue out of the way," Bledsoe said.

And so it began, as it has countless times before. Bledsoe and Rogers have been puffing up the barbecue feud between eastern North Carolina and western North Carolina for decades. Bledsoe — a former newspaper columnist turned best-selling crime book author — is undeniably Mr. Western-Style, extolling the virtues of



**ALAN HARRISON** checks whether the pork shoulders jammed into the smoker at Stamey's barbecue restaurant in Greensboro, N.C., are ready for the area's distinctive ketchup-based sauce. Stamey's uses 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of pork shoulders a week.

world's highest per capita consumption of barbecue consumption, with 17 restaurants for 20,000 residents — to be the state's official barbecue festival. Yeah, right. Not as long as Dennis Rogers has access to ink by the barrel.

Other states might content themselves with a single dominant barbecue identity — South Carolina serves perfectly happy as the mustard-based capital of the universe, Tennessee appears satisfied, with being identified primarily as the home of the

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Abundant sunshine and pleasant temperatures. High in the middle 70s. Tonight: Clear skies and cool temperatures. Low in the middle 40s. Tomorrow: Sunny, dry and warmer. Highs near 80.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny, dry and mild. Highs in the lower 70s. Tonight: Clear skies and cool temperatures. Low in the lower 40s. Tomorrow: Sunny, dry and warmer. Highs near 80.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, City. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi/Low. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Burley, etc.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Abundant sunshine and comfortably warm temperatures are expected.

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather for various Idaho cities.

Weather Service's Best Estimate: 70 in Coeur d'Alene, 72 in Shoshone, 70 in Burley, 68 in Idaho Falls, 68 in Pocatello, 68 in Arco, 68 in Twin Falls, 68 in Jerome, 68 in Blaine, 68 in Marsing, 68 in Hamlet, 68 in Carey, 68 in Cassia, 68 in Blaine, 68 in Marsing, 68 in Hamlet, 68 in Carey, 68 in Cassia.

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Temperature Precipitation Humidity Barometric Pressure Sunrise and Sunset Moon Count

Table with 4 columns: Yesterday's Low, 4 Month to Date, 24 Hr Yesterday's Minimum, 27th, Yesterday 21:14, Thursday, Sunrise, 6:08 AM, Sunset, 6:04 PM, Green, Ash.

MOON PHASES

Table with 4 columns: May 30, June 1, June 18, June 22. Shows moon phases: Last, New, First, Full.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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MOONRISE and MOONSET

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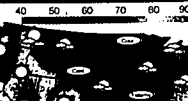
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Good news: City's pool dome could last 20 years

The Twin Falls municipal swimming pool in October and comes off in May, could last more than 18 years if it's treated properly, said Dennis Bower, director of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

Pool

Continued from A1. Swimming pool. But pool officials got a surprise at summer's end when most families simply dropped out of swimming. So instead of paying the \$150 for three months of summer swimming, 61 out of 75 families that had signed on to pay \$20 a month for year-round swimming got off easy by paying only \$60 for the summer.

Barbecue

Continued from A1. Sweet, tomatoey Memphis-style barbecue. But North Carolina is torn asunder, its split barbecue personality embedded in the state's cultural landscape. North Carolina's tourism agency sponsored an Internet poll to divine the true favorite. Eastern-style won the vote, but westerners refused to concede.

Iraq

Continued from A1. Weak U.S. troops remain in the firing line, targeted by insurgents that have shown increasing abilities to attack when and where they please.

CORRECTIONS

Animal shelter group to seek extra county money. Tuesday story about the Twin Falls Animal Shelter had incorrect budget request information. The \$42,100 that People for Pets is asking for from Twin Falls County is in addition to the \$155,960 the group will request from the city.

Sempra

Continued from A1. Speed and temperature. Additionally, the company will monitor existing pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, particulate matter and ozone.

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DEQ

DEQ sets the requirements on which pollutants Sempra will have to collect. Lee Halper of Jerome spoke as a representative of the Land, Air and Water Society, or LAWS.

Commissioners

Commissioners have the obligation to consider the land-use impact of Sempra's request.

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NATION

# House defies Bush, OKs stem cell bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ignoring President Bush's veto threat, the House voted Tuesday to lift limits on embryonic stem cell research, a measure supporters said could accelerate cures for diseases but opponents viewed as a skin to abortion.

Bush called the bill a mistake and said he would veto it. The House approved it by a 238-194 vote, a short of the two-thirds majority that would be needed to override a veto.

"This bill would take us across a critical ethical line by creating new incentives for the ongoing destruction of emerging human life," the president said Tuesday. "Crossing this line would be a great mistake."

Republican leaders offered an

alternative measure to instead fund research using stem cells derived from adults and umbilical cords, but that didn't stop the embryonic bill.

Majority Leader Tom DeLay said the embryonic research bill would finance the dismemberment of living, distinct human beings.

The rhetoric didn't sway many Democrats.

"I don't need a lecture from the majority leader on moral and ethical leadership," said Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., referring to questions that have been raised about DeLay's travel, fundraising and associations with a lobbyist now under federal criminal investigation.

Supporters of the measure

said many of the embryos that would be studied would be discarded otherwise rather than fighting for policies that target mothers. The moral obligation, they argued, rested on Congress to fund research that could lead to cures for diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

"Being pro-life also means fighting for policies that will eliminate pain and suffering," said Rep. James R. Langevin, D-R.I., who was paralyzed at 16 in a gun accident.

Many members were voting for both measures, saying that together they represented hope for the largest number of people critically ill with diseases that scientists say could be treated or

even cured through stem cell research.

To support only one measure, said Rep. Steven Broton, D-Ohio, would be to "offer hope to some and sympathy to others."

The more controversial bill, sponsored by Reps. Mike Castle, R-Del., and Diana DeGette, D-Colo., would lift Bush's 2001 ban on federal funding for new research using stem cells from embryos that had not already been destroyed before August 2001.

The House vote on the Castle-DeGette bill was intended mostly as a show of force to help propel it through the Senate and the sponsors hope, into compromise talks with the White House.

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# Jay Leno, playing it straight, testifies about Jackson accuser

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP)—After cracking Calif. jokes for months, Jay Leno played it straight for the most part Tuesday at the pop star's child molestation trial, testifying that the boy at the center of the case sounded scripted over the telephone but never asked for money.



Jay Leno departs the Santa Barbara County Courthouse following defense testimony in Michael Jackson's child molestation trial, Tuesday in Santa Maria, Calif.

The defense called the "Tonight Show" comic to the stand to support its claim that the boy's family schemed to get money from celebrities like Jackson. The boy was suffering from cancer when he telephoned Leno.

Leno made a few other wisecracks that made members of the jury laugh. "I'm Batman," he joked as he explained why he thought it odd that a boy would be calling a comedian in his mid-50s to tell him he was the youngest hero.

proached comedian Louise Palanker, a friend who had become acquainted with the boy.

Leno testified, he said Palanker told him the boy wanted to be a comedian and writes out everything he says.

But Leno said the boy never asked for money and he never gave him any, though he did send "Tonight Show" memorabilia and a picture.

The defense said Leno was so concerned about the boy's calls that he called police, but Leno said Tuesday it was police who contacted him. He said he probably did tell police he believed the family was looking for money.

"In the business I'm in you hear from a lot of crazy people and I'm reluctant to follow up. But when it's a child I do follow up," he testified.

# Tate - this time as adult - back behind bars

PEMBROKE PARK, Fla. (AP)—Leon Tate, who was given a second chance after he bent and stomped a little girl to death when he was 12, was back behind bars Tuesday — exactly as some juvenile-justice experts had warned.

Tate, now 18, was charged Tuesday with holding up a pizza delivery man at a friend's apartment.

"We had a real chance. The right thing would have been to get this young man some help," said Michael Brannon, a forensic psychologist appointed by a judge to examine Tate after the 1993 killing of 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick.

became the youngest person in modern U.S. history to be sentenced to life in prison.

The hulking, 160-pound boy had claimed at first that he killed Tiffany while imitating pro wrestling moves he had seen on television, then later said he accidentally hurt the girl when he jumped on her from a staircase.

His conviction and sentence were overturned on appeal in 2004 — after he had served three years in prison — and prosecutors gave him a plea bargain that placed him under house arrest for a year, followed by probation for 10 years.

Now, Tate again faces the possibility of a long stretch in prison, especially since a judge last October said he would have "zero tolerance" for probation violations after Tate was caught with a knife blocks from his

home late at night. One of Tate's supporters, the Rev. Dennis Grant, said Tate told his lawyers he was innocent and had been "set up" because of his notoriety.

"He has denied that he did what he's accused of," said Grant, who spoke with Tate's attorneys. "I think we need to just wait a little while."

# Analyst charged with taking papers home

CHARI ESTON, W.Va. (AP)—A Pentagon analyst previously accused of taking top-secret information to a pro-Israel group was charged Tuesday with illegally taking classified government documents out of the Washington area to his West Virginia residence.

Lawrence Anthony Franklin, 58, was not authorized to take such documents to his home in Kearneysville, according to the federal charge issued along with an arrest warrant by U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Johnston in Martinsburg.

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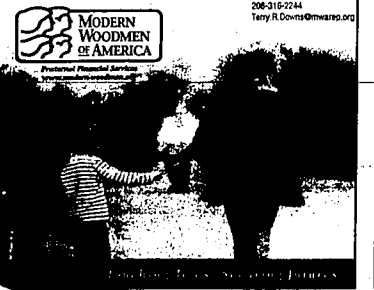
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WORLD

# Al-Qaida prays for leader's recovery

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Al-Qaida blasted the U.S. for numerous terror attacks on U.S. and Iraqi targets, said Tuesday in an Internet posting that its leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, had been wounded and called on supporters to pray for his recovery.

The posting's authenticity could not be verified, but it was posted on a Web site known for carrying prior statements by al-Qaida in Iraq and other militant groups.

Asked about the reports that al-Zarqawi had been wounded, State Department spokesman



Abu Musab al-Zarqawi

Richard Boucher said, "I don't know." A U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the official's role said one of the possibilities being considered is whether it was purposely misleading information.

There have been several reports this month that U.S. forces were close to capturing Iraq's most-wanted terrorist.

The statement, which purportedly was from the group's media coordinator, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, did not say how or when al-Zarqawi was injured.

Al-Zarqawi is known to be the group's media coordinator, but there was no way to confirm if the statement was true or if it truly was posted by al-Qaida in Iraq.

Al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian, has claimed responsibility for attacks on Iraqi civilians and security forces, kidnappings and beatings of foreigners, and has a \$25 million bounty on his head — the same as for al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

Let the near-and far know that the injury of our leader is an honor, and a cause to close in on the enemies of God, and a reason to increase the attacks against them," the statement said.

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# Trip shows a new side of Laura Bush

SHANNON, Ireland (AP) — She's not the shy politician that some might think she is. Normally reserved Laura Bush showed a new outspoken side on her trip to the Midwestern state.

In five days, she took a stand on another nation's election dispute, walked into the heart of one of the world's most violent conflicts and contradicted the White House.

Mrs. Bush's trip was designed to promote freedom of religion and the role of women, along with America's image in a part of the world where animosity is running high.

But she also delivered a surprising message: she took home with her that people want the United States to get involved in the peace process.

"I don't regret this one thing — they want the United States to be involved," she said at a briefing stop in Ireland on the way to Washington.

Mrs. Bush said the people she met told her there was a new chance for peace under Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

President Bush will meet with Abbas on Thursday at the White House.

"They want the United States to push, actually, to make sure there is a withdrawal from the West Bank summer, but also that the roadmap is followed," she said. "We need to seize this opportunity to move as quickly as we can possibly move to get this peace."

Her journey to Jordan, Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian territories was the latest example of President Bush's efforts to be more vocal figure in her husband's administration.



U.S. first lady Laura Bush meets with Egyptian women leaders at the U.S. Embassy on Tuesday in Cairo, Egypt. Bush encouraged leading Egyptian women to continue speaking out for equality and peace Tuesday as she wrapped up a 14-day tour.

Once content simply to defer to the president, she recently stole the show with a comedy routine that roasted her husband before the Washington press corps and now has taken two solo trips to dangerous parts of the world.

"No first lady has changed in office as obviously and as measuredly as Laura Bush," said Barbara Kellerman, author of "All the President's Kin." "She really is turning right before our eyes into the kind of first lady that we did not anticipate."

There had been some occasional glimpses of Mrs. Bush's willingness to firmly, if gently, speak her mind in her president's first term. Within days of his taking office, she said she did not think the Roe v. Wade abortion-rights ruling should be undone.

She later let it be known she didn't care for Bush's "drop or alive" ultimatum to Osama bin Laden. And she dropped hints that she might disagree with her husband's opposition to gay marriage, saying she has an open mind about whether the country needs a constitutional amendment banning it.

# Church leaders won't recognize the Jerusalem patriarch

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — World Orthodox leaders voted Tuesday to stop recognizing the patriarch of Jerusalem, Irineos I, church officials said, asserting a rare united position on the crisis facing the church in the Holy Land.

Representatives of 12 main Orthodox churches cast their votes during a rare "pan-Orthodox" synod, presided over by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, the Istanbul-based spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians.

Irineos has persistently refused to resign despite efforts by his own church members to depose him over explosive allegations that his church leased property to Jewish investors in east Jerusalem, which Palestinians consider their capital.

The vote doesn't directly call for his removal. But the act of refusing to recognize his authority is expected to put additional pressure on him to resign.

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# Police crack down on child pornography

ROME (AP) — Italian police raided the homes and offices of 186 suspected members of a child pornography ring — including three Italian senators — in a press and a local mayor — that downloaded pictures from an exclusive Web site, officials said.

The group downloaded and posted videos of sex abuse against children, whose ages ranged from 4 to 8, from a Web site that could only be entered with a password known to a police officer in the Sicilian town of Syracuse, where the investigation was based.

The officer, who cited office policy that he could not be identified, said the site had operated for just nine days before authorities closed it down last July after receiving a tip from Telefono Arcobaleno, a local association that scans the Internet to combat child abuse.

Police searched the homes and offices of 159 suspects in 16 of Italy's 20 regions Tuesday, the officials said. The remaining 27 suspects had their homes and offices searched in recent months.

# IRA covered up killing, report says

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — The Irish Republican Army covered up a Belfast killing, is smuggling in new armaments and continues to recruit and train members how to use firearms and make bombs, an expert commission reported Tuesday.

The British and Irish governments welcomed the findings of the Independent Monitoring Commission, a four-man panel appointed three years ago to provide objective assessments on the activities of the IRA and several other illegal groups based in Northern Ireland. A Sinn Fein official said the commission was neither impartial nor credible.

The report also drew new light on a central issue bedeviling Northern Ireland's 12-year-old peace process: whether the outlawed IRA will disarm and disband in support of the province's 1996 peace accord.

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## EDITORIAL

### Beware of the political risks in teacher initiative

Members of the Idaho Education Association are tired of waiting for the Legislature to give teachers raises. So they just might try a new course — asking you directly.

47,881 valid signatures fall to place it on the 2006 fall ballot. Finding that many Idahoans willing to raise their own taxes won't be easy. But that's just the first hurdle. If the initiative goes on the ballot it will face additional opposition from Idaho's traditionally conservative voters.

**Our view:** If a teachers union initiative for more education spending fails, it could come back to haunt public schools.

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

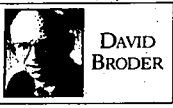
There lies the huge political risk for the IEA and its 12,000 members. If the initiative fails on either front, Idaho's Legislature can use the defeat as a justification for small education increases. The teachers' campaign for adequate raises has merit. But to make a convincing case with Idaho voters for higher teacher salaries, the union and school districts may still have to agree to some kind of trade-off.

That could come through either a performance-based pay structure or a revised tenure plan that makes educators subject to workplace conditions similar to other occupations and professions.

Without some kind of barter of that nature, convincing voters to raise taxes for education salaries could be a tough campaign. And if a proposed initiative fails, it could prolong the political struggles for education spending.

## McCain rescues Senate in filibuster battle

The Monday night agreement to avert a showdown vote over judicial filibusters not only spared the Senate from a potentially ruinous clash but it certified John McCain as the real leader of that body.



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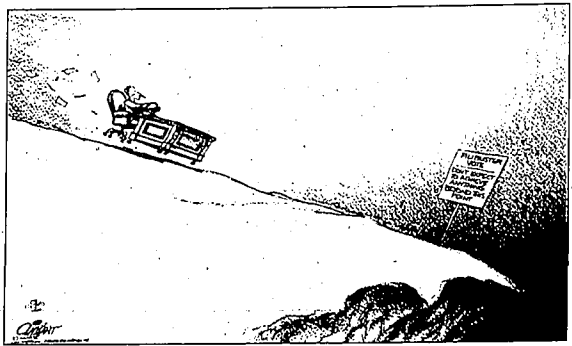
In contrast to Majority Leader Bill Frist, who was unable either to negotiate a compromise with Minority Leader Harry Reid or for the Republican side to clear the way for all President Bush's nominees to be confirmed, McCain looks like the man who achieved his objectives.

If — as many expect — McCain and Frist find themselves rivals for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008, the gap in their performances will be remembered.

McCain was only one of 14 senators — seven from each party — who forged an agreement to clear three of the unblockaded cabinet nominees at once, shooed two others, and reserved the option of future filibusters only for "exceptional circumstances." It is probably the case that the deal forged in McCain's office would not have been possible without the support of such liberal Democrats as Virginia Sen. Warner and Democrat Robert Byrd.

But no one else in the negotiating group has McCain's national stature, and no one else is a likely presidential contender three years from now. So while such wags as George Allen of Virginia and Governor Brownback of Kansas lined up behind Frist, McCain took the harder road and helped organize the bipartisan effort that averted the looming crisis.

He did that, knowing he would incur the wrath of the



conservative activists who want no barriers placed before their favorites for possible vacancies on the Supreme Court. But contrary to myth, the forces of the far right rarely win presidential nominations — as witness, the fate of Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer, Pat Buchanan and Pat Robertson, among others.

Until now, McCain has been noted mainly for the battles he has fought — with sporadic success — for campaign finance reform and against pork-barrel spending. Those fights have endeared him to special constituencies while antagonizing many of his colleagues. This week, he placed himself at the nexus of a debate central to the institutional life of the Senate. This was an ad hoc coalition, forged around one question, but the cadre of supporters he found in both parties is large enough — if it remains cohesive — to be a shaping force on many other legislative issues.

came of age in the 1960s and 1970s, when the civil war torn by conflicts over civil rights, women's rights, abortion and, most of all, Vietnam.

Three of McCain's collaborators — Warner, Byrd and Dan Inouye of Hawaii, and of the World War II generation, a time of national consensus. Six of them are between 42 and 52, which means they were 16 or younger at the height of the anti-Vietnam protests.

They are forerunners of a generation that may provide greater harmony in our politics as they move into positions of leadership. Only four of the negotiators — Republicans Olympia Snowe and Mike DeWine, Democrats Joe Lieberman and Ben Nelson — were of an age to have been swept up in the turmoil of Vietnam while in their 20s. McCain himself served in Vietnam and, famously, endured 1 1/2 years of captivity and torture in a Hanoi prison camp. But unlike many others who fought in that war or protested against it, such as John Kerry, McCain always has insisted that Vietnam was not

the defining experience of his life. Long before he undertook this act of reconciliation within the Senate, he made peace in his own life with the antiwar protesters of his generation.

Twenty years ago, McCain accepted apologies from an activist named David Ishaui, when they met at a Washington forum. They formed a friendship. Ishaui, who had gone to Hanoi in 1970 and made an antiwar radio broadcast that was piped into McCain's prison, later became a close friend of and campaign counsel to President Clinton.

When Ishaui died of cancer in 1996, McCain delivered a eulogy at the funeral, a saying of Ishaui. "He always felt passionate about his country. He always tried to do justice to others ... I learned about courage from David, learned to look for virtue, and I learned the futility of looking back in anger."

Those lessons served McCain, the Senate and the country well this week.

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## LETTER

### U.S. must protect individual sovereignty

Collectivism (socialism) is destroying America as individualism is being replaced through collectivist propaganda. There are several differences between collectivism and individualism. Socialists believe that our rights come from government, while individualists believe rights come from a divine creator as stated in the Declaration of Independence ... they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights ... and the purpose of government is to secure and protect those rights of life, liberty and property.

Collectivists believe individuals cannot be trusted and are not responsible but believe in government control and force to solve all problems, which has led to legalized plunder and loss of freedoms.

Collectivists believe in coercive redistributing the wealth to force people to be charitable with excessive taxation and welfare programs. The Marxist slogan, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need" is the cornerstone of socialism. Individualists believe everyone should be treated equally under the law; whereas, collectivists believe that the law should treat people unequally in order to bring about social change.

Individualists want to preserve national sovereignty while the collectivists' ultimate goal is world government which regional government agreements like the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Central America Free Trade Agreement and the Free Trade Area of the Americas are stepping stones toward that goal.

We need to restore our constitutional republic with protected individual rights and national sovereignty as collectivism (socialism) is leading us to totalitarian slavery.  
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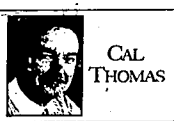
## Debate on stem cell issue needs a home base

I have a new toy. It is a GPS system that takes me where I want to go and tells me how to get there. When I unpacked the device, I first had to give it the location of my "home base." Now when I enter a destination, it takes me there without any wrong turns.

That seems an apt analogy in the debate over stem cell research. Is there a fixed point — home base — in this debate, or are we to be left to our own devices without any knowledge of where to begin or where the path will lead?

Researchers in South Korea have announced the creation of 11 new stem cell lines. They made them by taking the skin cells of children and adults and injecting them into donor eggs. After fusing them with electricity, they produced a new cell line. This week is debating several stem cell research bills. President Bush has threatened to veto any that involve the use of cloned human embryos, no matter how they are produced.

The victim lobby has been strong. Children and adults with now-incurable diseases have



CAL THOMAS

tested before Congress that stem cells might offer them an opportunity for a normal and healthy life. But science and the give-them-what-they-want-so-they-will-vote-for-it politicians are racing ahead of any fixed moral position, without any kind of tracking to show where this will take us. Perhaps there are other methods that will get us to the destination — helping people without killing what remains of a moral guidance system.

Rep. Chris Smith, New Jersey Republican, believes there are other ways to get where we want to go besides cloning and using human embryos or aborted babies. He's introducing a bill this week called the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005. It would create a national program that would use cells from umbilical cords.

According to the National Cord Blood Program at the New York Blood Center and re-

searchers at Emory University in Atlanta, umbilical cord blood transplants have proved effective for treating patients suffering from inherited immune disorders like sickle cell anemia and leukemia, even when those transplants are from unrelated donors. These are precisely the type of afflictions some believe embryonic stem cells might cure.

If we can make scientific progress toward curing maladies from paralysis to leukemia, but without the destruction of human embryos, can we do the same for every- one? We preserve at least some value for human life (already severely damaged) by our tolerance of abortion on demand, but simultaneously moving ahead with our desire to find cures for various afflictions.

Some politicians, like Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and President Bush, are sticking to their principles and refusing to sign legislation allowing taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research. Last week the president said, "I made very clear to Congress that the use of federal money, taxpayers' money, to promote science which destroys life in order to save life — I'm against that. And therefore if the bill does that, I

will veto it." Members of the president's party, including Rep. Mike Castle, Delaware Republican, are pushing for embryonic stem cell research. Mr. Castle's rhetoric compromise his convictions might strengthen the backbones of any members who are wavering.

Before nothing heading into the unknown, we should ask some basic questions: Where is our home base and what is the fixed moral point that will guide us? Who are we — evolutionary accidents upon whom any and all experiments should be tolerated for the "greater good," or are we something else and someone else's? Who made us — a scientist in a laboratory dish, a cosmic accident or "our Creator"?

"You don't have to be religious to embrace the notion that life and rights must come from outside of man in order for them to be protected and unalienable." — Mr. Bush's rhetoric to kill embryos in order to "save" older and more developed human beings is to embrace an Orwellian philosophy that "death is life." Do we want to "tread to that destination?"

Cal Thomas is a syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel

### Some Wal-Mart foes pay meager wages

I read with interest the article in *The Times-News* dated May 19, regarding a group of Twin Falls community business people who are opposed to Wal-Mart coming to town.

According to the article, the 300 Wal-Mart employees stated that Wal-Mart's philosophy of "always low prices" comes at the expense of good-paying

jobs. The statement added that a new Wal-Mart store will hurt the city's existing small- and medium-sized businesses.

I could not help but chuckle at the statement of these business people. For several years, I personally worked with many of the small- and medium-sized businesses in Twin Falls. The owners all had high incomes, lived in the nicest neighborhoods and belonged to the best country clubs, much of which

was at the expense of their lowly paid employees.

One very well-known downtown employer told me he needed a new employee. He desired a family man with at least a couple of years of college. When I asked what the wages would be, he was offering a wage 25 cents above minimum wage.

The only folks negatively affected by the coming of Wal-Mart will be a few greedy

employers who might have to start paying a decent wage to their employees.

In Jerome, when Wal-Mart arrived, many new businesses sprung up on South Lincoln. They seem to be doing very well. Also, Wal-Mart begins its employees at \$2 to \$3 per hour above minimum. Not bad for our generally low-income Magic Valley.  
JOE SKAUG  
Jerome

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OPINION

# A bold bluster on foreign competition

Americans are having another Sputnik moment. One of those periodic bouts about some technological and economic menace. It was the Soviets in the 1950s and early 1960s, the Germans and the Japanese in the 1970s and 1980s, and now it's the Chinese and the Indians. To anyone old enough, there's no forgetting Oct. 4, 1957, when the Soviets orbited the first space satellite. It terrified us. We'd taken our scientific superiority for granted. Foolish us. Soon there were warnings of a "missile gap" with the Soviets. One senator admonished that Americans should be less concerned with the height of their tail fin on the new car and prepared to shed blood, sweat and tears if this country and the free world are to survive.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

heavily on immigrants to fill science and engineering jobs. In 2000, immigrants accounted for 17 percent of U.S. scientists and engineers with bachelor's degrees, 29 percent with master's degrees and 39 percent with doctorates. And our savings and investment rates are low. In 2001, the U.S. savings rate ranked 22nd out of 25 OECD countries.

The explanation is this: Every complex economy is more (or less) than the sum of its parts. What matters is not just how much we save — but how well we invest. The Japanese have squandered much of their higher savings on unproductive investments. Similarly, many work skills are learned on the job. Perhaps 70 percent of the gap in average incomes between the United States and Western Europe reflects the fact that Europeans work less than Americans. The Europeans are entitled to their preferences (longer vacations, earlier retirement), but their higher unemployment and lower labor-force participation rates mean that fewer people acquire real job skills — and that some people with skills don't use them.

The apparent American deficit in scientists and engineers is also exaggerated. Only about a third of our science and engineering graduates take science and engineering jobs. The rest often work as managers, salespeople, analysts or

something else. If there were a shortage, the pay would go up. In 1999, the median salary of U.S. scientists and engineers was \$60,000 — sold but not spectacular pay. As for immigrants, they come for the opportunities.

The Sputnik syndrome is an illusion. It transforms a few selective economic happenings — a satellite here, a Toyota there, poor test scores everywhere — into a full-blown theory of economic inferiority or superiority. As often as not, the result is misleading. We are now going through this process with China and India. Their entry into the global economy is a big deal, with some obvious pluses and minuses for us. As they get richer, some of their talent that once came our way may stay home (especially if we make getting U.S. visas harder). On the other hand, good ideas that originate in Bangalore or Shanghai will soon benefit people everywhere — just as good American or Japanese ideas have before.

Do China and India threaten us economically? Possibly, though not in the usually imagined way. Their low wages and rising skills will continue to cost us some jobs, especially in an easily interconnected world. But if global trade were reasonably balanced, we should roughly gain what we lose. Countries that export would spend their earnings on imports.

Unfortunately, trade isn't well balanced. China and many Asian countries (though not India) run huge surpluses; they sell more than they buy. That's why the Bush administration is rightly pressuring China to revalue its currency, which

would make Chinese exports more expensive and its imports less expensive. The danger is that the China bloc destabilizes the world economy — not that it soon overtakes us.

On being overtaken, history teaches another lesson. America's economic strengths lie in qualities that are hard to distill into simple statistics.

We've maintained beliefs and practices that compensate for our weaknesses, including: ambiguity; openness to change (even unpleasant change); competition; hard work; and a willingness to take and reward risks. If we lose this magic combination, it won't be China's fault.

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**Only the few will gain in Sempra plant deal**

I live within three miles of the proposed coal-fired plant. I have kept my silence because of my friends and neighbors, hoping that this coal-fired plant would go away — but it has not.

I am happy for my neighbors' new-found wealth but hope they will go to the expense of their neighbors and Idaho.

I cannot see that this coal-fired plant in any way will help Idaho. I feel that my neighbors sold me and Idaho out and, for this reason, I am writing this letter.

If Sempra has nothing to hide, why — in every contract it has with the people it bought water from — is there a gag order?

It also seems strange that it has first located the plant in Glenns Ferry, then chose Jerome as the second. Could it be that the state of Idaho and our government made a deal with Sempra that it give up Bell Rapids water to the state, and the state will look the other way if it found another location and water supply? I think the state has already sold out.

Sempra bought the water off of these farms and left the farmer the right to buy their water back at a low price. What will keep these farmers from subdividing and once again drilling domestic wells and further depleting our water supply?

I think if they sell their water, they should not be allowed to drill any wells of any kind. Just think of a nice cool summer morning looking at the mountains with a dark haze laying in the valleys. I think dairies should support this coal-fired plant. You won't be able to smell the dairies because of the coal smoke.

If this is so environmental-friendly, why is Sempra building such a large test tower to see how the wind blows?

I do have more to lose than the average person in Idaho because I live within three miles and I run my cattle on range that surrounds this plant, but you, the people of Idaho, also stand to lose a lot. We have already given our water to dams for electricity. Do the people of Idaho now have to give up their air also?

We don't even know if Idaho Power will buy power from Sempra, so why doesn't it build its plant where the demand is and leave Idaho alone.

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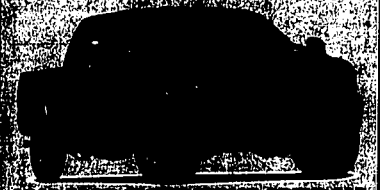
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Belleuve voters say no to rise in budget

**BELLEUE**—Voters in Belleuve easily rejected a proposal Tuesday that would have increased the city's budget by \$300,000.

With 528 of 994 eligible voters casting ballots, 121 said "yes" and 207, or 63 percent, said "no."

To pass, the proposal would have had to secure the support of 50 percent of voters.

Belleuve property owners are paying the lowest levy rate in Blaine County and one of the lowest rates in any city in the state of Idaho. City leaders have said the \$300,000 increase was necessary to maintain basic levels of service and infrastructure. If the proposal had passed, a taxpayer would have had to pay an extra \$80 a year per \$100,000 of taxable property value. A similar budget increase was rejected by voters last year.

### Sun Valley voters choose open elections

**SUN VALLEY**—Voters in the city of Sun Valley indicated in a Tuesday election that they would prefer their city council members to be chosen through open elections.

With 29 percent of eligible voters casting ballots, 192 voted in favor of ending designated seats to 72 that preferred to maintain the status quo.

Candidates now run for city council seats in designated zones. Tuesday's vote will open the door for more candidates to run for two seats that are up for grabs in the November election.

### Crash kills one on U.S. Highway 93

**JEROME**—One man was killed after being ejected from his 2003 GMC Yukon on Tuesday.

Erlie Jeffrey Wright, 42, of Jerome, was driving his Yukon north at approximately 7:11 a.m. Tuesday on U.S. Highway 93 when his vehicle was struck in the driver's side by a 1994 Mazda MX3 driven by Chad Allan Selders, 21, of Glendale. Selders was driving west on 400 South and failed to yield at the stop sign, according to Idaho State Police reports.

Wright was ejected from his vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene, said Trooper John Garrett of the Idaho State Police. Selders was transported to Twin Falls Regional Medical Center with leg injuries and subsequently taken by Life Flight to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Selders was listed in critical condition Tuesday.

No charges have been issued pending a complete investigation by Idaho State Police.

### Dog spotlighted in story finds a home

**TWIN FALLS**—Moose, a 100-pound black and white Labrador, cross spotlighted in a Tuesday story about the Twin Falls Animal Shelter, has been adopted.

Moose considered somewhat difficult to adopt because of his size, he found a home with a couple who already have large dogs, said shelter director Debbie Blackwood.

Moose will be going camping over the Memorial Day weekend with his new owners, Blackwood said.

### Magic Valley Adoption Fair set for Thursday

**TWIN FALLS** The Magic Valley Adoption Fair, "Find Your Home—One Child at a Time," will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday upstairs in the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Agencies and groups from throughout southern Idaho will be on hand to provide information and encourage adoption for couples and individuals considering adoption.

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— compiled from staff reports

# More uranium may head to INL

## House approves plan to upgrade buildings at facility

By Christopher Smith  
Associated Press Writer

**BOISE**—The U.S. House passed a spending bill Tuesday that sets aside money to upgrade buildings at the Idaho National Laboratory for storing bomb-grade uranium stockpiles from federal weapons labs in other states.

The \$29.7 billion appropriations bill for federal energy and water programs includes money for several existing and

new programs at the eastern Idaho nuclear research compound. The bill passed the House 416-13. The legislation must still be considered by the Senate. The House bill boosts the budget for the Energy Department's Office of Security and Performance Enhancement to \$356.5 million, more than the \$300 million recommended by Bush. An unspecified portion of that increase will be used to design renovations to two concrete bunkers at INL to house sur-

plus plutonium and highly enriched uranium no longer needed for nuclear bomb production. Hundreds of tons of the so-called "special nuclear materials" are stored at installations around the country. The bill orders the Energy Department to come up with a plan by Sept. 30 to consolidate much of the weapons material in Idaho. The Bush administration is seeking to cut costs and the threat of terrorist attack by moving the materials from multiple

sites near population centers to more remote locations.

Idaho Republican Rep. Mike Simpson is a member of the House appropriations panel that approved the legislation in the spending bill. He said that because the enriched uranium is not waste and similar materials are already stored at INL, he's willing to consider using the Idaho lab as a storage site.

"It's important to keep in mind that Idaho has the experts, the facilities and the security to store these materials in a safe and responsible manner," Simpson said.

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Paramedics from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and members of the Jerome Rural Fire Department assist Angela Willden, 20, of Twin Falls, onto a gurney Monday evening after extricating her from a 1991 Chevrolet Lumina, shown at left, following a three-car accident on Goff County Road south of Jerome. Willden was driving in the eastbound lane of traffic in a no-passing zone when the Lumina collided head-on with a 2000 Hyundai sedan, driven by Larry Spencer of Twin Falls, authorities said. The Lumina also clipped the rear end of a Chrysler PT Cruiser, but both occupants of that vehicle were not injured. Willden and three passengers in the Lumina were transported to Magic Valley Regional, where they were treated and released. Spencer and a passenger, Nicole Ruby of Twin Falls, also were transported to Magic Valley Regional. Spencer was released, but Ruby remained listed in good condition Tuesday afternoon.

# Movie will benefit soldiers' families

## Area soldier will field questions following film

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—First Lt. Brady Van Engelen has one simple word to explain why he survived being shot in the head by a sniper in Iraq.

"Luck," he said in a phone interview Monday from his home in Washington, D.C.

Van Engelen, now 25 and fully recovered albeit with a small titanium plate in his head, will be back in his hometown Friday night to speak to Twin Falls High School's Class of 2005. Later in the evening, he'll stop by the Lamphouse Theatre to field questions from an audience following the showing of the documentary "Gunner Palace," which takes a close look at the

## Fund-raiser for troops' families

The Lamphouse Theatre will present the documentary, "Gunner Palace," at 7 p.m. Friday at the theater located at 223 Fifth Ave. S. Filmmaker Michael Tucker lived with a group of soldiers for two months and made a film that looks at their day-to-day lives. One of those soldiers is 1st Lt. Brady Van Engelen, a local Army Ranger who survived being shot in the head by a sniper in Iraq. He'll answer questions following Friday night's film.

Admission to the film is \$20 and proceeds will benefit the Family Readiness Group, which helps families of local soldiers now serving in Iraq, said Dave Woodhead, owner of the Lamphouse. Members of the Family Readiness Group also will be selling items with the 116th Brigade Combat Team's snake insignia beginning at 6 p.m.

Van Engelen said he remembered when Tucker first showed up that summer two years ago. "He just asked if he could hang out and film us," Van Engelen said.

Van Engelen said he's only in the film for about two or three seconds in the pool scene. He said the film gives his viewers an accurate description of the life of a soldier in Iraq.

"I really enjoyed it," Van Engelen said.

"I really appreciated it. It was a pretty true depiction of what life over there was like."

Van Engelen described his time in Iraq as "surreal."

"You don't really have time to sit there and process what it really is," he said. "It's reactive."

Van Engelen, son of Dave and Debbie Van Engelen, arrived in Iraq in August 2003. The platoon leader was there until April 2004, when he was shot in the head by a sniper.

He and a few of his fellow soldiers were setting up an observation post at their compound in Baghdad and were on top of a building looking for activity on the road below. Van Engelen told The Times-News in an interview last year. Van Engelen remembered hearing a gunshot, dropping to the ground where he "pretty much went blank."

He was flown to the 28th Combat Support Hospital in the

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# On a roll: Newspaper employees split \$100,000 lotto prize

By Pedro G. Salom  
For The Times-News

**HAILEY**—The sun is shining on the staff of The Wood River Journal.

Three weeks after taking the Idaho Press Club's top award for weekly newspapers, the Journal has become the state's luckiest newspaper, too.

Eight staff members won a \$100,000 lottery prize in the May 18 Powerball drawing, matching five numbers in the multi-state lottery. When the prize was split eight ways, each participant received \$12,500 before taxes.

"I feel very blessed," said winner Becky Mead, legal notices clerk and office manager for the Journal, who bought a car with her winnings.

"God knows my needs and he always seems to come through

for me as long as I'm grateful for what I have."

Lita Sullivan, a journal marketing representative, has already bought a new frying pan at Ketchikan Kitchens, and plans to hit the Chateau Drug Moonlight Sale this weekend to pick up a digital camera.

"I thought it was pretty cool," she said.

She also is planning to buy a TV and take her daughter and grandson on a trip to the French river in Canada to visit relatives.

Journal photographer Dev Mukh Khalsa, who is tying the knot in July, said, "I'm going to pay for my wedding."

After the winning ticket had been checked, rechecked and confirmed as a winner, General Manager Kim Patterson called Disneyland to upgrade her

hotel accommodations for a Memorial Day weekend family trip.

Lead Designer Leslie Thompson is saving some for her son's education and shopping for a used car.

"On my way home from work on Thursday, \$100,000 just kept popping into my head, and I would start laughing, and then I would start crying," Thompson said. "They were tears of joy."

Reporter Kathleen Turner plans to treat herself to a health club and spa membership and Managing Editor Pedro Salom is buying a canoe for his upcoming trip to Montana. The eighth winner hasn't decided what to do with her winnings.

Hitchcock Motel/convention store owner Nathan Fierman received \$10,000 from

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Eight Wood River Journal employees shared a \$100,000 Powerball prize last week. Becky Mead, legal notices clerk and office manager, went to a local car dealership on Saturday and bought herself a vehicle — a 1999 Plymouth Grand Voyager, which has enough passenger space to carry her and the other seven winners.

# Steamed up about history

## Event offers glimpse into past

By Laurie Welch  
For The Times-News

**RUPERT**—Mini-Cassia residents got a glimpse into the past Saturday during Rupert Heritage Day.

Visitors were entertained with music and food and received a history lesson through displays of weaving, spinning and doll-making.

City Councilman Robert Christensen and his brother Mike exhibited their 1908 Case portable steam engine, which let off bellows of vapor, delighting onlookers like 10-year-old Ethan Crane.

"I really like the whistle," Ethan said.

The Christensen brothers, who own Christensen-Machin Inc. in Heyburn, also have a traction engine and other stationary steam engines.

"Ever since I was a little kid in the fourth or fifth grade, I have been fascinated by steam engines," Robert Christensen said. "I finally got my toy, I guess."

The steam engine was used for threshing, pumping water and running feed grinders.

"Basically anywhere they needed power," he said.

The brothers bought the engine from a friend in Medford, Ore. It sold new for \$500.

"That was a lot of money back then. Not many people could afford it. Sometimes two or three farmers would get together and pool their money," he said. "Back then you had to rely on your neighbors. They would gather together and thresh one field and then move on to the next."

The history of the Christensens' particular machine can be traced to the Case factory in Wisconsin. It was shipped to the East Coast and loaded on a ship. From there it traveled around the horn of South America and up to the Oregon-California border.

The engine had already been restored when the Christensens bought it, but its condition indicated it was not used much.

Robert Christensen said it is hard to pin down exactly what draws him to the old steam engine.

"I like the quietness of them and the intensity of the heat. My grandparents were from Utah and in the community where they lived everybody heated their houses with coal," he said. "I think it may be something about the way the coal smokes when it burns that takes me back."

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

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

Misdemeanor arraignments

Teresa M. Cooper, 37; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; pretrial conference June 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Olivia Cruz, 29; child abuse; pretrial conference June 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Juan A. Gonzalez-Urrea, 19; petit theft; pretrial conference June 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Brenda D. Lively, 43; driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; pretrial conference June 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Rory D. Nabb, 21; driving without privileges; arraignment continued June 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Ashley L. Webster, 21; destruction, use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; arraignment continued May 23; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor sentences

Joseph H. Halford, 43; driving without the influence amended to: driving without license; driving without license; driving without license; 300 fine, 150 suspended, 363.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
George D. Demell Hayes, 46; disturbing the peace; 300 fine, 300 suspended, 363.50 court costs; probation for one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 89 suspended; 300 fine, 300 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Eric Ann Hohnhorst, 20; driving without the influence; 3750 fine, 3500



Court records

300 fine, 150 suspended, 363.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Andrew Rivas, 18; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; 368.50 fine, 363.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

John Marcum, 22; driving without privileges amended to: failure to provide proof of insurance; 300 fine, 300 suspended, 363.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jaime E. Ayala, 34, 40; battery—domestic violence amended to: battery; 300 fine, 300 suspended, 363.50 court costs, 575 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 89 suspended; credit for one day served; one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Dwayne B. Haller, 45; malicious injury to property; 300 fine, 300 suspended, 363.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; credit for 30 days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Richard Calvin Dyer died May 19, 2005, at Hunting Beach, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 29, 2005, at the Bull Valley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Margie Davis officiating.

Lawrence H. Manion BURLEY — Lawrence H. Manion, 63-year-old resident of Bakersfield, Calif., died Monday, May 23, 2005, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be made by Ramussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Shirley V. Riddle of Kimberly, gravelside service at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Jill Holland Fackrell of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 321 E. Main; viewing one hour before the service at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center.

Janis Marlene Yeaman Beat of Kimberly, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 E. 350 E. Friends may call one hour before the service at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center.

Kim Hachiya Kawabata, funeral at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Deseret Mortuary, 36 E. 700 S., Salt Lake City, Utah. Friends may call from 6 a.m. today and again one hour before the service on Thursday.

Helen Breum of West Sun City, Ariz., and formerly of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome Cemetery.

Norman E. Ferrin of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Rupert Cemetery. A viewing will be held

suspended, 378.50 court costs, 375 public defender fee; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 148 suspended, 300 suspended, 363.50 court costs; 30 days discretionary, 180-day driver's license suspension; failure to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by court; safety restraint—operator/occupant 10 years or older/occupant 18 years or younger; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor without judgments

Fleming Ferrin, 47; driving under the influence; judgment withheld for one year; 5750 fine, 5000 suspended, 378.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Lauren Lynn Cavalliti, 32; kidnapping—custodial interference; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile misdemeanor dismissals

Justin M. Mulligan, 15; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Felony arraignments

Michelle Bell, 24; five counts; felony status hearing May 20; District Judge John K. Butler.

John B. Henegar, 21; forgery; sentencing June 27; District Judge John K. Butler.

Weston Chase Johnson, 21; grand theft; pretrial conference July 22; District Judge John K. Butler.

Felony sentences

Ascension Ayala-Flores, 34; possession of a controlled substance; 5000 fine, 488.00 court costs, 2500 public

defender fee; seven years supervised probation; four years determinate penitentiary time (suspended), two years indeterminate; credit for 71 days served; driving under the influence (misdemeanor); dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge John K. Butler.

Jeffery J. Crivis, 31, 41; possession of a controlled substance; driving without privileges (misdemeanor); dismissed by prosecutor; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); 3000 fine, 3300 suspended, 363.50 court costs, 3150 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 246 suspended, 30 days discretionary; credit for 89 days served; District Judge John K. Butler.

Jean Lynn Bills, 18; forgery; 5000 fine, 5000 suspended, 363.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended, 363.50 court costs, 363.50 court costs; 30 days discretionary; credit for 19 days served; Separate case: bail jumping, intended to bail jumping (misdemeanor); 31,000 fine, 3200 suspended, 363.50 court costs, 363.50 court costs; 30 days discretionary; credit for 18 days served; concurrent with separate case: District Judge John K. Butler.

workman's compensation insurance for employees and has not obtained approval of plan to function as a self-insured employer.

Wesley Purdy vs. Spencer Kautzer. Seeking \$19,000 in damages; 32,500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for rent of plaintiff's farm.

Action Collection Service vs. Elizabeth Yron. Seeking \$1,981.39, plus interest; 3500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant is in default of the terms of a lease-rental agreement.

Creditor Receivables vs. Ben Agre. Seeking \$2,406.69, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

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Mayor won't seek re-election

CHUBBUCK (AP)—An East-Idaho mayor who's held the office here for 36 years has decided not to seek re-election in November.

"Let someone else run the city for a while," John Cotant said Monday.

Cotant, 61, first ran for mayor of Chubbuck in 1969 as a write-in candidate. In that election, he declared his candidacy on the eve of the vote, then won with a slight margin over a man who had been running unopposed.

Since then, Cotant has had essentially no trouble retaining his position.

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If you have any concerns about your graves, markers or about future needs, please stop by and see us at 735-0011. We also would like to wish each and everyone of you a safe and happy Memorial Day and remind you that Freedom comes with a price, and our country is paying dearly for the rights of others like us to live free.

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DEATH NOTICES

Laurencio Casillas

RUPERT — Laurencio Casillas, 61, of Rupert, died Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at his home.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2005, at St. Nicholas Church. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 26, 2005, where the casket will be recited at 7 p.m. at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Donald Grant Osterhout

TWIN FALLS — Donald "Grant" Osterhout, 81, of Twin Falls, died Monday, May 23, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a short illness.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2005, at White Mortuary with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers memorials be to Idaho Special Care, 8426 Fairview, Boise, ID 83704.

Lena E. Adams

TWIN FALLS — Lena E. Adams, age 89, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at Rosetta Assisted Living Facility.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 426 Fairview, Boise, ID 83704.

David Hofstetter

RUPERT — David Hofstetter, 77, of Rupert, died May 21, 2005, at the Veterans Hospital in Boise.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2005, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 5th St., with Pastor Ray Hord officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery with military rites by the Mini-Cassia Veterans.

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Velva I. Baker

WENATCHEE, Wash. — Velva I. Baker, 93, a 19-year Wenatchee resident, passed away Sunday, May 22, 2005, at Sonve Adult Family Home.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1911, in Baker, Calif., to the late Alred and Emma (Johnson) Becham.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank M. Baker, on Aug. 11, 1968.

She moved to Wenatchee to be near her family in October of 1986 and has since remained in Wenatchee.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Mike and daughter-in-law, Mike and Dot Baker; Wenatchee; four grandchildren, Bernita Lander, Bernice Christensen, Jamie Lander, and Christopher Lander, both of

Wenatchee; Ryker Agnew, Rock Island, and Alex Corwin, Milwaukie, Ore.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Baker; two brothers, Ditt Becham and Marion Adams; and two sisters, Cleo Becham and Birdie Adams.

A remembrance gathering for Velva will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are by "Burial's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Mishap silences Utah phone lines

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Construction workers trenching to install high-speed fiber optic network cables severed a phone line today knocking out service for thousands of south-east Salt Lake valley customers.

Utah spokesman Vince Hancock says the company is unsure how long it will take to restore the service, but it could take all night.

Crews were digging in Murray near 5600 South and State Street when the line was cut by workers installing cable for UTOPIA, the Utah Telecommuncation Open Infrastructure Agency.

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# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

**SHOSHONE** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

**Misdemeanor arraignments**  
Victor N. Anapanda, 18; failure to purchase valid driver's license, sentencing May 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
James L. Hutchinson, 31; unlawful entry, pretrial conference May 11; Separate case; unlawful entry, child receiving/possessing stolen property, pretrial conference May 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
Douglas City Livingston, 45; possession of a controlled substance; use or posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia with intent to distribute, pretrial conference May 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
Lisa May McLaughlin, 18; driving without proper license, pretrial conference May 25; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.



Kevin Ned Richman, 44; driving under the influence, pretrial conference May 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
Robert M. Thurber, 21; driving without proper license, pretrial conference May 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Misdemeanor sentences**  
Felicia M. Roby, 25; driving without proper license, 378.50 court costs, 329 public defender fee, one year suspended probation, 180-day driver's license suspension, Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Felony arraignments**  
Dennis R. Vincent, 48; fraud — insufficient funds check, preliminary hearing

May 10; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Civil**  
Discover Bank vs. Nikki L. McClure. Seeking \$4,469.71, plus interest: \$954.33 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Child support cases**  
State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Brandon Kane Jordan and Jessica June Stanton. Seeking of Mr. Jordan, 45 percent of medical expenses for Alexandria L. Stanton, attorney fees.

**Divorces**  
Charles Alan J. Hopner vs. Sally Homer

# T.F. board to hear building goals

**The Times-News**  
Principal Dennis Sorlus is retiring and O'Leary Principal Bill Brulotte will lead Perrine Elementary School next year. The board will also examine election results. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the board room of the school administration building, 201 Main Ave. The meeting is open to the public.

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# Police take two men into custody in robbery case

**The Times-News**

**TWIN FALLS** — Two men are in custody after allegedly hitting a third man in the head with a large flashlight and stealing several items Monday, according to a police affidavit.

Wade Peterson, of Twin Falls, was at home when Randy Small, 21, and Joshua Caeepes, 19, both of Twin Falls, paid him a visit at 9 a.m. Monday, the affidavit said. After visiting for about 20 minutes, Small and

Caeepes left to go to a gas station, but returned 15 minutes later carrying a large flashlight.

Small approached Peterson and asked for batteries. Peterson told him he didn't have any batteries, but then turned toward Peterson, felt a hit on top of his head and blacked out for a few seconds. He also lost his sight for about 20 minutes, according to the affidavit. When Peterson could again focus, he realized he had been robbed of three laptop computers, an ex-

ternal hard drive, a microscope and a carton of cigarettes.

Dorise English, who was with Peterson at the time of the attack, said she continued to work on her computer when Small and Caeepes came back into the house. When she heard the loud thump, she looked up and observed Small holding the flashlight, according to the affidavit.

Small yelled at English, telling her not to move. She said the men took the computers and

other items and left. Once Small and Caeepes left the house with the items, English took Peterson to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Both Small and Caeepes were picked up late Monday afternoon and charged with robbery and conspiracy. Small was in custody Tuesday on a \$25,000 bond and Caeepes was in custody on a \$50,000 bond. They have both been ordered to have no contact with the victim, according to the affidavit.

# Gooding School Board will review policies, hear about grants

**The Times-News**

**GOODING** — The Gooding School Board will meet tonight to review policies and take public input.

Stan Metcalf, a district resi-

dent, is scheduled to speak.

Current policies up for a five-year review include compensation for extra services, workman's compensation, liability insurance, personal safety, physical exams, suspen-

sion and dismissal, resignation, illness, bereavement leave and personal leave.

The board will hear about a conference on sustaining 21st-Century Community Learning Center programs after grants

are done and a report from the Gooding Education Association.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Gooding High School vocational/agricultural classroom at 1050 Seventh Ave. W.

# INL

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Son said Tuesday. "If the Idaho National Laboratory can play a significant role in helping to secure our nation against nuclear terrorism and save taxpayers billions of dollars in the process, we have a responsibility to sit down with DOE and talk about it."

Opponents say that although the Idaho lab has been billed as the proving ground for new generations of clean nuclear power, consolidating the material there would put INL into a Cold War-era role of atomic weapons support.

"Just because INL has better security than Los Alamos (National Laboratory in New Mexico) — which isn't hard — it seems all of the real dangerous programs are turning toward us," said Jeremy Maxand of the Boise-based Snake River Alliance. "It's all happening through the appropriations process and there's no public debate, no hearings, no environmental impact statements."

Maxand also points to \$8.5 million in the bill for INL to plan and build facilities to take over Los Alamos National Laboratory's production of

plutonium-238, which is used in space batteries to power orbiting satellites.

Simpson said several provisions in the House spending bill reinforce INL's role in developing nuclear power reactors, including \$13.5 million for an advanced test reactor for the Navy, \$7 million to accelerate operation of a homeland security test range to study ways to protect the nation's electrical grid and wireless communication systems, and \$16 million for upgrading research facilities at the site.

The bill also directs the De-

partment of Energy to begin serious commercial nuclear reactor fuel at interim storage sites by 2006, specifying INL as one possible alternative until a permanent repository is operating at Nevada's Yucca Mountain.

Simpson says chances of that ever happening are slim. He said the bill's language does not alter the force of a 1995 court-ordered settlement between the state of Idaho and the Energy Department that states DOE "will make no shipments of spent fuel from commercial nuclear power plants" to INL.

# Film

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Green Zone, where neurosurgeons mended his head wound. He was then taken to a military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, and later flown to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he spent two weeks.

His doctors were amazed at his quick recovery. "It's not common for someone to survive a gunshot to the head," Van Engelen said. "The doctors at Walter Reed were as-

tounded at how quickly I recovered, and how fully I recovered."

Van Engelen completed his three years of service Jan. 29. He now makes his home in the nation capital, where he works for the Morgan Franklin Corporation consulting firm. He's attended a number of screenings of "Gunner Palace," including one with senators on Capitol Hill. He's engaged to Anastasia De Felice, whom he met six years ago at Seattle University, the school from which Van Engelen graduated in 2002

and was commissioned as an officer.

Following the filming of "Gunner Palace," Van Engelen's platoon went on to acquire even more media attention when it was chosen to represent the 1.4 million men and women in the U.S. military selected by Time magazine as "Person of the Year" for 2005.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

# Lotto

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The Idaho Lottery Commission for selling the winning ticket. "We're going to put it back into the business," he said Monday.

Store manager Diane Harkness, a past winner of a \$5,000 prize, said the store sold between \$200 and \$300 of Powerball tickets each week, but there is a sharp rise in sales when the jackpot passes the \$100 million mark, as it did last week.

She said the biggest win she has seen at the Hiltchuck was \$2.50 on a scratch ticket sold this past Christmas season.

According to the Idaho Lottery, the odds of one ticket winning a \$100,000 prize are 1 in 2,893,677. The Journal staff had pooled their money to purchase 40 tickets, making their odds roughly one in 73,000.

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# House: Put nuke waste at federal sites

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Tuesday to begin temporary storage of commercial nuclear waste at one or more federal facilities, forcing further delays in a proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in Nevada.

The directive was included in a \$29.7 billion measure funding the Energy Department and came over the objections of lawmakers from Washington and South Carolina, two states where the waste from commercial power reactors might be located.

An attempt by Rep. Edward

Markey, D-Mass., to strip the bill of \$10 million for the interim storage program failed 312-110. The House passed the spending measure Tuesday night by a 416-13 vote.

While the legislation leaves it up to the Energy Department to select one or more interim storage sites, a report accompanying the bill suggested the Energy Department's Savannah River weapons facility in South Carolina, the Hanford nuclear reservation near Richland, Wash., and the Idaho National Laboratory, west of Idaho Falls, as possible loca-

tions. It also said the department should consider other federal sites, including closed defense bases, for temporary storage.

It calls on the energy secretary to produce a plan for interim storage four months after the bill becomes law and to begin accepting waste before the end of next year. The legislation must still be considered by Senate.

Washington and South Carolina lawmakers said that if their states are targeted, they feared the interim facilities could end up as permanent waste repositories. They worried that

establishing interim waste dumps might reduce pressure to open Yucca Mountain.

The state of Washington does not want to become a nuclear waste dump more than we are already," said Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash. "Interim, in an ecological time, could mean several lifetimes."

The interim storage proposal comes as concerns continue about delays in opening the proposed Yucca Mountain project in Nevada, 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. Last year a federal court questioned its proposed radiation protection plans.

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Homes being built in the village of Summerhaven, outside Tucson, Ariz., are shown on March 7. Homeowners from this mountaintop community began filing lawsuits Tuesday accusing their insurance companies of failing to provide enough coverage on homes destroyed in a June 2003 wildfire.

## Homeowners burned by Arizona wildfire sue insurance companies

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Homeowners from a vacation mountaintop community northeast of Tucson began filing lawsuits Tuesday against their insurance companies of failing to provide enough coverage on homes destroyed in a June 2003 wildfire.

Seventy homeowner families were filing lawsuits against 16 separate insurers, homeowners' lawyer Brian Kabaček told a news conference Tuesday.

The Aspen fire charred 84,750 acres and destroyed 322 homes in the hamlet of Summerhaven. Seven businesses and four other structures were also destroyed in the community, about a 45-minute drive from Tucson.

A few other insurance carriers have settled with another 27 families without litigation, he said.

Among the companies named in the lawsuits filed in Pima County Superior Court — each alleging breach of contract, insurance bad faith and negligence — were United Services Automobile Association (USA) and State Farm.

John Henry, a spokesman for USA — in Colorado Springs, Colo., declined to comment, saying he had not seen the lawsuit yet.

Tompe, State Farm spokeswoman LiWanna Nielsen also said company officials have not reviewed the complaint. But the company is proud of the claim service provided Mount Lemmon homeowners, settling 70 percent of policyholders' claims within 60 days, she said.

The company also encourages those it insures to be familiar with and review their coverages periodically with

their agents, Nielsen said.

"It's safe to say that each one of these homeowners is simply looking for enough money to rebuild their houses," Kabaček said. None is looking to win the lottery," he said.

A lot of them are underinsured by about half the amount needed to rebuild. Kabaček added.

Kabaček said 250 homeowners on Mount Lemmon "have done nothing and face losing their rights to try to recover total losses unless they act before a two-year statute of limitations expires on June 18, the fire's second anniversary.

Several homeowners said they asked their insurance agents to increase coverage after the 2002 Bullock fire on Mount Lemmon, but in most instances they were dissuaded from doing so.

## Officers seek help finding missing kids

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Memorial Day weekend will send crowds of people into the area for an campground in northern Idaho, and law officers today asked them to keep an eye out for two abducted children missing for more than a week.

"Authorities continue to receive tips, but have not developed any suspects or strong leads as to the whereabouts of Dylan Greene and his sister Shasta.

They are missing from a home where the bodies of three people were found on May 16.

The FBI is sending 30 additional employees to the area to help in the massive search, including experts in child abductions.

A public memorial service is scheduled for tomorrow for Brenda Greene, mother of the missing children, and Slade Greene, their brother. The third person who died in the house, Mark McKenzie will have a private ceremony. All three were bound and bludgeoned to death.

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## New agents would push Border Patrol to its limits, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hiring 2,000 new agents next year could push the U.S. Border Patrol to its limits in training and managing its ranks, Bush administration officials testified Tuesday.

Previously, Homeland Security Department officials have questioned whether the Border Patrol could handle the new agents, as Congress mandated in an intelligence reform law last week and re-approved last week by the House.

On Tuesday, training officials said it is possible — but warned

that the new hires would not come without added costs.

The 2,000 new agents would come close to maxing out what the Border Patrol could hire "without significantly going on the other side of risk management," said Thomas J. Walters, assistant commissioner of training and development at Customs and Border Protection.

"But we can do it," Walters testified at a House Homeland Security subcommittee hearing.

The White House has asked for funding to hire 210 new agents in the 2006 fiscal year.

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# Japanese puzzle conquers Britain

LONDON (AP) — Britain has a new addiction.

Hunched over newspapers on crowded subway trains, snacking secret peeks in the office, a puzzle-crazy nation is trying to slot numbers into small checkerboard grids.

The Sudoku — a sort of crossword without words that has consumed the country.

There's something about that grid with its empty squares — it's just crying out to be filled in, said Wayne Gould, a retired judge and puzzle aficionado who helped spark Britain's love affair with the game.

A Japanese brain teaser that has quietly appeared in puzzle magazines in Asia and North America for years, Sudoku hit Britain in the pages of The Times newspaper in November. It now has thousands of avid followers, a host of Web sites and books, and runs daily in eight national newspapers, which compete fiercely to offer their readers the best puzzle.

The Independent offers four a day, of varying levels of difficulty. The Guardian boasts that its puzzle is "hand-crafted by its Japanese inventors" rather than spawned by a computer like the others. The Times is offering a version for mobile phones. The Daily Telegraph promises a 3-D "Ultimate Sudoku" version.

The name, which translates roughly as "the number that is alone," has become a handy catch-phrase. A Times columnist wrote dismissively about Prime Minister Tony Blair's recent Cabinet shuffle: "It is not exactly Sudoku, is it?"

Sudoku consists of a grid of nine rows of nine boxes, which must be filled in so the numbers one through nine appear just once in each column, row and three-by-three square.

It looks like arithmetic, but requires the application of logic. It can be fairly straightforward or fiendishly difficult.

"I think the attraction is that you can definitely get it right," said Anton Viesci, a 23-year-old London bookseller. "It's very satisfying."

But alongside the joy of Sudoku success comes the frustration of failure. Web sites ring with the cries of the addicted.

"I have got a stiff neck from sitting hunched over, a headache from concentrating

too long and the house is covered in the bits of rubber you get" when erasing, Sudoku sufferer Amanda Masterman wrote on one Web site.

While its name is Japanese, Sudoku is a variation on Latin Squares, developed in the 18th century by Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler as a variation on an older puzzle, Magic Squares.

Mauro Daneli, a professor of semantics at the University of Toronto and author of "The Puzzle Instinct," said Magic Squares can in turn be traced to Lo Shu, an ancient Chinese puzzle.

Japanese publisher Nikoli Inc. claims to have introduced the puzzle to Japan in the 1980s from the United States where it was called Number Place. It features in a variety of Japanese magazines and books, but lacks the public profile it has achieved in Britain, where it has been discussed on daytime talk shows and evening news programs.

The British boom can be traced to Gould, a New Zealander who discovered Sudoku on a visit to Tokyo in 1997. He created a computer program that generates the puzzles, then offered them for free to The Times. He now supplies puzzles to newspapers in a dozen countries, including the United States.

Sudoku's success in Britain is partly due to fierce newspaper competition, and partly to a deeply ingrained puzzle-solving habit in this nation of Scrabble-lovers and cryptic crossword addicts.

"I think there's something in the British personality — they like their puzzles hard," said the 59-year-old Gould.

Some argue that Sudoku fever will fade once newspapers lose interest.

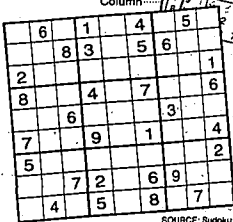
Daneli says the puzzle — like past sensations such as 1980s icon Rubik's Cube — is likely to retain a strong following even when it has faded from the headlines.

He says it is one of the classic puzzle types, enduring mind-benders whose appeal runs deep.

"It seems to be part of the human system of everyday life to do puzzles," Daneli said. "In a small, minuscule way, solving a puzzle gives us relief from the larger philosophical puzzles."

## Do you Sudoku?

Britons are crazy for Sudoku — a Japanese numerical brain teaser that requires logic to solve rather than arithmetic.



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# North Korea doesn't rule out possible pre-emptive attack

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Tuesday refused to rule out a pre-emptive attack, even amid signs it may be willing to return to the nuclear bargaining table.

The North poured out anti-American rhetoric — a tactic it has used in the past before entering negotiations — by claiming that Washington's "hostile policies" led it to devel-

op nuclear weapons as a deterrent and warning against any attack to dislodge its leadership.

"The United States should be aware that the choice of a pre-emptive attack is not only theirs," the North's official news agency quoted the state-run newspaper Minju Joeson as saying. "To stand against force with force is our unwavering method of response."



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# Universities show off new 'game-film'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A video game that launched Tuesday boasts the work of students from eight universities in four countries who met on the superfast Internet network.

"Descent to the Underworld" re-imagines the mythological Orpheus tale in settings designed by the students who live in Philadelphia, Beijing, Brazil and elsewhere.

"I was so excited for me as a professor was getting young people excited about the mythology, by having it jizzed up as an interactive video game," Drexel University professor John Serpentelli said.

The game can be accessed on the Internet, and may eventually be marketed for educational purposes. Producer Nora Barry believes similar games can be used to teach other academic subjects, such as history, science and perhaps even math.

"As an added twist to the video-game experience, a player instead accumulates points. Instead, the player's moves create a story that is then retold in the film or filmed or narrated by the students. Barry, a filmmaker who led the project, calls the hybrid a "game-film."

Students worked in three teams for 12 weeks to create their versions of the Orpheus myth. A team from the University of Washington in Seattle and University in Beijing set their story in sixth century China, juxtaposing both computer-generated and hand-drawn illustrations. They met when it was Tuesday night in Seattle and Wednesday morning in Beijing.

Students at Drexel and the University of Utah created an urban 21st century narrative. They linked jobs via Internet, used a very speedy network that allows for an advanced form of teleconferencing, on early storyboards, then split the film production tasks.

Students from Northwestern University and Louisiana State University created the music and sound effects.

Drexel Junior Deborah Brie, a film major from Downingtown, Pa., worked behind the camera on the film scenes. She came away from the experience with a broader view of career options.

"I'm just dipping my feet into all different sorts of things that are possible. I guess I could go into movies, games or sports," said Brie, who spent a work-study term with the Arena Football League.

The nonprofit Internet2 network — with speeds 100 times faster than the typical home broadband service — is used by universities, corporations and researchers to share information in real time.

Drexel President Constantine Papadakis hopes the network will continue to link students with peers and experts around the world.

"The students who are mavericks ... who are free thinkers, they have trouble sometimes in school," he said. "This is an outlet for students of higher capability, higher energy, who sometimes have problems in an environment that's designed for the average student."

Barry was struck by each team's decision to have a male hero rescue a female victim in the game. She had intentionally given them choices about each character's gender.

# Critic says new BLM rules won't save wild horses from slaughter

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Safeguards adopted by the Bureau of Land Management last week to protect wild horses removed from federal lands in the West are not strict enough to keep the mustangs out of slaughterhouses, a critic said Tuesday.

"The protections are very weak, surprisingly weak," said Nancy Perry, vice president of the Humane Society of the United States. "They will not stop horses from being sold for slaughter."

Advocacy groups want the Senate to approve a measure passed by the House last week to reinstate full protection for the horses under a 1971 law, prohibiting sales outside the BLM's adoption program.

The House amendment by Democratic Reps. Nick Rahall of West Virginia and Ed Whitfield of Kentucky would repeal the language set in Conrad Burns, R-Mont., inserted in a spending bill in December.

The Burns measure granted the BLM expanded authority to sell 8,400 of the oldest horses in long-term holding facilities and reduce what the agency and ranchers say is an overpopulation of horses on the range.

As a result, at least 41 mustangs the BLM sold in April ended up being resold and slaughtered at an Illinois meat-packing plant.



Cecil Scott and his granddaughter, Kristin Brentlinger, view mustangs available for adoption at the Wild Horse Adoption Center on Feb. 20 near Ewing, Ill.

Nevada Reps. Jim Gibbons and Jon Porter are among the Western Republicans who say they oppose slaughter of horses but voted against the Rahall amendment.

They say safeguards announced by the BLM the same day negated the need for the measure, because buyers now must sign a statement saying they have no intention of reselling the horses for slaughter.

"These changes will ensure America's wild horses and burros go to good homes, and the new rules will expressly prohibit the sale of these animals for slaughter," Gibbons said.

Nevada is home to nearly half of the 31,760 wild horses that roam 10 Western states. The BLM says the range can sustain about 28,000. Horse advocates say the real motivation is to make room for cattle and sheep.

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Clockwise from top: Magic Grilled Steak With Orange Magnolia Sauce, Steak and Potato — Knife and Fork Salad With Southwest Chipotle Dressing and Sensational Steak Strips With Creamy Garlic Dip.

## Sizzle, smoke and spice

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nary magic by sprinkling a savory blend of herbs and spices on the steak itself. Or serve fabulous dips, sauces, marinades or salad dressings to complement whatever you grill.

Grill trimmed spears of asparagus or lengthwise strips of zucchini, brushed with a little olive oil and sprinkled with a seasoning blend, right along with your steak. While the grill is still hot, brush peeled peach halves or fresh pineapple rings with melted butter, and sizzle on both sides until warmed through. Serve the grilled fruit with a scoop of ice cream as a grand finale to your sensational summer meal.

For a free "Good Life Guide and Cookbook" filled with mouthwatering steak recipes, call (800) 228-9055 or visit [www.ornhaststeaks.com](http://www.ornhaststeaks.com). For Chef Paul Prudhomme's tips,

recipes and online catalog, visit Magic Seasonings' Web site at [www.chefpaul.com](http://www.chefpaul.com) or call (800) 457-2857 for a free brochure with recipes.

**Sensational Steak Strips With Creamy Garlic Dip**

Makes 4 servings  
Creamy Garlic Dip (see recipe)  
2 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic  
4 (8-ounce) boneless strip sirloin steaks, cut into narrow strips

Make Creamy Garlic Dip; cover and refrigerate. In mixing bowl, combine seasoning and steak strips. Mix well until seasoning is evenly distributed. Reserve.

Prepare grill and preheat until coals are very hot. Grilling surface should be about 5 inches from coals.

Lay steak strips on grill. Cook, turning once, until meat is seared outside but still rare inside, about 1 1/2 to 2 minutes per side. Serve immediately with Creamy Garlic Dip.

**Creamy Garlic Dip**

Makes about 1 cup  
2 teaspoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic  
2 teaspoons minced garlic  
1 tablespoon cider vinegar  
1 cup mayonnaise  
Mash together seasoning and garlic to form paste. Add vinegar and whisk until blended. Whisk in mayonnaise. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

**Magic Grilled Steak With Orange Magnolia Sauce**

Makes 4 servings  
Orange Magnolia Sauce (see recipe)  
4 (10-ounce) ribeye steaks  
2 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Blackened Steak Magic

Season steaks evenly with 3/4 teaspoon steak seasoning per side.

Prepare grill and preheat until coals are very hot. Grilling surface should be about 5 inches from coals.

Lay steaks on grill. Cook, turning once, until meat is seared outside but still rare inside, about 4 minutes per side. Serve immediately with Orange Magnolia Sauce.

**Orange Magnolia Sauce**

Makes 1 cup  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1 tablespoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Seafood Magic  
6 tablespoons ketchup  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
Melt butter in nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Whisk in seasoning, then ketchup, then cream. Bring to boil, whisking frequently. Remove from heat.

Steak and Potato — Knife and Fork Salad With Southwest Chipotle Dressing

Makes 4 servings  
4 (7-ounce) Flat Iron Steaks  
4 teaspoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Barbecue Magic Seasoning  
1 head iceberg lettuce  
1 pound Roasted Baby Red

Potatoes (see recipe)  
1 cup tomatoes, diced  
1 each corn on the cob, grilled  
Crumbled blue cheese  
3 tablespoons Southwest Chipotle Salad Dressing (see recipe)

Prepare Southwest Chipotle Salad Dressing and Roasted Baby Red Potatoes (recipes below). Season each side of thawed steaks with 1/2 teaspoon barbecue seasoning. Grill steaks to desired doneness. Grill corn until lightly browned on outside. Remove steaks and corn from grill. Cut kernels off cobs. Remove core and wilted leaves from iceberg lettuce. Wash lettuce and cut 4 cross-sectioned slices about 1-inch thick. Place cross-sectioned slice of lettuce on each plate. Slice steaks against grain and fan across each lettuce slice. Sprinkle each salad with diced tomatoes, grilled corn and crumbled blue cheese. Divide potatoes evenly and place around edge of lettuce slices. Drizzle each salad with Southwest Chipotle Salad Dressing. Serve with knives and forks.

**Southwest Chipotle Salad Dressing**

Makes 1 1/2 cups  
1/4 cup Chef Paul Prudhomme's Southwest Chipotle Sauce and Marinade  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons honey  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup olive oil  
Combine chipotle sauce, mayonnaise, honey and salt in blender on lowest setting. Slowly add olive oil. Refrigerate dressing before using.

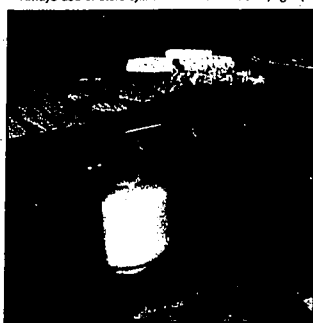
**Roasted Baby Red Potatoes**

1 pound red potatoes (B size), washed and quartered  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 tablespoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Barbecue Magic Seasoning  
Preheat oven to 400°F. In small mixing bowl, toss potatoes with olive oil and seasoning. Place on baking sheet and bake 40 minutes, stirring once halfway through baking.

**Propane safety**

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- Always follow grill manufacturer's instructions on lighting the grill and make sure the grill top is open.
- Always use or store cylinders outdoors in an upright (vertical) position. Do not use, store or transport cylinders near high temperatures (this includes storing spare cylinders near the grill).



- When the cylinder is refilled, have the supplier check for dents, damage, rust or leaks.
- Before connecting or lighting a propane gas grill, use a leak-detection solution to check connections for tightness. Do not use matches or lighters to check for leaks.
- After filling or exchanging, take the cylinder home immediately. Keep the vehicle ventilated and the cylinder valve closed and capped.
- If you suspect a gas leak, call the fire department immediately.
- Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.
- Do not smoke while handling a propane cylinder.
- Never pour an accelerant such as lighter fluid or gasoline on the grill.
- When not in use, grill burner controls should be turned off and cylinder valve closed.

For additional safety tips, visit [www.usepropane.com](http://www.usepropane.com).

FOOD & HOME

# Plant a row in your garden for the needy

As you work along, planting seeds, you think about how all the good food — especially good because it comes from your garden — will taste.

Thirty-five million people across the country are thinking about food, too. Food they don't have.

What if you overplant on purpose this year? What if you put in just one more row of whatever. Corn. Zucchini. Peas. Carrots. And took the harvest from that one row to the soup kitchen?

What will happen is that the people who will eat at the soup kitchen that day will eat fresh vegetables they probably wouldn't have gotten.

The Garden Writers of America got together a few years ago and decided to encourage you to Plant a Row. In Boston's Back Bay, it is so small that even the best intentions when grocery shopping can create a space crunch back home.

Forget those vast arrangements of wood, steel, and stone that have windows, pantries, and breakfast nooks, not to mention eight-burner Vikings and side-by-side Sub-Zeros. The real estate market's realities make it far more likely that young homeowners will have to work with something more like Thomas and Der Manuelli's kitchen: At under 50 square feet, it's akin to a one-sided galley.

The've seen smaller ones," Thomas allowed during a one-person-at-a-time tour of the kitchen. "But nothing that holds more than takeout."

When they bought their 800-



**GREEN THUMBPRINTS**  
**Cathy Walworth**

North America, and together we're having an impact on the hunger problem. Some communities get together and weigh the produce they bring in.

Since I've been promoting PAR to the Magic Valley, I've found that you prefer to donate quietly. You don't seem to want to tally up the baskets of radishes, lettuces, corn and squashes you've brought to quiet others' hunger. That's OK.

Plant a Row is a grassroots, people-based, non-institutional program that depends on the good will and energy of the hands of gardeners just like you. So I'll thank you ahead of

time, because I know that you'll soon dig up something wonderful from your garden, wash it off, and drive it to town for someone you've never met.

**Tip of the Week:** Not sure how good the soil is? Radishes will tell you.

Work up the soil as usual, plant radish seeds and water. Radishes are wonderful soil health predictors because they sprout quickly. You'll have your answers in no time.

If no radishes germinate, something is very wrong. If they come up spindly and pale, the soil is lacking. If you find yourself with a crop of crunchy, crisp radishes that sport big, green leaves, go ahead and plant whatever else you like.

**DEAR CATHY:** I've heard that baking soda works well as a fungicide. Is it true?  
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**DEAR RATHER:** Baking soda has been in the news often and on the past few years because of its supposed anti-fungal powers. Ain't true. Oregon State University did a side-by-side test on apples and grapes, with and without summer spray oils. Powdery mildew and scab were reduced, compared to untreated trees. But the results weren't stunning.

Baking soda had little effect on powdery mildew and scab. Trees treated with baking soda alone had high levels of disease, few fruit, low vigor and little return bloom the following year.

Oregon State University said baking soda should not be recommended for control of scab or powdery mildew on fruit trees.

**What's bugging your garden?** Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: [cwualworth@aol.com](mailto:cwualworth@aol.com).

## Let ice cream say 'congrats'

Knight Ridder News Service

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# Be 'ruthless' about appliances when you work in small kitchen

The Boston Globe

square-foot condo in 1999, they knew they had to renovate the kitchen, which was barely more than a stove, refrigerator, and sink, but they were on a budget. Stock cabinets weren't going to work if they wanted to maximize the space, so they found a sympathetic carpenter, Jay Armstrong, and they hunted for mini-appliances on the Internet.

They found a little Equator dishwasher that holds about one-quarter of a regular-sized load, a 24-inch range hood from Home Depot, and a 24-inch glass cooktop by Gaggenau. The cooktop doubles as counter, and the custom-built cabinets perfectly hold such things as 10.2-liter bottles of Diet Coke, a large container of food for their four cats, and over the refrigerator, "everything" from the popover tins to the roasting pans.

Still, Thomas is "ruthless" about getting rid of unnecessary appliances. "You don't need 98 percent of the Williams-Sonoma catalog to be a good cook," she said. "I recently bought a cake saver, which I'd always wanted,

and I had to reorganize an entire cabinet around it."

She considers herself a "half-decent cook," but she makes fewer full-fledged meals at home since she and her husband embarked on the South Beach Diet. But last year she did cook an "elaborate Christmas Eve dinner" for guests. "Yes, we did have to put some stuff in the refrigerator of our neighbor upstairs, but that's the only time we've had to explode out of our own kitchen to get something done."

In the South End, Chris Cox does manage semi-regular entertaining out of his little kitchen on Appleton Street, but it's usually drinks and snacks, not "fancy meals, soup to nuts." Still, there's no room to spread out, so he has to keep everything in check.

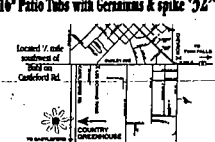
"Like anybody, I can let things collect on my counters, but before I can start any food preparation, I have to clean them off completely," he said. "And I'm constantly doing the dishes and cleaning as I go along. If I had a big huge kitchen, I'd probably end up with a huge sprawling mess."

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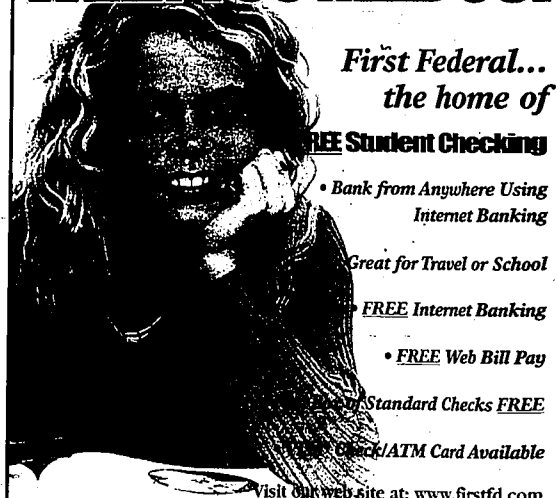
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FOOD & HOME

# Ten things to make with tequila

By Cathy Thomas  
The Orange County Register

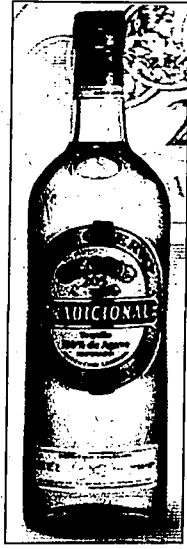


Photo courtesy of Jose Cuervo  
Jose Cuervo Tradicional tequila is versatile in many recipes.

**SANTA ANA, Calif.** — Tequila's scent is unmistakable. The aroma is floral-sweet, sometimes edged with a subtle hint of vanilla. Occasionally I catch a whisper of wet pine needles or even bitter-sweet chocolate. May be a little lime peel.

But open a bottle, and more than anything else, I smell a party. I've lived most of my life in close-to-the-border Southern California, where tequila and festive backyard gatherings go hand in hand.

In party-cocktail value is hard to dispute, but over the years I've grown to appreciate the ingredient it brings to dishes as an accent. From dips to desserts, soups to salsas, a touch of tequila imparts a welcome spark.

When using it in dishes, I generally use either silver or reposado tequila. Silver or plata (also called white or blanco) is bottled less than 60 days after distillation. Reposado ("rested") is aged up to one year and is smoother than silver, with more finesse.

Whether either style, I look for those that say "100 percent agave" on the label (tequila is made from agave, a member of the lily family, *not* a cactus). Once higher percentages of agave tequilas have a richer, deeper flavor. Others can add as much as 49 percent sugar or corn syrup.

line-crusted cake (see recipe).  
Tequila white August  
3. Whipped cream with a little tequila for a luscious accompaniment to fruit-based desserts. Whip heavy whipping cream with powdered sugar until soft peaks form. Add tequila to taste, about 2 teaspoons for 1 cup of cream. Whip just until firm.

4. Savvy salsa: In a non-reactive bowl such as a glass or ceramic, combine 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion; 2 cups chopped tomatoes; 1 large (or 2 small) diced peeled, pitted avocado(s); 1/4 cup minced cilantro; 1 fresh jalapeno chili (seeded and minced) — use caution when working with fresh chilies; do not touch face or eyes); 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice; splash orange liqueur and 1 tablespoon tequila. Gently toss and add salt to taste. Cover, chill 1 hour. Serve with tortilla chips or spoon over grilled fish or chicken.

5. Tequila-spiked salad dressing: Incredible served with salad made with mixed greens, sliced avocados and crumbled cotija cheese, this vinaigrette relies on tequila and tomatoes for its vibrant taste. Combine 1/2 cup tequila, 1/4 cup white wine vinegar and 1/4 cup minced red onion in small saucepan. Boil on high heat until reduced in volume by half. Stir in 1/4 cup tomato salsa (salsa verde), 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil and garlic salt to taste. Cool. If desired, add 2 tablespoons minced cilantro or Italian parsley-chill.

6. Tequila Tri-Tip With Teardrop Relish: Tequila combined with herbs and spices makes a flavorful marinade. Use it to marinate tri-tip beef roasts, then grill. Serve with a colorful relish made with teardrop tomatoes, canned mild green chilies and a touch of vinegar (see recipe).  
7. Gazpacho gusto: For appetizer portions, ladle your favorite gazpacho into chilled shot glasses or martini glasses. Drizzle with a little tequila and garnish with white (shelled) grilled shrimp.

8. Tequila-flamed mangoes: Why chilis love to use tequila to flame dishes (such as shell-on shrimp entrees or fruit desserts), I love cookbook author Rick Bayless' version of tequila-flamed mangoes. To make it, place 4 tablespoons butter in a 9-by-13-inch baking pan and place in 350-degree oven to melt. Add 5 cups of fresh peeled mangoes (cut into 1/2-inch wedges — to see video of how to seed and cut mango, go to [www.oregister.com/food/](http://www.oregister.com/food/)). Sprinkle with 1/2 cup packed brown sugar and toss. Bake 45 minutes. Just before serving, pour 1/4 cup tequila (tequila silver is fine here) into small saucepan and set over low heat — don't let it simmer. Sprinkle mangoes with 3 tablespoons sugar and pour hot tequila over mangoes. Hold flame (and hair) away from dish and light tequila with long match. Use potholder to shake pan back and forth. When flames subside, serve with whipped cream, ice cream or full-fat yogurt.

9. Raspberry-tequila sauce served with petite cheesecakes: It's easy to make a quick raspberry-tequila sauce. Defrost a 10-ounce tub of frozen raspberries in syrup. Process until pureed in food processor. Fit with metal blade. Strain through a medium-fine sieve and add 1 tablespoon tequila. Stir and taste, adding more tequila if desired. Serve over cake, rice pudding, custard or cheesecake (see recipe for Petite Coconut Cheesecakes).

10. Sangrita siders: OK, maybe this isn't a dish, per se, but these spicy-sweet chasers are so good, they taste like an appetizer. Sangrita is served in a small glass next to a shot of aged tequila (such as Herradura Añejo or Cuervo 1800). To make it, combine (in a pitcher) 2/3 cup tomato-based vegetable juice such as V-8, 1/3 cup orange juice, 1 tablespoon grenadine, 1/4 cup fresh lime juice, 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce (such as Tabasco), dash Worcestershire sauce and salt to taste. Stir and chill, well-sealed. Accompany tequila and sangria with lime wedges.

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Here are 10 ways to use tequila in easy-to-make dishes:

1. Party pineapple: Peel fresh pineapple, remove "ring eyes" and leaves. Cut in half lengthwise and pierce at 1-inch intervals with bamboo skewer. In 9-by-13-inch baking dish, combine 3 tablespoons orange juice, 1/2 cup fresh lime juice and sugar. Stir to dissolve sugar. Add pineapple, slit side down, and spoon tequila mixture over fruit. Bake at 325 degrees in oven until lightly caramelized, about 40 minutes, basting with pan juices every 15 minutes. Cut in half or fourths lengthwise and serve with juices — either as a dessert with ice cream or see No. 3 — tequila whip), or top with chopped cilantro and use as an accompaniment to roast pork.

2. Miracle Margarita Flan Cake: This dessert combines the creamy allure of caramel flan with a tequila-scented butter cake. The Bundt pan is layered with caramel ice cream topping from a jar, a cake batter made from a mix (augmented with lime zest and tequila) and a three-egg custard mixture. As it bakes (here's where the miracle comes in), the custard rises to the top, creating a flan atop the

## Guavas score high on antioxidant list

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If you're the kind of health-conscious eater who scoops blueberries onto your breakfast cereal and piles broccoli, spinach and sweet potatoes onto your dinner plate, we have one word for you: Guava.

The super-flood reputation of the red-meatened fruit and vegetables is based largely on their prodigious antioxidant activity. And preliminary findings by leading researchers show guava — along with carambola — belongs in their league.

In fact, on one widely used antioxidant test, guava outscored them all: cranberries, finishing just behind the much-less-lovable kale.

They really do compare favorably to other antioxidants. Cleary of Eating Well magazine says of guava's showing on the antioxidant test, "What a wonderful boon to people with a guava tree in their backyard."

The research is being conducted at the USDA Agriculture Research Service's Citrus and Subtropical Products Lab under

a grant from the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida.

After additional testing, says lead researcher Elizabeth Baldwin, the team will submit its findings to a scientific journal for publication, a process that could take six months to a year.

"Antioxidant" is a buzzword you've probably heard but may not fully understand.

They're plant chemicals (aka phytochemicals) that have the power to neutralize free radicals — unstable compounds generated by our bodies (and found in pollutants like cigarette smoke) that can wreak havoc

with our health. Free radicals cause oxidative damage to human cells that can trigger heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

The public is catching on to the concept.

"Consumers are aware of the term 'antioxidant' — they know they're important; they know that they're good for you, and they know that you should eat foods that have more of them," said Rene Smith, vice president and director of nutrition marketing for Ketchikan, a public relations firm whose clients include California strawberry and almond growers.

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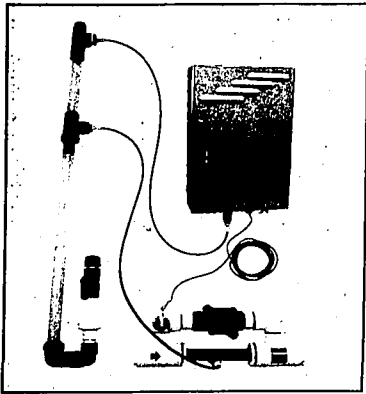
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## Ozone gas can help clean spas and pools

DEAR JIM: I want to save on chemicals to treat my pool and spa and I thought about installing an electric ozone purifier. Is ozone safe to use and is this going to cost more to operate than using chemicals?

—JOHNNY M.

DEAR JOHNNY: Ozone gas is an effective alternative to chlorine chemicals swimming pools and spas. Although you have heard about smog and ozone alerts in the air in major cities, ozone gas in water is quite different. Many municipalities use ozone gas to purify their drinking water. Ozone in the air causes smog, but other sources combines with other pollutants in bright sunlight to cause visible and unhealthy smog.

The small concentration of ozone gas in pool water quickly converts back to plain oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) when it leaves the surface of the water. The ozone has no negative effect on your skin in the water as chlorine sometimes can. Even if you install an ozone purifier, you will still need to use some chemicals in your spa and pool. Generally, the amount of chemicals needed is reduced by more than 50 percent.

Ozone also reacts with chlorine residual chemicals to release additional free chlorine for a greater savings. Once in the water, ozone gas attacks bacteria, viruses and other contaminants by oxidation similar to how chlorine works. Ozone also causes the neutralized contaminants to coagulate into larger particles. They are still microscopic, but it makes it easier for the filter to remove them.

The electricity cost to operate an ozone purifier depends upon the size (ozone output) of the system and its design. Typically though, they use less electricity than a 60-watt light bulb and operate silently. Also, they operate only when the filter pump is on or by an automatic timer. Overall, using an ozone purifier will cost less than using chemicals alone.

There are two designs of ozone generators. One uses a corona discharge method. Inside the unit, an electrical spark in the air converts plain oxygen into ozone. The fresh odor outside after a thunderstorm is an ozone gas created when the lightning (large sparks) occurs in the sky. The other design uses ultraviolet (UV) light inside the



SENSIBLE HOME James Dulleit

generator. Strong UV light converts oxygen into ozone. UV models are effective and cost less initially than corona discharge models, but they use more electricity. Currently, corona discharge models are more popular.

Corona discharge models produce a higher ozone concentration and work well in large pools. Instead of adding chlorine chemicals, electric units are available which break down salt (NaCl) into chlorine. The level of salt in the water is less than a human tear. Some ozone models include a salt chlorine generator. The following companies offer ozone pool/spa purifiers: Clearwater Tech. (800-262-0203 www.ozone.com); Del Industries (800-676-1335 www.del-ozone.com); JED Engineering (800-552-9838 www.jedengineering.com); LifeGuard Purification (800-678-7439 www.lifeguardsystems.com); and Prozone (256-538-4570 www.prozoneintl.com). Send inquiries to James Dulleit, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45244 or visit www.dulleit.com.

DEAR JIM: I have a gas furnace and I could swear I felt cold air coming out of the registers sometimes last winter. The house seemed to stay plenty warm though. Was this just my imagination or can it really happen?

—TIM B.

DEAR TIM: It is not just your imagination. Due to pressure differences throughout your home, air may be drawn through the ducts when the furnace is off. Even if this air is 80 degrees or more, it will feel cool to your skin. Heating ducts are usually run up outside walls under windows. The duct takes up some space for insulation, so slow-moving air can lose its heat quickly. This may happen when the furnace first starts or stops.

Plug ones for seldom used items, or for other frequently used ones, plug them into an outlet strip, which has an easily accessible on-off switch.

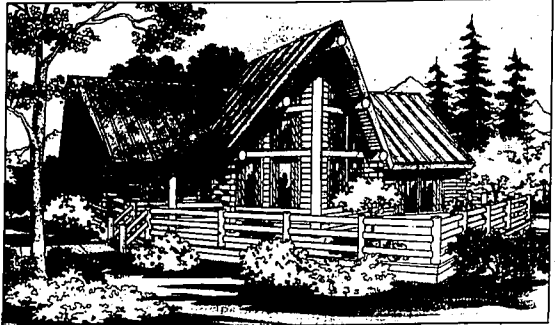
# Altamont makes smart vacation retreat

Rustic logs, sparkling windows and crisp lines combine in the Altamont to create a striking vacation retreat. What's more, it's surprisingly economical to maintain. Logs are renowned for their excellent insulating qualities, as well as their durability. The rustic roof, too, is noted for its long life and ease of care.

At center is a naturally bright living room. Vaulted and vaulted. Windows are stacked three high in a front section open to the underside of the frame roof. Beneath the large loft-covering the rear, a centrally located wood stove radiates enough heat to warm the entire space.

Two wings expand the main floor. A totally enclosed master suite fills one side, while the partially open kitchen is on the space visually open to the living room.

The well-equipped kitchen has plenty of counter space and even boasts a small pantry. Windows on two sides provide natural illumination, along with views of the changing sea-



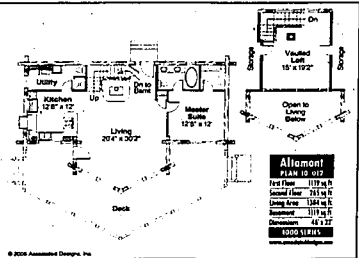
sons. The garden window also expands the sense of spaciousness here. Next to the kitchen is a handy combination bathroom/utility room, outfitted with a deep sink, shower and toilet.

Amenities in the cozy master suite include a roomy walk-in

closet, and a private bathroom with dual vanity and a large spa tub.

The Altamont's loft is large enough to accommodate several sets of bunk. If desired, doors on both sides provide access to deep storage spaces nestled under the sloping roof. Outdoor living space is abundant. A V-shaped deck wraps across the front, echoing the shape of the sparkling front facade.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Dept. W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Altamont 30-012 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 400 historic plans is available for \$15. For more information call (800) 634-0123, or visit our website at www.associateddesigns.com.



## Ways to steam away dirt without using chemicals

The Baltimore Sun

Chemicals seem to be in everything — food, personal care items and, of course, cleaning products. And while the assumption is that they're necessary to get something properly cleaned or sanitized, in fact that's not the case.

The new Shark Steam Bottle, made by Shark Euro-Pro, is an all-natural, chemical-free cleaner. Completely nontoxic, it uses only a superheated steam system to clean. Steam heat from the bottle sanitizes and loosens dirt. To use, one simply fills the bottle with water, presses a button and, just 30 seconds later, sprays the hot steam. Dirt is then easily wiped away. The product can be used on walls, bathroom tiles, window counters and in the refrigerator. It

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It's time cooks went back to roots

By Russ Parsons  
Los Angeles Times

I was checking out at the grocery store the other day when the clerk asked whether I wanted the green tops removed from my carrots. I started reflexively to answer "yes," as I always have except for that brief period I was in charge of feeding my daughter's guinea pig Dovey. But this time I hesitated. Dovey has long since left the building, but I had a sudden flash of what those carrot tops smelled like when I was chopping them up — intensely green, like turbocharged parsley. I already had a big old gnarly celery root in a mixing bowl. For a moment about how those two might go together. At first it was just a bit of whimsy. What if I — in law firm One common vegetable's little-used top with another common vegetable's little-used bottom. Then I pinched a bit of carrot green and tasted it. It was pretty much as I remembered, but with a touch of spice and even a hint of lemon that I never noticed before. Then I told the clerk

to leave the tops on. When I got home, I prepared the celery root as I usually do — cutting away the tough, hairy peel, and then carefully slicing the crisp ivory flesh into sticks about the size of toothpicks. But rather than dressing these with a rustic mayonnaise as I normally would, I whisked together a vinaigrette made with olive oil, a hint of garlic, lemon juice and a handful of chopped carrot tops. The result was lovely: The sticks of a vivid green that barely clung to the cream-colored celery root, with a few flecks of darker leaf for emphasis. And it tasted even better. The slight spiciness of the carrot tops perfectly complemented the bracing celery root. My brother-in-law from Oklahoma — who had never tasted celery root — was visiting that night and had

thought that started me thinking about how many other foods like there might be — plants where one part is treasured but the rest is usually tossed. How much good stuff is going straight to our rabbis?

Vegetables, by definition, are the plants that don't contain seeds (those with seeds are fruits). That means, for the most part, the leaves, stems and roots — and in most plants, we eat only one of those three, discarding the rest. We eat all kinds of roots without giving them a second thought: carrots, turnips and beets are just a few. But some are less familiar. In addition to celery root, there's also parsley root, which has a lovely root-vegetable sweetness spiked with a hard green core — it tastes to me like a cross between parsley and parsnip. Cook it as you would a carrot or a turnip; it is particularly good in soups.

Spinach roots are used as vegetables in the Middle East, while chiantro roots are used in spice pastes in Southeast Asia. In both cases, the root is similar in appearance and flavor to the stems — somewhat like a milder version of the leaf.

Combine the olive oil, lemon juice and garlic in a blender and puree at high speed until emulsified about 30 seconds. Add the carrot tops and the salt and puree just until they are finely chopped and still visible in specks in the pale green dressing, 30 seconds. Taste and add more salt if necessary. Pour the dressing over the celery root and stir gently to combine. The salad should be very lightly dressed, with flecks of green clinging to the celery root sticks.

Transfer to a serving bowl. This salad can be made up to an hour in advance and held at room temperature. The celery root will soften slightly and become silkier.

Each serving: 215 calories; 2 grams protein; 13 grams carbohydrates; 2 grams fiber; 18 grams fat; 2 grams saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 277 milligrams sodium.

chopped beet greens (about 3 cups) (15-oz.) container fresh ricotta 3 lbs. grated Parmigiano-Reggiano 3/4 tsp. salt Black pepper 1 egg yolk

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. When hot, add the garlic and cook, stirring until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the chopped beet greens and cook until they are tender and wilted, about 3 minutes. Turn the cooked greens onto a chopping board and mince fine.

Place the cooked greens in a mixing bowl and stir in the ricotta, Parmigiano-Reggiano, salt and a generous grinding of black pepper. Stir together until fairly uniform. Taste and adjust seasoning for salt, Parmigiano-Reggiano and pepper. Stir in the egg yolk.

Cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Assemble and finish. Pasta dough 1/4 cup butter 8 to 10 fresh sage leaves 1/2 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

Cut the pasta in quarters or eighths, depending on how proficient you are at rolling dough — the smaller amounts are easier to manipulate. Work with one portion at a time, keeping the rest wrapped. Press the dough ball into a flat disk and lightly flour both sides. Roll it through the pasta machine set at the widest setting. Fold the dough into thirds and repeat as often as necessary until the dough is silky, 4 or 5 passes. Flour lightly as necessary.

When the dough is silky, begin stretching it. Adjust the

pasta machine a notch tighter and roll the dough through. Flour lightly; adjust the machine a notch tighter and repeat. Keep doing this until you are at the narrowest or next-to-narrowest setting. You should have a long ribbon of dough of roughly uniform width.

When the dough has been rolled thin enough, place it on a lightly floured surface and fold it over lengthwise, matching up the ends to make as near a rectangle as possible. Trim the rounded ends. Cut the dough sheet in half at the point that it folded over and set one of the halves aside.

Give the filling a good stir and then place it in generous 3/4-teaspoon balls on the pasta sheet, roughly 1 inch apart in 2 parallel rows. Carefully lay the rest of the pasta sheet over the top, matching up the ends. Press down firmly around each ball of filling to seal the dough, squeezing out any air as possible. Cut the pasta into individual ravioli and set them aside on a lightly floured towel. Be careful not to let them touch — they will want to stick together. Repeat using the remaining dough and filling; you may have some filling left over.

When you're almost ready to serve, melt the butter in a small skillet with the sage. Bring a large pot of water to a boil and salt it generously. Add the ravioli to the boiling water and cook 4 to 6 minutes. To be absolutely sure the pasta is tender enough, pull one ravioli and cut a piece from the edge. It should be tender, but still have some resistance.

White the ravioli are cooking, rinse out a large bowl with a ladeful of hot pasta water and dry it with a towel. When the pasta is done, drain them from the water and empty them into the bowl. Pour over the melted butter and sage leaves, season with salt and gently stir to combine. Sprinkle grated Parmigiano over the top and bring immediately to the table.

Each of 10 servings: 347 calories; 14 grams protein; 31 grams carbohydrates; 1 gram fiber; 16 grams fat; 9 grams saturated fat; 185 milligrams cholesterol; 468 milligrams sodium.



Celery root salad tossed with carrot-top vinaigrette.

BEEF GREEN RAVIOLI WITH SAGE BUTTER

Serves 8-10 Pasta dough 3 cups flour, plus more for dusting 1/2 tsp. salt 4 large eggs 2 large egg yolks

In a food processor, pulse the flour and the salt to mix. Add the whole eggs and 1 egg yolk and process until the dough begins to come together in a large ball, about 10 minutes. If the dough only gets sandy, it is too dry and you will need to add the extra egg yolk.

Gather the dough into a ball and knead it on a lightly floured surface just until smooth, 4 or 5 strokes. Wrap tightly with plastic wrap and set aside for at least 30 minutes to rest.

Filling 2 L. olive oil 1 clove garlic, minced 1 bunch stemmed, coarsely

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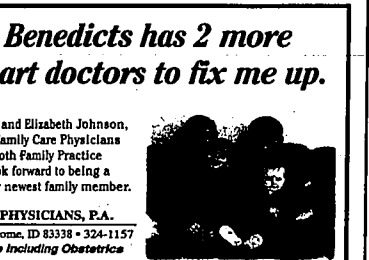
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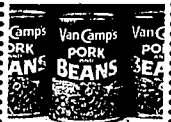
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# Azaleas other than pink

The Washington Post

As the high water of magenta and pink azaleas begins to recede from around our homes — our annual red tide! — it may be a good moment to consider the daintier, less common and differently colored deciduous azalea now on the verge of making a much deserved comeback. Gardeners of a certain age recall these treelike azaleas for their own strong hues, including shades of orange not seen in the common hybrid evergreen azalea, and wonder how shrubs with such starkness could remain so stately. The answer lay in its habit, as an upright and layered tree shrub, not the dense mounds of evergreen foliage more typically used here. Among other advantages, the warm orange and golden yellow blooms of the deciduous azalea could be used to dramatic effect, especially contrasted with some of the many blue-flowering perennials available in mid-spring, including squill, woodland phlox and bearded iris.



'Sunstruck' is among the first of a new wave of heat-tolerant deciduous azaleas.

Most of these older varieties were created from complicated breeding programs in the 19th and early 20th centuries in Holland, Belgium and England, most notably in England by the nurseryman, Anthony Waterer, at his Knap Hill nursery and by Lionel de Rothschild at his garden at Exbury.

Some varieties fare well in the Washington garden — for example, Cleopatra and Maria, if you can find them. Other struggle in the heat. The farther south you go, the more these hybrids fall like flies, stressed and prone to powdery mildew.

Now, however, gardeners are the happy beneficiaries of efforts to make these older plants better suited to warmer regions of the United States while remaining hardy at least as far north as New York. Eugene Aromi was an art professor at the University of South Alabama whose avocation was the development of better azaleas. After trying his hand at evergreen forms, he sought to invent a better deciduous azalea, using as parents native azaleas that thrive in the wild in the hot South and crossing them with "just about every Exbury (variety) you can think of," said

Maarten van der Giessen, a nurseryman in Semmes, Ala., who worked with Aromi and inherited his collection of azalea hybrid seedlings after the professor died last year. In trying to find more bullet-proof varieties, species native to the Southern United States are an obvious place to start. The Florida azalea (*Rhododendron austrinum*) variously blooms yellow to golden orange just as the leaves begin to emerge. The coastal azalea (*R. atlanticum*) is long-growing with fragrant pink blossoms. The highly variable flame azalea (*R. calendulaceum*) has flowers of yellow, red, pink or orange in late spring. The Piedmont azalea (*R. catesbeianum*) is a tall shrub with pink and white flowers that are sweetly fragrant.

Aromi made a total of 1,045 crosses, each producing dozens of individual seedlings. He whittled these down to 109 named varieties that were raised and propagated by horticulturalists who took up his cause, namely the late John Allen Smith in Mobile, Ala.; his colleague Linda Guy, now of Carolina Nurseries in Charleston, S.C.; and van der Giessen.

While van der Giessen works on some of Aromi's later introductions, Guy's nursery has 15 currently in wholesale production. The first four — Sunny Side

Up, Sunset, Sunrise and Pink Carousel — are among them and commonly can be found in retail nurseries and at Lowe's and Home Depot. "Dr. Aromi continued to breed them for 30 years and the material got much better," said Guy. "Not that it was bad to begin with. The flower trusses got bigger, the colors became incredibly vivid and interesting, like rose-colored with bright yellow throats."

All of them were bred for heat tolerance, disease resistance and fragrance. This is good news for the deep South, but good, too, for Washington area gardeners who have had to coddle Knap Hill hybrids. Although the new types benefit from sound azalea culture — evenly moist, organic amended and acidic soil — they will not only flourish in a sunnier location but will flower better in it.

Another Alabama nurseryman, Thomas Dodd III, has introduced a series of his own seedlings. While Aromi raised seedlings from more than 1,000 crosses, all of Dodd's derive from one cross, between the Florida azalea and a variety of Exbury named 'Hotspur Yellow.' It was chosen, he said, because it was the only Exbury that could make it as far south as Atlanta without crashing.

The resulting offspring have been given names of Confederate figures, including 'Admiral Semmes' (yellow), 'Col. Mosby' (dark pink to salmon), 'E.B. Stuart' (dark pink) and 'Stonewall Jackson' (orange), the last being the tallest, growing eight to 10 feet.

Dodd said he selected for heat tolerance, fragrance, flower size and color.

Other native azalea seedling selections and hybrids are also making their way into the trade and to consumers, though a bit of internet surfing may be necessary to turn up retail sources. These include 'Choice Cream,' a small shrub with fragrant, lemon yellow flower trusses; 'Snowbird,' a fragrant white bloomer with a compact habit; and 'White Lightning,' a selection of the sweet azalea.

For Linda Guy and Maarten van der Giessen, it is the prospect of more of Aromi's selections reaching the public in years to come that has them most excited.

"We haven't scratched the surface," said van der Giessen. Aromi "has in some ways surpassed anything Rothschild ever dreamed of, which is astonishing."

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FOOD & HOME

# Time for summer when it sizzles

School is finally out, or soon will be. Memorial Day marks the official beginning of the barbecue, camping and outdoor season — in other words, summer.

I have always found food tastes better in the open air whether cooked over a campfire, state-of-the-art gas grill, or a rusty old hand-me-down family charcoal grill. So dig out the lawn chairs, fire up the grill, hose off the picnic table, invite the neighbors and get ready for a summer of backyard fun.

Here are some grill recipes for you to try.



**VALLEY COOKING**  
**Dixie Thomas Reale**

1 small onion, finely chopped  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 tsp. oregano leaves

12 slices French bread, buttered.  
Remove casings from sausages, crumble meat into large bowl. Add bread crumbs, onion, egg and oregano. Mix well and shape into patties, each about the size of a slice of French bread.

Place patties on a lightly greased grill 4 to 6 inches above a bed of medium coals.  
Cook turning once until the meat is no longer pink inside

(10 to 12 minutes).  
Cut one patty open to test for doneness.  
Toast the French bread on the grill and when the sausage is done, place each patty between 2 slices of toasted French bread.  
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Times-News correspondent  
Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached at 324-3670.

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1 pound medium-size raw shrimp, shelled and deveined  
Stir together olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, parsley and dill in a bowl. Add shrimp and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours.

Lift shrimp from marinade and drain. Reserve marinade. Thread shrimp on skewers and place on lightly greased grill 2 to 4 inches above a bed of hot coals. Cook, basting several times with marinade and turn once, until shrimp are pink colored.

**SKEWERED BEEF AND CORN**

Serves 8  
4 lbs. boneless chuck roast  
Meat tenderizer  
Pineapple wine marinade  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1/4 cup olive oil  
5 medium-sized ears of corn, husked and broken into 2-inch lengths

3 medium-sized bell peppers, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch squares  
2 large mild onions, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1 medium-sized pineapple, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch pieces.  
Cut meat crosswise into steaks about 1 1/2 inches thick. Apply tenderizer according to package directions. Cut meat into 1 1/2-inch cubes and place in large bowl. Prepare pineapple-wine marinade and pour over meat, stir to coat. Cover and refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight, stirring occasionally.

In a small bowl, stir the butter, oil and 1/3 cup of marinade drained from the meat, set aside. Reserve the rest of the marinade.

Using long sturdy metal skewers, thread the meat alternately with the corn, bell peppers, onions and pineapple. Brush all over with butter mixture. Place skewers on a lightly greased grill 4 to 6 inches above a bed of hot coals. Cook, turning and basting frequently with butter mixture until meat is done to your liking — about 15 minutes for medium.

**Pineapple-wine marinade**  
In a bowl, stir together 1 1/2 cups canned pineapple juice and 1 1/2 cups dry red wine, 1 1/2 tablespoons instant minced onion, 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce, 3/4 teaspoon dry mustard, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 3/4 teaspoon pepper and 2 cloves garlic, minced.

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### SPORTSQUOTE

“With rumblings this thing could go Hollywood, Tatum O’Neal is reportedly warming up in the bullpen.”

— Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times about Katie Brownell, the 11-year-old girl from Oakland, N.Y., who, against boys, pitched a perfect game and struck out all 18 batters in a six-inning game. Brownell’s performance was no fluke. She threw five innings of one-hit ball — with 14 of the 15 outs strikeouts — in the season opener. And she was hitting .714 after three games.

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** When Texas left-hander Kenny Rogers blanked Minnesota on May 14, he became, at age 40, the second oldest Ranger pitcher to throw a shutout. Who is the oldest?

...answer below

### IN BRIEF

#### Nielsen signs with Albertson College

**CALDWELL** — Former Twin Falls High School basketball standout Brandon Nielsen recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell. As a sophomore guard, for Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Wash., Nielsen averaged 27 points per game to lead the Northwest Athletics Association of Community Colleges in scoring.

“We are extremely excited about the addition of Brandon,” head coach Mark Owen said in a Tuesday press release. “He will bring some great basketball leadership to our team.” Nielsen is one of five new signees that will join the Coyotes next season.

#### Sign up for 3-on-3 basketball tourney

**TWIN FALLS** — Sign up now for this year’s Western Days Classic 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

The tournament will be held on the CSI campus Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5. All divisions and age groups except high school competitive will compete on Saturday. High school competitive will be the only classification to play on Sunday.

Back by popular demand will be the church league division, the corporate league division and the 6-foot-and-under division. The cost is \$30 per team for all divisions except 11-and-under age groups.

Players will receive a T-shirt and prizes include trophies, plaques and CSI all-sports season passes.

The registration deadline is Friday, June 3 at noon. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday.

For more information, call Christal at 732-6486.

#### Golf scramble offered at Soldier Mountain

**FAIRFIELD** — Canma County Voluntees will hold a golf scramble on Saturday, June 4 at the Soldier Mountain Resort in Fairfield. This will be a four-man best ball wide trophy, shotgun start. Entry fee is \$30 each which will cover green fees and a meal. For more information, contact Joe Goblet at (209) 358-0012 in Fairfield or Ron Stockham in Gooding at (209) 934-4738 or (209) 539-1944.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Nolan Ryan, who was 44 when he threw his seventh no-hitter, striking out 16 in shutting out the Toronto Blue Jays, 3-0, in 1991.

## Spurs take 2-0 lead in Western Conference

By Jamie Aron  
Associated Press writer

**PHOENIX** — The only way Tim Duncan’s aching ankles are going to feel better is with rest, and the only way he’ll get it is if the San Antonio Spurs sweep the Western Conference finals.

Thanks to Duncan, they’re halfway there.

And they’re heading back to San Antonio, where the Phoenix Suns — this season’s best road team — will have to deal with a 2-0 series deficit against the NBA’s toughest team at home.

Duncan scored 25 of his 30 points in the second half and Manu Ginobili and Robert Horry made key baskets in the last 2:33, giving the Spurs a 111-108 victory over the Suns on Tuesday night.

Steve Nash and the Suns took it to the buzzer, though, getting a chance to force overtime when Ginobili missed one of two free throws with 4.2 seconds left. Nash sent the inbound pass and nipped out the court, getting a step past Tony Parker but being picked up by defensive ace Bruce Bowen just before shooting a 3-pointer on the run.

It was on line but short, hitting the front rim to seal Phoenix’s first consecutive losses since April 9-8: Suns coach Mike D’Antoni grimaced and Nash walked off blank-faced and spent from playing 46 minutes, comforted in the arms of teammate Jake Voskuhl.

“I just tried to stay in front of him,” Parker said.

The Suns are in an unenviable position: No NBA team has lost Games 1 and 2 of a best-of-seven series at home this deep into the playoffs and still advanced. Four teams have rallied from 0-2 in the conference finals or NBA Finals, but all were headed home Games 3 and 4.

The Spurs are thrilled to be going home, too, as they’re 43-4 in San Antonio. The only solace for the Suns is that they won the playoffs and entered the NBA this season and they might have third-leading scorer Joe Johnson back for the next game, on Saturday.

“You never know, especially with these guys,” Ginobili said. “The way they shoot, they don’t



The Phoenix Suns’ Amare Stoudemire, left, looks on as San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili dunks during the second quarter Tuesday at America West Arena in Phoenix during Game 2 of the Western Conference Finals.

care where they play.” Ginobili scored 26 points and Parker had 24 and five assists. Hazy Mohammed had 11, and Nazr Mohammed 10, with three 3-pointers.

Amare Stoudemire had 37 points and eight rebounds for Phoenix, and Nash had 29 points and 15 assists. He became the first player in playoff history to have four straight 25-10 games, breaking a tie with Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan.

Although Quentin Richardson had 18 points and three 3-pointers, matching his total for the last four games, and Shawn Marion got a little bite back on track by scoring 11 points, the Suns were driven by Nash and Stoudemire. They powered runs of 13-0, 11-0 and 10-0, each taking Phoenix from behind to ahead, helping them carry a 6-point lead into the fourth quarter.

But Duncan and the Spurs turned it on at the end, just as

they did when they wiped out a 6-point deficit after three quarters in the opener.

Duncan opened it with a hook-then-two-free throwers. There was a puback of Parker’s miss, a dunk and a long jumper, giving him 10 of the Spurs’ first 12 points in the quarter.

He looked nothing like the guy who was 1-0-7 in the first half, with just five points and three fouls. One of them coming with 1.2 seconds left in the second quarter.

## The agony of Agassi

### Former champ at crossroads in career

By Steve Wilstein  
Associated Press writer

**PARIS** — His back rigid, his feet shuffling in stunter steps, his face contorted from a burning pain down his leg, Andre Agassi arrived at a crisis in his career.

His future in tennis hinges not so much on his age, 38, as on the inflamed sciatic nerve that flared up and rendered him helpless in the middle of his 1999 Wimbledon title run. Open. It’s the kind of chronic injury that has sent other champions into retirement, and it could ultimately do that to Agassi, even if he’s not quite ready to walk away.

He’s fought that pain for months, sought relief from it one, but he was left to come back with a vengeance Tuesday when it radiated from his lower back to his right hip and down to his ankle. Groundstrokes hurt. Serves hurt more. Agassi considered quitting the match even when he led two sets to one, but he grimaced and played to the end, eventually succumbing in five sets to No. 95-ranked qualifier Jarkko Nieminen.

“I was getting worse by the minute,” Agassi said of the pain that struck him in the third set of his 7-5, 4-6, 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-0 loss. “I knew I was going to be pretty after that. But I didn’t want to walk off. I just didn’t want to do it. And there’s nothing



Andre Agassi stretches to return the ball to Finland’s Jarkko Nieminen during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros stadium, Tuesday in Paris. Nieminen won 7-5, 4-6, 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-0.

the trainer could do.

“I almost shook hands at two sets to one up because to serve was painful, to move, to stand, then even to sit. It gets more irritated, more inflamed, more stiff. It was getting worse and worse. It was hard to stay out there.”

Agassi never called for a trainer, and hoped for the best. He had a cortisone injection deep in the back a few months ago to reduce the inflammation and calm down the nerve.

“That helped for a while, allowing him to play without much pain in Rome and Hamburg.”

Week by week, though, Agassi could feel the effects of the

cortisone wearing off. The pain came back in spurts, jabbing his hip and leg.

He won the French Open in 1999 to complete a career Grand Slam, but now has lost in the first round here two straight years.

Three-time French champion Gustavo Kuerten, who has struggled with hip trouble for years, also was knocked out in the first round. Unseeded and the winner of only two matches this year, Kuerten fell to David Sanchez 6-3, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

No. 2-seeded Andy Roddick and No. 3 Miami Sufin advanced, along with women’s favorite Justine Henin-Hardenne and No. 2 Maria Stupacova.

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## Almonte can't escape stigma of scandal

By George Diaz  
The Orlando Sentinel

**MIAMI** — The red band fits snugly on his right arm, just below his biceps.

A one-word inscription gives Danny Almonte a message that bears repeating every day:

Strength.

He leans on that word whenever he misses his mom, whom he has not seen in more than five years. The word bears significance every time he steps on the mound and hears a voice screaming trampoline (cheater).

Or maybe when a new teammate looks at him funny, remembering that the kid ranked No. 5 on ESPN’s list of Worst Sports Scandals, sandwiched between the Salt Lake City Olympic bribe shenanigans and Ben Johnson’s steroid-juiced run in the 100 meters in the 1988 Olympics.

It’s been almost four years since Almonte stepped into sports infamy. Using a falsified birth certificate forged by the sponsor of a Bronx all-star team, Almonte took his team on a glorious joy ride to the 2001 Little League World Series. It all unraveled miserably when Sports Illustrated revealed that Almonte — a left-handed pitching phenom — was 16, two years older than the acceptable limit.

Almonte’s records, which included a no-hitter against Apopka, Fla., were stricken from the record books, though the Scarlet Letter will never be erased.

I wonder what Joe Gibbs is thinking when he can’t get Sean Taylor to return his calls. Maybe Taylor thinks it’s not really Joe Gibbs. Maybe he thinks it’s “MTV Critic.” Or maybe he thinks it’s Tony Roma’s Famous for Miles. Or maybe Taylor never picks up his phone messages. Or maybe Taylor is just a dope.

### TONY KORNHEISER The Washington Post

I wonder what Gibbs is thinking when he hears Taylor’s personal spokesman, Mr. Clinton Pordis, say something like: “Sean has had the spotlight on him all year. Sean just needs to chill.”

So Sean can’t return phone calls from a Hall Of Fame coach?

Chilling means no calls? “I’m sorry, Mr. Taylor is chilling now. Why don’t you try back in the fall?”

I wonder how long I would last at this newspaper if I didn’t return calls from Len Dowdy, the executive editor? Whaddya think, five minutes?

I wonder if Gibbs ever thinks to himself, “Do I really need these Miami guys?”

The last time I looked, if the guy’s your boss, you return his call.

You don’t blow him off like a telemarketer. Personally, I don’t know about this “chilling” thing. Sean Taylor, thing. I’m not that familiar with what Sean Taylor looks like, because most of the time I see him with a swimming football helmet. I don’t think Sean Taylor has anywhere near the “spotlight factor” in Washington, D.C., that Jerry Brunsell. I couldn’t tell Sean Taylor from Elizabeth Taylor, especially if both of them had on white diamond earrings. I think it’s possible Sean Taylor overvalues his importance to our lives.

But I wonder about the University of Miami players — the guys from the place they proudly call “the U.” They don’t seem to be unhappy where they are. Pordis was (terribly) unhappy with Gibbs’ offense last season. Taylor is unhappy here now. Edgerin James is threatening not to report to the Colts. Jeremy Shockey wasn’t happy.

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“What happened, happened,” he said. “I want to concentrate on the present.”

The eyes shaded by a baseball cap bear the scars of a childhood in the foster care system. Concentrating in the present is difficult when you can’t shake your past.

Now, 17, Almonte recently signed with the Florida Bombers, a summer-league team consisting of 18-and-under players from 10 states. Most of the players hail from South Florida, though a budget ranging between \$80,000 and \$100,000 offers coaches to recruit players nationwide.

Almonte was a local addition, having moved to Miami from New York in February with his father, a former pitcher. He joined 16 other new teammates earlier this month for the first informal practice of the season in the state’s school system. Almonte is a former letter-winner reporter and a local television cameraman focusing on the player wearing No. 43.

Almonte’s father was 16, two years older than the acceptable limit.

A quiet youth by nature, Almonte is the poster child of a scandal not of his doing. Rolando Paulino, the founder of the league in New York, and Felipe Torres Almonte, Almonte’s father, have been banned for life because of their nefarious plots to forge the birth certificate. “I was unfortunate, even though the brunt of everything,” said Eddie Diaz, a new influence in Almonte’s life.

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SPORTS

# NFL bans horse-collar tackle; decisions on Vikings sale, 2009 Super Bowl still to come

WASHINGTON (AP) — NFL owners eliminated the controversial horse-collar tackle Tuesday, but maintained the suspension for at least one more day regarding the contract between the Vikings and the selection of a site for the 2009 Super Bowl.

Beyond those formalities, the first day of a two-day owners meeting put on full display stark differences among the teams over revenue sharing, which now needs to be resolved before a new collective bargaining agreement is reached with the players' union. Somewhat related was New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson's confirmation that he has been offered more than \$1 billion for his team, an offer he has not yet accepted but used to illustrate the financial problems that might prompt him to move the franchise elsewhere — perhaps to Los Angeles.

The owners' only definitive action was the 27-5 vote to ban the horse-collar tackle, in which each team grabbed the back of an opponent's shoulder pads and yanks the player down. Dallas star Roy Williams does the tackle as well as anybody.



but he seriously violated the All-Pro Owens of Philadelphia to own the number one last season.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones vetoed the change, saying he was concerned about ambiguities in the new rule. A 15-yard penalty will be called if a player immediately brings the ball carrier down, and only if he's in open field.

The proposed \$600 million of the Vikings to New Jersey real estate developer Zygmunt Wilf was discussed by the league's finance committee and could be approved by the owners Wednesday, although some details in the agreement between Wilf and current owner Red McCombs are holding up the process.

Also on the agenda Wednesday is the selection of a 2009 Super Bowl site. Atlanta, Houston, New Orleans, Tampa, Florida are the contenders, although Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams said he considered the vote to be a two-city race between Atlanta and Houston.

The NFL has been considering how it can return to Los Angeles, which has been without a team since 1995.

Los Angeles owners need to discuss possible stadium sites — the Los Angeles Coliseum, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena and a park next to Angel Stadium in Anaheim — on Wednesday.

Yet to be determined is whether Los Angeles will get an expansion team or a relocated team.

Also Tuesday, the league's finance committee asks Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer to explain Manchester United's relationship with a Las Vegas casino. Glazer recently succeeded in a \$1.47 billion takeover of the soccer club, which is involved in a proposed venture with Las Vegas Sands Corp. that would build a resort and casino near United's Old Trafford stadium.

League spokesman Greg Aiello said Glazer's alleged deal did not violate the NFL's ownership rules and that there was no problem related to the deal Glazer is incurring.

# District VI announces results

**RESULTS** — The following are the District VI results for the regular season Repeat high school rodeo held on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21.

**Results**

Repeating — Zach Harkness, Hall, 70.2; Junior Garrett, Grimes, 67.3; Colton Beck, Owsen, 51.

Saddle bronc — No qualifier.

Steer roping — Zach Wertheim, Flax, 17.2; Cory Rogers, Hildebrand, 16.2; Kyle Rogers, Flax, 16.8; Kyle Rogers and Cory Rogers, Hildebrand, 16.2; Casey Viers, Flax, 15.2; Casey Viers and Cory Rogers, Hildebrand, 14.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 13.2; Jesse Viers, Flax, 12.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 11.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 10.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 9.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 8.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 7.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 6.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 5.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 4.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 3.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 2.2; Cory Rogers, Flax, 1.2.

Team roping — 1. Gregg Tamm, Tom, 21.2; 2. Scott Lippin, Tom, 20.2; 3. Scott Lippin, Tom, 19.2; 4. Scott Lippin, Tom, 18.2; 5. Scott Lippin, Tom, 17.2; 6. Scott Lippin, Tom, 16.2; 7. Scott Lippin, Tom, 15.2; 8. Scott Lippin, Tom, 14.2; 9. Scott Lippin, Tom, 13.2; 10. Scott Lippin, Tom, 12.2; 11. Scott Lippin, Tom, 11.2; 12. Scott Lippin, Tom, 10.2; 13. Scott Lippin, Tom, 9.2; 14. Scott Lippin, Tom, 8.2; 15. Scott Lippin, Tom, 7.2; 16. Scott Lippin, Tom, 6.2; 17. Scott Lippin, Tom, 5.2; 18. Scott Lippin, Tom, 4.2; 19. Scott Lippin, Tom, 3.2; 20. Scott Lippin, Tom, 2.2; 21. Scott Lippin, Tom, 1.2.

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# Orioles rally past Mariners, 3-2



Seattle Mariners right fielder Ichiro Suzuki, right, slides into second base for a steal as Baltimore Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts takes the throw from catcher Javy Lopez in the third inning Tuesday at Camden Yards in Baltimore.

## The Associated Press

**BALTIMORE** — Jay Gibbons homered to break an eighth-inning tie, and the Orioles rallied to spoil the return of former manager Mike Hargrove.

Melvin Mora had three hits and drove in a run for the Orioles, who stranded 13 runners but got the clutch hits they needed late in the game.

Baltimore pulled even in the seventh inning. Gibbons hit a solo shot to center off J.J. Putz (1-1) to give the Orioles their first run.

Todd Williams (4-3) worked a perfect eighth and B.J. Ryan got three outs for his 13th save.

On a night in which the Orioles retrieved Sammy Sosa from the 15-day disabled list, they lost catcher Javy Lopez, who broke a bone in his right hand.

## Clavine (3-5) In the seventh inning.

Hudson (5-3) allowed six hits while walking two and striking out three.

**Cubs 4, Astros 2**

**CHICAGO** — Roger Clemens left with a groin injury and the Cubs rallied off Houston's bullpen for four runs in the eighth.

Jeromy Burnitz hit a two-run, bases-loaded single with two outs in the eighth. Brian Lidge (1-2) to rally the Cubs and hand the Astros their seventh straight loss.

Kenneth Shults out Chicago for five innings on two hits before leaving with tightness in his groin. He walked just one and struck out six, lowering his major league-best ERA to 1.13.

## Brewers 6, Rockies 1

**MILWAUKEE** — Carlos Lee homered and drove in four runs for the Brewers, and Victor Santos stepped into his four-game losing streak.

Santos (2-4) allowed one run and six hits in six innings, striking out six in his first win at Miller Park since Sept. 21.

Lee connected off rookie left-hander Jeff Francis (4-2) in the first inning for his 10th homer.

Francis allowed six earned runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings.

## Twins 6, Indians 3, 11 Innings

**CLEVELAND** — Minnesota's Justin Morneau dropped in a three-run double just out of center fielder Grady Sizemore's reach with two outs in the 11th inning.

Phil Cain (4-0) pitched two innings, and Joe Nathan worked the 11th for his 13th save in 14 tries.

Sizemore and Jody Gerut homered for the Indians, who had their winning streak stopped at three.

Nick Punto opened the 11th with a double off David Riske (1-1), Shannon Stewart and Lew Ford walked, and Morneau hit a soft liner off Scott Sauerbeck to give the Twins their fifth win in seven games.

## National League Marlins 4, Phillies 3

**MIAMI** — Damon Esley tied the game with a two-out double in the ninth inning, and Carlos Delgado's RBI double in the 10th gave the Florida Marlins a 4-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

The Marlins extended the majors' longest current winning streak to six games with plenty of help from the bullpen, which wasted seven innings of two-hit, shutout work by starter Brett Myers.

Joe Dillon — who started Florida's rally from a 3-0 deficit in the eighth — drew a leadoff walk in the 10th from right-hander Anthony Tompaco (0-1).

Delgado's RBI double and scored on Delgado's double to right-center.

## Braves 4, Mets 0

**ATLANTA** — The Braves' Tim Hudson threw eight shutout innings on three days' rest to outpitch former Atlanta star Tim Lincecum.

Johnny Estrada had three hits for the Braves, who led 1-0 before scoring three runs off

# Scandal

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"The stigma is always going to be there. When does he grow out of it? When he's 22? When he's 32?"

Diaz has taken on a role as "adviser/mentor" after Almonte was fired from his job as pitching coach for the Florida Marlins. Diaz helped Almonte sort through the legal challenges of the young pitcher, including negotiating in conversations in English. (Almonte spoke in Spanish for this interview.)

Diaz, a former high school baseball coach, connected with the family through his contacts with one of Almonte's coaches in Boca Raton, Fla. Diaz, who is South Florida marks a fresh start for a troubled family. Almonte has reconnected with his father, who was released from the Dominican Republic shortly after the scandal broke in the summer of 2001.

Almonte's fastball has been clocked between 88 and 91 mph, reason enough to have him in the prestigious Bombers uniform offered to him. In 2004, the Bombers became the first Florida team to reach the Connie Mack World Series. Almonte's negotiations rise again with a lineup that includes Almonte, scheduled to be the starter when the Marlins open their season at University May 29, and Jenric Mejia, a senior shortstop at Lake Brantley.

"Here on our club, if you're a pitcher on this team you're going to be a guy who throws 88 to 91," said Coach Emilio Fernandez. "But if you're a pitcher, you're a lefty is like 92 to 94 when you're a righty. It puts him in the upper-echelon category. It makes him a lot more intriguing."

Although he only registered in the high 70s recently during one-inning stints in a simulated game, Almonte easily retired all three batters he faced — grounder to short, grounder to the Bronx to the state-called third strike. His velocity was down because he had worked in the bullpen the day before.

He has proven he can pitch on equal terms. Almonte led James Monroe Campus High School to the state title in the state title last season, pitching a one-hitter with four strikeouts in a 4-0 victory against George Washington (Manhattan) for the PSAL Class A championship.

Then a sophomore, Almonte pitched 10 1/3 innings and struck out 95 in 60 innings. Opponents hit just .153 against him. He also batted .449 with 10 home runs and 50 RBIs.

He had first stepped on the stage of national prominence in August 2001 when he struck out

16 of 18 Apopka batters in the first game of the Little League World Series. It marked only the third time a pitcher in Little League World Series history.

Although Apopka eventually emerged from the losers bracket in the World Series, Almonte's game against the "Baby Bronx Bombers," they did not have to face Almonte again.

"I was never through a second time and beat them," said Bobby Brewer, coach of the Apopka team. "I don't know if you want to use the word 'justice,' but it happened."

Brewer, trying to cope with the death of his wife Sheely in August 2004 and his three children with the help of friends and family, understands that it was adults making bad decisions that are causing an overwhelming predicament, one in which he has moved past resentment.

"I have a lot of feelings left me about two years ago," he said.

Almonte bears another type of pain. His mother thousands of miles away, Almonte struggles with trying to adapt to a country not his own.

His English is getting better, and he is attending Northside High School in North Dade where he has embraced him as a former classmate. He has grown to like the movie-fueled fan-jargon, and in school he prefers gym and American history.

Almonte is ingrained in it now, regardless of how many years past. The Internet gives anyone instant access to his story. ESPN mocks him in its Web in the money in both him in its list of famous Dominican athletes that feature Sammy Sosa and Pedro Martinez.

His distinction is quite clear: Danny Almonte, scandal-plagued Little League.

# Chilling

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walking out in New York with the Glee crew that pays him. So he left and went back to Miami to work out with "the U" guys. Look at Kellen Winslow Jr., a U guy who so famously said he'd make the Redskins regret not drafting him. Winslow's contract specifically forbids him from walking out on the team. But he rode one anyway, wrecked it, and now he's out for the whole season.

There are an innumerable players who they appear to value each other more than they value the teams they play for. They're not all players. But they don't appear to be particularly responsive to their teams on any day. It's almost as if they're getting into scraps with management. It's almost like a contest to see if they can force the teams into making a deal with them. I wonder how long it'll take Santana Moss to find something wrong here.

There are a lot of players from the U without mentioning Drew Rosenhaus, who's the agent for many of them (and famous for his holdout Terrell Owens). Rosenhaus seems to

believe that no contract signed before he got there any validly. He believes that any contract signed with him can be renegotiated upward at any time, like, say, this afternoon at 4.

It's not just U guys of course. There's a lot of runaway egomaniacal posing and flexing going on in all sports by lots of players. But it's not just U guys. It's probably one of the greatest players in the history of baseball. Nobody should question Bonds's condition by reading his Web site. It makes you wonder how awful Bonds's life must have been before the Internet, when he actually had to talk to someone.

I wonder when it became unfashionable to be like Grant Hill, who always talks about his lack of attention to yourself after every back by pointing up. (I'm never sure if they're acknowledging a supreme being or their agent in a luxury

suite.) I wonder if we'll ever see a Reggie Miller again, a great player with loyalty to a franchise and the city that treated him well? Other than great quarterbacks, it's now rare when someone stays with one team for his whole career. Maybe Allen Iverson will with the Sixers. Maybe Derek Jeter will with the Yankees.

I'm wondering what will happen with Afeef Alex now. He overcame obvious adversity to win the money in both books both forelegs pitching right. And yet Afeef Alex did not win the Yankees to negotiate for more out.

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# Agassi

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"I think I have high hopes about another injection," he said. "But I don't know if it's a good idea. I'm at a stage of my career where I want to be living with these injections, because this is unplayable when it feels like this. There's nothing you can do to get yourself out of it. You have to be out there against some of the best athletes in the world, it's impossible."

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## Blue Jays 9, Red Sox 6

**TORONTO** — Reed Johnson homered twice, including a game-ending three-run drive in the ninth inning.

With the score 6-1, Orlando Hudson singled with one out in the ninth off Alan Embree (1-2). John McDonald walked and Reed Johnson hit his second homer of the game.

Miguel Batista (3-0), Toronto's fifth pitcher, threw 1-13 hitless innings.

David Ortiz had three RBIs for the Red Sox, who started a six-game trip to Toronto and New York.

In his second start since coming off the disabled list, David Ortiz went up five runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings for Boston.

## Devil Rays 5, Athletics 4

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** — Tim Lincecum homered and had three RBIs, and Julio Lugo snapped a seventh inning tie with a run-scoring single for Tampa Bay.

Reliever Travis Harper (1-2) bailed the Devil Rays out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of seventh and pitched two outs in the eighth for the win.

Danny Baez pitched the last 1 1/3 innings for his fifth save in eight appearances.

Philips went 3-for-4, including an RBI single and two-run

## Cardinals 2, Pirates 1, 12 Innings

**ST. LOUIS** — Yadier Molina hit a game-winning single in the 12th inning off Steve Mena, and the St. Louis Cardinals defeated Pittsburgh 2-Tuesday night for their 11th straight victory over the Pirates.

Manager Tony La Russa won his 823rd game with the Cardinals, passing Whitey Herzog for second place on the franchise list. La Russa is 218 victories behind franchise leader Red Schoendienst.

Reggie Sanders singled to start the 12th, advanced on John Mabry's groundout, and Abraham Nunez was intentionally walked. That brought Mena in for his 222nd hit. Sanders hit just .222. He bounced, struck out between his third and shortstop that deflected off the glove of third baseman Rob Mackowiak and into the hands of Sanders scored without a play.

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Basketball
NBA Playoffs, Pistons at Heat, 6:45 p.m.
Soccer
AC Milan vs. Liverpool, ESPN2, 12:30 p.m.
Tennis
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All-Time Hitting Leaders

YANKEES LEADERS

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RED SOX LEADERS

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2005 summer junior golf offered in Burley

BURLEY — The Burley Golf Club will be holding an 11-day tournament program for ages 6-16. The cost will be \$30 per junior. There are openings on May 31, June 1 and June 2. There will be about one session per week throughout the summer.

Magic hire Brian Hill as head coach ... again

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando Magic reached back to the New Jersey Nets last season and hired Brian Hill as their new coach. Hill, an assistant with the Nets for three seasons, took the Magic to their only NBA Finals appearance in 1995.

Soccer league holding adult, youth signups

TWIN FALLS — The Radio Rowdoo Indoor Soccer League is holding signups for adults (16 and older) and youth (ages 6-15) league, starting Tuesday, June 2. Both boys and girls are welcome to join.

WNBA now has first black female owner

WASHINGTON — Former television executive Sheila Johnson has become the WNBA's first black female owner. Johnson, co-founder of Black Entertainment Television, joined Lincoln Holdings LLC in purchasing the Mystics from Abe Pollin's Washington Sports & Entertainment.

Milwaukee wins NBA lottery, No. 1 pick

SECAUCUS, N.J. — After a season of injuries, the Milwaukee Bucks finally had something go right as they won the NBA lottery on Tuesday night and secured the right to pick first in the draft next month.

Trial date for former BYU players postponed

PROVO, Utah — The trial date for three former Brigham Young University football players charged with sexual assault has been pushed back to an Aug. 24 start.

French Open Results

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TENNIS

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# COMICS

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

REMEMBER, 'NEWT'... YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST.

GRANNY

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? I GUESS WE HAVE TO START LOOKING FOR A MEN WASHING AND DRYING.

A PRINCE, BOB? WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE OTHER?

WELL, FOR ONE THING, IT HAS THAT TAKE DEW AT IT.

**Baldo** By Hector D. Centu and Carlos Castellanos

STAY! GOOD GIRL.

sigh... I LIKE WORKING WITH ANIMALS.

BUT TRAINING A GOLDFISH MAY NOT BE THE CHALLENGE I'M SEEKING.

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

HOW DID YOU LIKE THE MOVIE?

IT WAS TOO CRUDE.

I LIKE MY LOVE TO BE SWEET...TENDER...SOFT... AFFECTIONATE...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE NOTES, I'LL REMIND YOU.

**Blondie** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

MAY I STAY OVER AT ANNA'S HOUSE TONIGHT?

YOU'D BETTER ASK YOUR MOTHER.

WHY DON'T YOU GO ASK YOUR FATHER, MONEY?

WHAT'S UP?

I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING RIGHT NOW.

**The Born Loser** By Art Sansom & Chig

I HAD THOUGHT WE WERE MAKING PROGRESS...

BUT I WAS EVIDENTLY WRONG.

YOUR INFERIORITY COMPLEX SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN WORSE!

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

I'M HAVING TROUBLE BALANCING MY WORK LIFE AND MY PERSONAL LIFE. HOW DO YOU DO IT?

I USE JOB ANGER TO DESTABILIZE MY HORMONAL BALANCE AND CRUSH ANY COMPETING URGES.

THAT REMINDS ME I NEED TO FINISH SOMETHING TODAY OR I'LL WANT TO HAVE KIDS.

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

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The Maple Leaf Pharmacy in Calgary...HERE... Target time 1620 hours on Day Three. Questions?

That's an awful lot to remember.

Any chance we can take the blackboard with us?

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

WHERE IS SHEET WIPERS? I NEED IN HER ROOM. ONE OF SMALL FRIGID. EVEN CRIED.

THERE YOU ARE! YOU BUBBLING LITTLE THING!

OH, MY DARLING!!! WAAAAA! HOW AWFUL!!!

LET GRANDMA BOO-BOO.

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

THAT WAS MRS. FEENEY.

ALTHOUGH SHE WAS KIND OF HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

I THINK SHE SAID SHE WANTED HER PENTURES BACK.

SHE'LL HAVE TO ARM WRESTLE MY SOCK PUPPET FOR THEM.

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

I CAUGHT YOU WHALE, HELGA!

REALLY? WHAT DO YOU SEE FOR BAIT?

LUCKY EDDIE

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

HOW CAN I GING THE BLUES? WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT HARD TIMES?

WHY WAGNT I BORN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACKS?

THE GRASS ONLY LOOKS BROWNER, SON!

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

"PIGFEAN" THE TEACHER WANTS TO KNOW WHY THERE WAS MUSTARD AND KETCHUP ALL OVER YOUR HOMEWORK...

I WAS EATING A HOT DOG WHILE WE WERE WAITING FOR THE BUS, M'AM...

MY DAD TOOK ME TO THE BALL GAME A FEW DAYS AGO, AND BOUGHT ME THREE HOT DOGS.

ONE OF THEM WAS STILL IN MY POCKET..

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

I THINK I'D BE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE RELIGIOUS IF IT WASN'T FOR ALL THAT "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" STUFF.

AND WHY IS THAT?

BECAUSE I HATE MY RELIGIONS. THEY HAVE BARBERSHOES AND CAR WASHES AND SOMETHING THEY EVEN TRY TO TALK TO ME.

YOUR SOUL'S SO DARK IT SMUDGES MINE.

HEY, MAYBE SO DARK YOU COULD LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS. I NEVER HAVE TO SEE THEM.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

I'M GOING TO MY RED HAT SOCIETY LUNCH, EARL.

IT'S FUN TO WATCH PEOPLE LOOK AT US WHEN WE ALL SHOW UP IN OUR RED AND PURPLE OUTFITS.

NORMALLY PEOPLE PAY NO ATTENTION TO WOMEN OUR AGE, BUT WHEN WE SHOW UP DRESSED LIKE THIS AND BEHAVING LIKE SCHOOLGRIRLS, AND ONE LONDES US!

THEY MAY RUN THE OTHER WAY BUT THEY DON'T IGNORE US!

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

DONT FORGET TO PUT YOUR DIRTY SHOES IN THE SINK, JERRY.

AND TAKE YOUR AIDS UP TO YOUR ROOM, TOO.

MIND YOUR LIFE BECOMING SO UNBEARABLY DEMANDING?

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bill Keane

"Good news, Mommy! One of my shoes didn't get stuck in the mud."

"MR. WILSON HAS LOTS OF PATIENCE... HE JUST HAS TROUBLE FINDING IT!"

**Monty Scaup** By Wiley

HAVEING A MERRY LIST FOR THE TOWN HALL MEETING IS ALL MY SCHOOL WORK.

I NEED TO GEEBAG THE PEOPLE, INTENDING TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE BEST PRIZE IN SCRIPTING FOR TIGAN.

WELL, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS IS A LIST OF PEOPLE WHO DONT KNOW ME.

**Strong Brew** By John Deering

Remember, BOBBY, A METRIC SECRET WEAPON IS JUST A TOOL. IT CAN BE USED FOR GOOD OR EVIL, LIKE THE MAN WHO OWNS IT.

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# Indonesian villages fight polio outbreak

**SIRI JAYA, Indonesia (AP)** — **Si**ri's cheeks stream down Siti Fauzi's face as she struggles to hold her and buries her face into her mother's shoulder. She's lost her balance and fallen again, as the 4½-year-old learns what it means to live with polio.

Si is one of eight children in Indonesia now struggling to walk because of paralytic, victims of the country's first polio outbreak in a decade. She and the others from a few poor mountain villages in West Java may never fully recover, leaving their parents stunned and asking why.

As Siti walks across the concrete floor of her mud cement home, her right leg drags behind her left, forcing her to limp. "I want to go ride my bicycle," she cries.

But when she climbs onto the tiny plastic bike with training wheels, her leg is too weak to hold the pedal. Her mother helps push, but it doesn't stop Siti's tears.

"She just sits on the bike and the other kids play around," said Siti's mom, Surmah, speaking her native language, Bahasa Indonesia. "When she says I cannot imagine what she can do with this."

Si lives in Giri Jaya village, high in the mountains off a craggy road. It's not big enough for a small car. It's only about 62 miles south of Jakarta, but the remote village might as well be a thousand miles from the capital for those who live there.

Emerald rice fields dot the landscape along the cassava, and banana trees. The only major truck comes from trucks at nearby bottled water companies which use reverse osmosis purification plants to tap the fresh mountain spring water.

Ironically, it's the untreated water below that carries polio. Small ponds and reservoirs of



An Indonesian girl washes a plate at riverbank at Cipunengah village May 8 in Sukabumi, Indonesia. Many villagers have no running water or bathrooms, allowing sewage to get mixed in with the water flowing into crude outdoor wash areas.

brown water are everywhere along the road, often filled with children bathing and splashing or women washing clothes or dishes. Many villagers have no running water or bathrooms, allowing sewage to seep into water flowing into the crude, outdoor wash areas.

Polio is spread through feces, contaminating water which infects people who have not been vaccinated, it usually attacks young children, targeting the nervous system, causing paralysis, muscular atrophy, deformation and sometimes death. The disease has been eradicated in much of the world, but remains endemic in Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Niger, Afghanistan and Egypt.

Polio hadn't been seen in Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous country, since 1995. Officials say it most likely was imported from Saudi Arabia after a migrant worker or religious pilgrim returned home. More than 80 percent of Indonesia's 210 million people have been vaccinated against polio, health officials say, but pockets without coverage remain.

Si's 33-year-old mother knows nothing of this. She initially thought her daughter simply broke her leg and was shocked to learn that the water flowing into a small pond used for bathing below her house was likely to blame. She had never taken any of her four children to get vaccinations, because they

had always been healthy and she had heard immunizations could cause fever or diarrhea.

Her only income comes from her husband, a tailor who works five hours away, bringing home about \$21 each month when he comes to visit. The family has no phone, or running water and is lucky to eat meat twice a year. Si's father found out about his daughter's polio after he saw her on a TV news report at work and rushed home to be with her.

Just a few houses over, Yayat Nurhayati sits cradling 20-month old Fitri, who like many Indonesians uses only one name. The toddler's big brown eyes are lively and he giggles while watching a group of children nearby. But when he

squirms and tries to get down, his mom pulls him back onto her lap.

Until last month, Fitri was running through the dirt yard among chickens and playing ball with the other kids. Now, when Yayat tries to stand him up, his chubby right leg buckles under the weight and hangs limp.

"When he sees his friends playing around here, he wants to go but he cannot move," said Yayat, 30. "I'm afraid that he cannot walk again, I'm afraid that he cannot do anything."

She said she had never heard the word "polio" before Fitri because the first child in the outbreak. He came down with a high fever that left him sweaty and unable to move his legs. And even after learning that his condition could have been prevented with a couple of drops of oral vaccine, Yayat still remained skeptical.

Fitri's older brother died about three years ago, a couple of weeks after getting a shot.

"I really regret that this happened to my son," she said. "I would have liked to have had Fitri vaccinated, but I'm still afraid."

Both Fitri and Siti have been vaccinated since being diagnosed with polio, and about 6,000 other children in the surrounding villages have also been immunized, the World Health Organization says. Indonesia plans to vaccinate 5.2 million children under age 5 by July.

It's unknown whether the two children will ever have full use of their legs again, but there is still hope the paralysis will lessen, said Arun Thapa, WHO's regional adviser for polio in Southeast Asia, who investigated the Indonesian outbreak.

# Iran allows reformers to run for president

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Under pressure from Iran's supreme leader, the country's hard-line watchdog reversed itself Tuesday and said two reformist candidates can run in next month's presidential race — defusing a brewing crisis that had sparked fears of a boycott.

The move by the Guardian Council came as Iran's clerical rulers seek a high turnout to boost their credibility at a time when the country remains under intense international pressure over its nuclear program.

Low turnout in the June 17 election could undermine the ruling Islamic establishment at home and weaken its position in crucial negotiations with Europeans over the controversial nuclear program.

"A president elected with the least votes will not be able to pursue the peoples' demands and defend Iran's rights at the international level," Interior Ministry spokesman Jahanbakhsh Khanjani said Tuesday. But the council's decision is unlikely to appease reformists, who have called its vetting policies illegal. About 48 million Iranians are eligible to vote, and according to some private surveys, only half of them will go to the ballot box.

At the streets of Tehran, shopkeeper Mohammad Attari said he has lost hope in both hard-liners and reformers because the president in Iran will be powerless as long as Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and doesn't answer to the nation.

# Uzbek leader goes to China to show support

**TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP)** — Making his first trip abroad since a bloody crackdown on protesters, Uzbek President Islam Karimov led a two-day visit to China, which has provided a rare note of support for the authoritarian Central Asian leader.

Karimov, who has rebuffed international calls for an independent inquiry into the May bloodshed, apparently blocked to his trip to underline that China is on his side. On Tuesday, Beijing said it "firmly" backed his actions in crushing anti-government demonstrators.

China is eager to tap into Central Asia's energy resources, and it has watched the United States deploy troops to the region after the Sept. 11 attacks, including at an Uzbek base.

Beijing also wants stability in the former Soviet states of Central Asia, a region that China — like Russia — considers a tinderbox of Islamic militancy that could spread to its own territory.

The Chinese and Uzbek governments said Karimov's visit was planned long before the May 13 uprising in the eastern Uzbek town of Andijan.

Western governments harshly criticized Karimov for using force to put down the uprising. But China and Russia have been supportive of Karimov's decision to act, after armed men seized government buildings and broke into a jail to free 23 businessmen accused of Islamic extremism.

Uzbek officials claim 169 people — mainly militants — were killed in Andijan.

# Nicaragua declares alert for al-Qaida suspects

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)** — Nicaragua's National Police declared an alert along its border because of the "possible presence" of two suspected members of the al-Qaida terrorist network in Central America, officials said Tuesday.

An Interior Ministry news release identified the two as Ahmad Salim Swaidan, suspected involvement in a 2002 plot against the U.S. Embassy in Thailand, and a Yemeni man known only as Alwadi.

A photo of Swaidan released by Nicaraguan authorities matched that of a man on the FBI's most-wanted terrorist list. Sheikh Ahmed Salim Swaidan, a



Islam Karimov

But rights activists contend hundreds of protesters were killed and insist many were unarm ed civilians who were only voicing their opposition to Karimov's government and anger over economic woes.

An Uzbek activist, former physician Gulbahar Turayeva, said Tuesday that she saw about 500 bodies lying in the yard of Andijan's School No. 15 the day after the violence. She said she counted 400 bodies before guards chased her away, and she estimated there were about 100 more. She said most of the dead were men.

Turayeva said another activist, whom she declined to identify, reported seeing 50 bodies — mostly women and children — at a college building on the same day.

Other witnesses said some bodies were buried secretly in several sites outside Andijan, she said.

However, corroborating officials claim of violence by protesters, Turayeva said she had seen demonstrators hurling rocks at the city prosecutor, Gulnifon Abdurakhimov, as he sought to calm tensions before troops moved in. She said Abdurakhimov apparently was killed by stones.

NATO and the European Union have called for an independent probe of the events, but Karimov has resisted.

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# Internet infection holds computer files hostage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest threat to computer users doesn't destroy data or steal passwords — it locks up a person's electronic documents, effectively holding them hostage, and demands \$200 over the Internet to get them back.

Security researchers at San Diego-based Websense Inc. uncovered the unusual extortion plot when a corporate customer they would not identify fell victim to the infection, which encrypted files that included documents, photographs and spreadsheets.

A ransom note left behind included an e-mail address, and the attacker using the address later demanded \$200 for the digital keys to unlock the files.

"This is equivalent to someone coming into your home, putting your valuables in a safe and not telling you the combination," said Oliver Friedrichs, a security manager for Symantec Corp. The company said Tuesday the problem was serious but not deemed a high-level threat because there were no indications it was widespread.

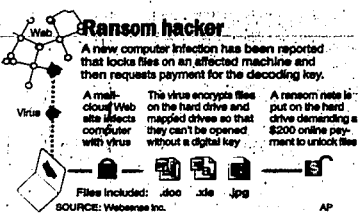
The FBI said the scheme was unlike other Internet extortion crimes. Leading security and antivirus firms this week were updating protective software for companies and consumers to guard against this type of attack, which experts dubbed "ransom-ware."

"This seems fully malicious," said Joe Stewart, a researcher at Chicago-based LulzSec Corp. who studied the attack software. Stewart managed to unlock the infected computer files without paying the extortion, but he worries that improved versions might be more difficult to overcome. Internet attacks commonly become more effective as they evolve over time and hackers learn to avoid the mistakes of earlier infections.

"You would have to pay the guy, or law enforcement would have to get his key to unencrypt the files," Stewart said.

The latest danger adds to the risks facing beleaguered Internet users, who must increasingly deal with categories of threats that include viruses, worms, phishing, e-mail fraud and denial of service attacks.

In the recent case, computer files could be infected by viewing a vandalized Web site with vulnerable Internet browser software. The infection locked up at least 15 types of data files and left behind a note with instructions to send e-mail to a



particular address to purchase unlocking keys. In an e-mail reply, the hacker demanded \$200 be wired to an Internet banking account. "I send program to your email," the hacker wrote.

There was no reply to e-mails sent to that address Monday by The Associated Press.

Ed Stroz, a former FBI agent who now investigates computer

crimes for corporations, said the relatively cheap ransom demand — only \$200 — probably was deliberately low to encourage victims to pay rather than call police and to discourage law enforcement from assigning these cases a high priority.

"That's a very powerful threat," Stroz said. "If somebody encrypted your files, you need this stuff how to do your work."

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## Clouds trouble laser airspace warning system

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new system of lasers designed to warn pilots they have entered restricted airspace over Washington can be used on planes flying in or above the clouds.

Trouble is, clouds cover most of the sky almost half the time in the sixth capital.

The limitations of the laser warning system were evident during an airspace violation Monday, when military F-16s escorted a small plane from a restricted area to a nearby airport.

The laser system wasn't engaged because it couldn't penetrate the layer of clouds over which the pilot was flying, said 1st Lt. Lisa Citino, a spokeswoman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD.

"We know we can't use the system 100 percent of the time, but, remember, the system isn't a stand-alone one," Citino said. "It's just one of the other systems we have in place."

Though NORAD won't disclose the cost of the red-and-green laser warning system, its price tag is at least \$1 million, NORAD acknowledged that each set of lasers costs \$500,000, and two have been sited by The Associated Press.

Between sunrise and sunset, clouds covered at least 88 percent of the sky over Reagan Washington National Airport for 162 days last year, according to the National Climatic Data Center.

Most small planes, though, fly below the clouds, said Chancy Dancy, spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, which represents private pilots. "The system could be effective," Dancy said.

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Chamber sponsors clean-up day

**JEROME** — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a citywide clean-up today from 9 a.m. to noon. Business and non-business are encouraged to put together cleaning crews, and prizes will be awarded for extra effort and team spirit, the chamber said. The event will wrap up with a free barbecue at noon at Shepley Park. To participate, contact the chamber at 324-2711.

### Hastings sees drop in profit in Q1

**AMARILLO, Tex.** — Multimedia superstore chain Hastings Entertainment Inc. said Tuesday that profit dropped 62 percent in its first quarter and revenue fell short of its expectations.

For the three months ended April 30, Hastings earned \$754,000, or 6 cents per share, less than last year's \$2 million, or 17 cents per share, the company earned a year ago.

Hastings said the latest quarterly earnings fell below expectations, though merchandise sales declined substantially at the end of the period and the company's operating expenses.

Overall revenue rose 2 percent to \$129.1 million from \$126.9 million. This included a 4 percent increase in merchandise revenue to \$104.9 million and a 6 percent drop in video rental revenue to \$25.8 million. The company had a net profit decline was in line with an industrywide shift toward buying, rather than renting.

### Publisher acquires four more magazines

**DES MOINES, Iowa** — Meredith Corp., a major publisher of women's magazines, including Ladies' Home Journal, is buying four magazines including Child and Family magazine from the former publisher Gruener + Jahr AG & Co. for \$350 million.

The deal, which also includes the magazine Parents and Parents, effectively marks the exit from the U.S. magazine market for Gruener + Jahr, which had suffered a series of setbacks in its efforts to expand here. For Meredith, the deal beefs up the company's already large presence in the magazine publishing field, especially with younger women, building on its 2002 acquisition of American Idol's related publications. Its shares rose 5.5 percent Tuesday.

### More college students use credit cards less

**NEW YORK** — College students remain big fans of credit cards, but they're using fewer of them and using them less.

A study released Tuesday by college lender Nellie Mae found that 76 percent of students carried credit cards in 2004, down from a peak of 83 percent in 2001, when the last survey was made.

They carried an average of four cards last year, and their outstanding balances averaged a total of \$2,162. While a majority of them are using them less, a study released Tuesday by college lender Nellie Mae found that 76 percent of students carried credit cards in 2004, down from a peak of 83 percent in 2001, when the last survey was made.

### Credit rating drop disappoints GM

**NEW YORK** — Fitch Ratings reduced its credit rating for General Motors Corp. to junk status Tuesday, citing the profit-supplying impact of sales declines and industry price competition.

GM shares and bonds fell on the news, which means the company is likely have to pay more to borrow and complicate its attempt to cut costs. The world's largest automaker said it was disappointed. "Clearly GM has many challenges in North America, but the company is moving aggressively to address them," said Fitch's spokesman Gian Proia said. GM's and its finance arm, General Motors Acceptance Corp., have made significant investments to fund their business for the foreseeable future," she said. Fitch said GM had nearly \$20 billion in cash at the end of the first quarter and had another \$18.5 billion.

— compiled from staff reports

# NEW REALITY FOR WAL-MART



Customers leave Wal-Mart as a machine pushes shopping carts back to the store in Cheektowaga, N.Y., on May 22. The world's largest retailer, which only a few years ago could do no wrong, is now suffering from the kind of problems that have plagued weaker rivals like Kmart: cluttered stores, merchandise that turned off shoppers, and poor service.

## Low prices aren't enough for some customers

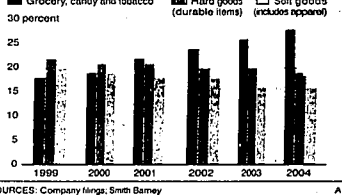
By Anne D'Innocenzo  
The Associated Press

### Wal-Mart stocks up on food

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, shifted its strategy over the past five years to increase its food offerings.

Shares of total Wal-Mart sales

By selected merchandise categories



SOURCES: Company filings, Smith Barney

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is facing a new reality: Its customers want more than just the lowest prices. The world's largest retailer, which only a few years ago could do no wrong, is now suffering from the kind of problems that have plagued weaker rivals like Kmart: cluttered stores, merchandise that turned off shoppers, and poor service. Meanwhile, Target Corp., while some six times smaller than Wal-Mart, is setting a new standard for discount retailing.

Wal-Mart operates stores in Jerome and Burley, and has plans to open a Twin Falls store. Wal-Mart's sales growth has sagged — in part because the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer, while still a low-price leader, doesn't have products on the floor that attract today's shoppers — particularly in apparel, home furnishings and consumer electronics. It also has a problem with slow checkout service and its stores look uninspiring.

Target, however, keeps sharpening its appeal to a higher-income customer with

affordable fashions and home merchandise from designers including Cynthia Rowley and Isaac Mizrahi. Its stores boast a colorful assortment of merchandise, from shoes to pet supplies. This spring, consumers will find such items as turquoise moccasins, slim lace tunics and metallic sandals. Its service at the checkout? Speedy, analysts say.

Howard Davidowitz, chair-

man of Davidowitz & Associates, a retail consulting and investment banking firm, joined other analysts in saying that rising gasoline prices and job uncertainty have hurt Wal-Mart, prompting lower-income shoppers to spend less at stores. But he said, "For the past six months they have dropped the ball. The fact is that Wal-Mart has failed to execute as well as they have always done."

Bob Buchanan, a retail ana-

lyst with St. Louis-based A.G. Edwards, said, "Wal-Mart is not as crisp in their execution as they have been. Target continues to do a lot better in merchandising."

Buchanan also believes "morale is not as high as it has been" at the company, which has had to defend its business practices from criticism by unions and community activist groups; they contend the retailer takes advantage of workers and hampers competition.

It has also defended itself in highly-publicized lawsuits. Wal-Mart recently said it would pay a fine to settle federal charges that it discriminated against those that undergo workers' dangerous machinery, and it also agreed to pay \$11 million to settle charges that its clearing contractor hired illegal immigrants. Meanwhile, it faces a class action lawsuit by female employees who claim Wal-Mart discriminated against them because of their gender.

Within its stores, Wal-Mart is already taking steps to stock better quality and to make housekeeping changes. But Davidowitz said it will take until at least the fourth quarter to see improved business given its size.

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## Sales of existing homes hit all-time high

By Martin Crutsinger  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Sales of existing homes rose 4.5 percent in April to the highest sales pace on record as low mortgage rates continued to fuel a housing boom, a national trade group reported Tuesday.

The National Association of Realtors said the sales of single-family homes and condominiums climbed to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.1 million in April, the fastest pace on record.

The increase was far above the small 0.2 percent advance that had been expected and was credited to further declines in mortgage rates.

The strength in sales last month was accompanied by further upward pressure on home prices. The median price for an existing home sold over the last 12 months rose to a record \$206,000, up 1.1 percent over the median price a year ago.

That represented the biggest 12-month gain in home sales prices since November 1980 and was certain to add to con-

cerns that the housing industry could be experiencing a speculative bubble similar to the stock market bubble which popped in the spring of 2000.

David Lereah, chief economist at the Realtors, said he agreed with concerns expressed last week by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who said that while he did not believe there was a national housing bubble certain local markets were exhibiting characteristics of unsustainable price increases.

"Certainly there are some se-

ctor areas where there could be some froth," Lereah said in releasing the new report.

The new report said that the 7.18 million sales rate in April compared to a revised 6.87 million sales pace in March and was the highest pace on record, surpassing the old mark of 7.02 million sales at an annual rate last July. In the first quarter of this year, sales were up 7 percent in the South, 5.3 percent in the Midwest, 4.3 percent in the Northeast and were unchanged in the West last month.

## Buffett spends \$5.1 billion to expand power industry holdings

The Associated Press

**OMAHA, Neb.** — Striking the second biggest deal of his career and making a major move in the energy industry, billionaire investor Warren Buffett agreed Tuesday to pay \$5.1 billion in cash to acquire Western states electric utility PacifiCorp.

Portland, Ore.-based PacifiCorp from Scottsdale, Ariz., which acquired the utility in 1999. In addition to the cash payment, MidAmerican will assume \$4.3 billion in PacifiCorp debt and preferred stock.

The transaction, the third major acquisition in the U.S. energy industry in the last year, is expected to close in November. "It's going to be one of the bigger energy companies in the country," said Tim Winter, an analyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons.

Berkshire Hathaway's Class A shares rose \$2.010, or 2.4 percent, to \$85,500 on Tuesday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. ScottsdalePower shares rose 6.3 percent to close at 469.75 pence (\$8.59) on the London Stock Exchange.

MidAmerican, based in Des Moines, Iowa, said the deal will create an energy holding company serving approximately 3 million electric and natural gas customers in 10 states and would have 6.6 million customers worldwide. PacifiCorp will continue to be based in Portland and will retain its name. It also will continue operating as Pacific Power in Oregon, Wyoming, Washington state and northern California, and as Utah Power in Utah and Idaho.

The combined MidAmerican-PacifiCorp will have assets of more than \$2 billion, including \$25.3 billion in the United States. MidAmerican will have approximately \$10 billion in annual revenues internationally.

including \$8.5 billion from the United States, the company said.

Relations between Utah Power and the state's regulatory commission became strained after a heavy wet snow storm downed power lines during Christmas 2003, leaving about 100,000 Utah customers in the dark for days. At the time, state officials and citizen watchdog groups questioned whether Utah Power could draw on sufficient crews for major emergencies, claims that were rejected by company officials.

The deal follows Chicago-based Exelon Corp.'s December announcement that it would acquire Newark, N.J.-based Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. for \$12 billion in

## Qwest looks beyond MCI

By Sandy Shore  
The Associated Press

**DENVER** — Qwest Communications chief executive Richard N. Beckett withdrew Tuesday that the company has ended its multibillion-dollar pursuit of MCI Inc. and is looking at several possible next steps ranging from partnerships to acquisitions.

"We aren't looking at MCI. That's over," Beckett told the 200 shareholders gathered for an annual meeting. He declined to be specific about possible future actions.

"We're disciplined," he said after the meeting. "We don't preannounced."

The meeting came less than a month after Qwest withdrew a \$9.85 billion bid for MCI, leaving the Ashburn, Va.-based company to offer an \$18.54 billion bid to sell an Verizon Communications Inc. unit.

"Frankly, we felt from day one that it was kind of skewed against us," Ntzebeurt said of the contentious three-month bidding process. "There really wasn't an effort to negotiate in good faith."

However, he said the company still hears from MCI shareholders who believe that Qwest's higher bid should have been considered. Qwest spent at least \$55 million on the failed bid.

In an annual meeting earlier this month in Virginia, more than a quarter of MCI's shares were withheld in the re-election of the company's board of directors, a protest of its decision to accept the Verizon offer. MCI is expected to set a shareholder vote on the deal this summer.

Qwest Communications International Inc. then operates in 14 Midwestern and Western states, is looking for a way to increase revenue and shrink its \$17 billion loss. Qwest is increasing competition from Internet-based and cell phone services.

The Denver-based Qwest saw a merger with MCI and its strong balance sheet as a way to achieve that goal by acquiring a lucrative service from customers and combining the companies' nationwide networks.

Without that deal, Qwest will look to achieve the same goal another way, possibly by acquiring assets of other telecommunications companies or acquiring a smaller firm that has little debt.

The key will be to find a company that can continue to grow and work with Qwest's Partners Inc. telecommunications analyst Donna Jaegers said.

"High cable companies gearing up Internet telephone services, Qwest needs to take action soon," Jaegers said. "They're in a tough spot and they've got about two years to try to make it easier," she said.

During the meeting, three shareholder proposals were rejected.

A policy requiring members of certain committees of the board to qualify as independent directors was rejected.

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stock, creating the country's biggest utility. On May 18, shareholders of Duke Energy said it had agreed to buy Cincinnati-based Cinergy Corp. in a stock deal worth \$9 billion.

Developed in 1995, it filed a series of utility mergers and acquisitions, then activity slowed. But Winter said more deals are in the pipeline, particularly as foreign firms sell pieces of U.S. energy companies they have found less profitable than their own.

ScottishPower, for example, may not have been getting the return it wanted from PacificCorp and put it up for sale to please stockholders, Winter said. ScottishPower Chief Executive

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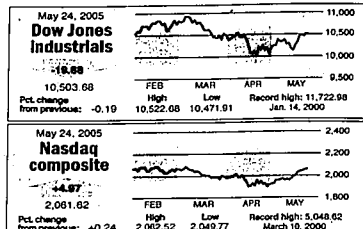
Jurors in fraud trial can't agree on verdict

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Jurors in the fraud trial of fired HealthSouth Corp. CEO Richard Scrushy told the judge Tuesday they couldn't reach a verdict and needed an explanation "in layman terms."

On a verdict. We need an explanation in layman terms. We would like your explanation in layman terms to the judge. Jurors didn't say what they needed explained, and the judge sent back a message asking them to clarify the case and also said a private meeting wasn't possible "because the parties, who have a vested interest in the case, have the right to be heard whenever I communicate with you about the case."

The note marked the second time the jury had raised the possibility of a deadlock in written messages to the judge. Jurors got the case last week after hearing dozens of witnesses over 3.5 months. The jury is deliberating the first 36 counts against Scrushy. The panel will deliberate 12 additional forfeiture counts if Scrushy is found guilty in the first phase. Scrushy is the first chief executive charged under the Sarbanes-Oxley corporate reporting law. He also is accused of conspiracy, fraud, reporting and money laundering.

Prosecutors claim Scrushy led a huge fraud at the health-plan chain from 1996 through 2002. The defense blames the accounting scheme on former subordinates. Including 15 former HealthSouth executives who pleaded guilty.



Buffett

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to vice Ian Russell said in a news release that the company intends to pay out about \$4.5 billion of the proceeds from the sale to shareholders.

\$1.24 billion, acquiring about 76 percent of the company. It has increased its stake to 80.5 percent, making a total of about \$3.3 billion.

Walter Scott, a longtime friend of Buffett's who is on Berkshire's board. Buffett has called Scott, Abel and MidAmerican a key part of Berkshire, which also owns or has holdings in a wide range of businesses, including insurance, soft drinks, candy, furniture, restaurant and carpet firms.

"Berkshire stands ready to inject massive amounts of money into MECH — and it will be fun to watch how the deal can be made to take the business," Buffett said in his 2002 annual report. Just one month ago, Buffett lamented Berkshire's annual meeting that he had about \$45 billion in cash and no major acquisitions in sight.

Stocks end mixed as investors take profits

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks finished narrowly mixed Tuesday as investors took the opportunity to take profits after comfort from the Federal Reserve's benign take on inflation. Tech stocks continued to rally while the Nasdaq composite index posting its eighth straight gain.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 18.88, or 0.19 percent, to 10,503.68. Broader stock indicators edged higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 0.41, or 0.02 percent, to 1,194.07. The Nasdaq composite index gained 4.97, or 0.24 percent, to 2,061.62.

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outlined by the Council of Institutional Investors. A policy to require shareholder approval of future supplemental executive retirement plans and of certain benefits for senior executives. A policy requiring the board to pursue legal remedies to recover performing executives compensation for senior executives.

Qwest is paying the legal bills for its executives, including former CEO Joseph Nacchio, accused of civil fraud charges in connection with the company's TrawlNet IPO. Qwest is required by its bylaws to pay the legal fees, Notebaert said. Qwest was formed in 1999 when its acquisition of former Baby Bell US West Inc. It agreed last year to pay a \$250 million fine to settle civil fraud charges by the Securities and Exchange Commission without admitting wrongdoing. The SEC had accused Qwest of a "massive financial fraud" for falsely reporting sales or trades of capacity on its fiber-optic cables as recurring revenue.

Stations Qwest rose 1.1 cents, or 3 percent, to close at \$3.78 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Wall Street had eagerly anticipated a meeting from the Fed's May 18 minutes, hoping for a clearer picture of the strength of the economy and the prospects for inflation in the months ahead. Fed noted a risk of inflation as well as an economic slowdown, but said that those pressures remained in check and that interest rates could be increased slowly.

Recent economic data, however, showed a moderation in prices and inflation rates as well as increased strength in the economy. But since higher interest rates serve to moderate growth as well as stem inflation, the Fed made the right call, said Lincoln Anderson, chief investment officer at LPL Financial Services.

The Fed got it right, but for the wrong reasons, Anderson said. "But they should be raising rates anyway. The economy seems pretty strong right now, and the Fed is moving on rates at what seems to be a good pace. And that's good for the market."

Lost something?

The state is guarding unclaimed property of Jerome, Ketchum residents

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# Disabled have right to handicapped stalls

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I was out shopping when I got the urge to use the washroom. When I got there, the line was out the door. There was about a 10-minute wait.



DEAR ABBY  
Joanne Phillips

As I finally neared the stall, the woman ahead of me in line began to bounce. I could empathize. But right before a stall became available, a woman in a wheelchair rolled in and parked next to us. Of course, the handicapped stall was the next one available.

The person ahead of me began to walk forward, but the woman in the wheelchair became loud and belligerent about being handicapped, and claimed the stall. The woman in front of me and I just looked at each other — and then she deferred to the individual in the wheelchair.

Please set me straight, Abby. Should a handicapped individual take precedence over a stall when the washroom line

Blanc D'Oro White Wine — Product and Vineyards of Italy, Imported by International Wine Co., Detroit, Mich.

It has never been opened, but I see the wine slowly evaporating. Do you think anyone would be interested in this bottle?

IN HUDSON, FLA. DEAR DELORES: I took your question to a cellar master/sommelier, who informs me that, because it's evaporating, your bottle of wine may no longer be drinkable — even if it was stored properly. However, you might offer the bottle of collector's wine on an auction site because it could interest a collector of Elvis memorabilia. (For example: eBay) Good luck!

DEAR ABBY: I am 12 and in the eighth grade. I have thought about suicide many times, and earlier pulled out a knife and almost slit my wrists.

If I tell my parents, they won't

believe me. They'll think I'm making it up to get attention. If I talk to the school counselor, she'll tell my parents for sure. I'm afraid of myself when I'm home alone sometimes. Can you please help me?

—AFRAID OF MYSELF  
FRANKLIN, WISCONSINA

DEAR AFRAID: I would be more than happy to give you a letter. Preoccupation with suicide is serious and calls for help from a mental health professional. Because you feel your parents may minimize the seriousness of your suicidal thoughts if you tell them, ask a trusted teacher or school counselor to help you. Perhaps if they hear it from another adult, your parents will treat the news with the seriousness it deserves.

Another option would be to call a crisis hotline when you are tempted to injure yourself. Just pick up the phone and ask the operator to connect you. I wish you luck and a speedy recovery from this illness.

# Better make peace while you have a chance, Aries

## HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

IF MAY 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: For most of the year ahead you are more ambitious and serious than usual and will accept to make sacrifices to get ahead. Use your powers of organization and inner discipline to put your life in order during the next several months. By November and December you will be shown with unexpected rewards for a job well done and could find your life greatly improved by a presidential stroke of good luck.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make peace with the boss or your significant other while the opportunity exists and before a tiny molehill becomes a mountain. You will need all the cooperation possible in the next few days.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Others are likely to notice that beneath your serious exterior beats a generous heart. You are a team player and can use that to your advantage when things get sticky in the next few days.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Get ready to make peace. The tie-down looms ends to make jobs flow effortlessly. Make time for entertainment today, as you likely will have to play over the next several days.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): When the going gets tough, the tough get going. You are at your

best if given the time to think things through without interruptions. Intense insights can help you solve problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You would mind being at everyone's beck and call because you realize you are just another cog in the wheel. When everyone pulls together it makes a heavy load seem lighter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your social skills are in demand. Others in close connection could be direct, curt and to the point. In any group you have the ability to soothe ruffled feathers and facilitate team spirit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Grim determination may be necessary to wade through a pile of paperwork. More can be gained by spending your mind than your body. Don't be intimidated by power.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your charms might begin to be fickle as possible and put toys away for a few days.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Just be there. The only thing that may be as possible and put toys away for a few days.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. You are at your

# At first, Play-doh wasn't meant to be played with

Play-doh was originally formulated to clean wallpaper.

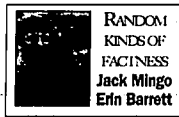
The day in history: "And now I am the ruler of the Queen's Naveel," Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" premiered in London, followed by the radio transmitter inside was banned in the 1970s. It allowed golfers to easily find their lost balls.

Some taste sweet, others taste spicy. Regardless, nuts are eaten as high-protein snacks in many places around the globe.

The founder of Atari chose the name in the hope that people would think his northern California electronics firm was Japanese.

The Audubon Society of America says the safest depth of a bird bath is about 2.5 inches. If the water level is any less, there's not enough room for birds to clean themselves, any deeper, and it scares small birds away.

The cartoon Betty Boop began her comic career as a dog — Bimbo the Dog's girlfriend in



The Talkatron series — In 1930, she soon shed her long ears in place of earrings, and a star was born.

The French to the rescue: Early names for the automobile included ole locomotive, motor fly, electric bat, notoring and automaton. The French came up with "automobile," meaning "self-moving," and it stuck.

Despite their weight, elephants swim rather nicely by floating on the water and kicking their legs. In rough water, they lift their trunks out of the water and use them as snorkels. The world record-holder for stone-skippping continues to be J. Coleman-McGhee. In 1992, he skipped a stone 38 times on the Blanco River in Texas.

# Georgia county begins removing evolution stickers from textbooks

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Workers in Cobb County have begun removing controversial evolution disclaimer stickers from science textbooks to comply with a judge's order.

By the end of the day Monday, several thousand stickers, which said evolution was a theory and not a fact, had been scraped off.

The school district had put 34,452 stickers on textbooks across the county. The evolution disclaimers

read: "This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is a theory, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things. This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully, and critically considered."

Six parents sued to remove the stickers saying the disclaimers violated the principle of the separation of church and state. A federal judge in January agreed and ordered the stickers removed.

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please call Jim at 845-2288 or Randy at 845-2822.

# Chinese city sends its civil servants to the gym

SHANGHAI, China — The Shanghai city government has a message for its civil servants: You're fat. Hit the gym.

The city's Xuhui district says about 15 percent of its 14,000 bureaucrats are overweight, with just 30 percent receiving good or excellent marks on their physicals, the Shanghai Daily reported.

The biggest problems among government clerks and officials are obesity, poor heart and lung functioning, and poor eyesight, Zhang Zhongren, director of the Xuhui District Sports Administration, was quoted as saying.

Bureaucrats must join one of 25 designated gyms or sports clubs that offer discounted fees. Those who work out at least once a week get their paychecks reimbursed, the report said.

Shanghai public health officials say they are worried that men in the hectic business hub are getting quicker due to stress, pollution and unhealthy lifestyles — a problem that is driving down an already slowing birthrate.

Cigarette retrieval leaves man with injuries  
FOREMAN, Ark. — A leap of faith proved hazardous for a smoker in need of a cigarette fix after a night on the town.

Jeff Foreman suffered trauma to his nose, eyes and chin after jumping from a car traveling 55-60 mph. Authorities said he was trying to retrieve a cigarette blown out of the passenger-side window.

Foran, 38, took the leap Saturday night, state police Trooper Jamie Gravier said.

The driver of the car, Jerry Glenn Nelson, said Foran had asked him earlier in the evening to be a designated driver after a night of drinking.

Foran did the right thing and asked his buddy to drive him home. Gravier said, "It was obviously he was extremely intoxicated."

Gravier added: "If anything could make him stop smoking, this should be it. The man is lucky to be alive."

Horse causes havoc on Cincinnati freeway  
CINCINNATI — Whoa, Nelly. Or should that be whia. Caesar? A charge horse caused chaos on its usual downtown spot and raced about a mile onto a freeway, startling motorists and a police officer who saw the animal zip past him.

## Odd and ends

Neville called for help Sunday after he spotted the horse pulling an empty carriage.

Caesar may have gotten scared when the carriage driver began to pull the top up on the buggy, said Jazz Cann, a driver for Elegant Carriages, which owns the rig and the horse.

"I may have been trying to get back to a warehouse where it is stabled, but ended up on Interstate 75, Cann said.

A cab driver corralled the horse by an exit ramp until help arrived.

"At least he wasn't going the wrong way down a one-way street," Neville said. "He did run a red light, but I'm not going to cite him."

Vanity license plate might be drugged out  
SEATTLE — Most drivers may be puzzled by the vanity license plate 93113N, but plenty of crooks likely nod their heads knowingly.

It's the chemical compound for methamphetamine, and despite a state law that prohibits references to alcohol or illegal substances on vanity plates, it may be perfectly legal.

Bradley A. Benfield, a spokesman for the state Licensing Department, said such a license has been granted to the owner of a black 2002 Audi registered in Seattle. The plate may be legal because the same compound represents amphetamine, a legal substance when used in medicine.

"This is a serious concern if there is a license out there with something on it that a reasonable person would consider related to an illegal substance," said Benfield. "It's pretty easy for something like this to slip through."

To revoke the plate, state officials would have to notify the owner by letter and refer the issue to a committee, consisting of representatives from the Licensing Department, Washington State Patrol, county auditors and vehicle licensing agents.

Out of 6.5 million vehicles registered in the state, about 83,000 have vanity plates. Last week, officials dismissed a complaint about one reading JOHN316, a reference to a New Testament verse, deeming it offensive.

—compiled from wire reports

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Notice is hereby given that in Twin Falls County Case No. CV 2005-187 USA Distribution, Inc., Plaintiff vs. Robert G. Widmer and A. Diane Widmer, Defendants, a Writ of Attachment has been issued attaching all property located at 23708 A Hwy 30, Murtough, Idaho 83344. Kristina Glascock  
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The Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, hereby announces that sealed bids will be received for REOPENING OF AREA "A" AND "D" HEYBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NORTH BLDG., HEYBURN, IDAHO, on June 8, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. local prevailing time, at the Minidoka County District Office, 633 Fremont Avenue, Rupert, Idaho 83350. Contractors wishing to submit bids must hold a current Public Works Contractors License, commensurate with the size of contract and must submit a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount, including any add alternates with the bid. Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date.

Licensed general and roofing contractors may obtain Drawings and Specifications from the Architect, Leatham-Krohn-Van Ocker Architects, 1735 Federal Way, Boise, Idaho, 83705 for a refundable document deposit of \$100.00 per set. Plans and specifications will also be available for examination at the following locations: Leatham-Krohn-Van Ocker Architects 1735 Federal Way, Boise, Idaho 83705  
AGC 1415 Filmore STE 703A Twin Falls, ID 83301

A pre bid conference/walk through will be held at the project site on June 20, 2005, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Attendance is encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bid may be withdrawn after the bid opening unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding sixty (60) days.  
Michelle Deluna, District Treasurer

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**NOTICE OF LETTING**  
Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83702 or received by mail at P.O. Box 18120, Boise, IDAHO 83727, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN UNIT two (2) o'clock p.m., on the 15th day of JUNE, 2005, for the work of CRABS RECONSTRUCTION on US-20 MP 184, (209) to MP 181.20; Hagerman Rd. to Banbury, known as Idaho Project No. ST-33608(819), in Twin Falls and Blaine Counties, Job No. R-558.  
[FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT ENGINEER "860CT STACEY" AT (208) 386-7805.]

Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho, and are on file for examination at the office of the District Engineer at Shoshone, Idaho.  
A non-refundable charge of TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) plus applicable sales tax must be made by check, payable to the Idaho Transportation Department. Plans may be viewed at (208) 334-8430; or by written request to the Idaho Transportation Department, Item: Financial Services, P. O. Box 1120, Boise, Idaho 83707-1120.  
COMPUTERIZED BIDDING SKETCHES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best in the interest of Idaho.  
No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable proposal guaranty. This guaranty must be in the form of a certified check or a cashier's check drawn on an Idaho bank in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid, payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid, payable to the Idaho Public Works Contractors State License Board (800) 356-8895 prior to submitting a bid.

The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (U.S.C.A. Title 29, Paragraphs 201-218, Chapter 8) shall apply in the employment of labor for this project.  
It is the purpose of the Idaho Transportation Board to build the improvement in the shortest time consistent with good construction, necessary safety equipment and an effective organization while installed upon.  
DATED May 19, 2005  
STEVEN C. HUTCHINSON, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

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DATED this 18th day of May  
MARK LITTLE, PURCHASING AGENT  
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
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### 101 Lost and Found

**FOUND AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD** 6 miles west of Jerome. Collie tail black & white long head - female. Nice disposition. 308-3085

**FOUND Border Collie**, female, no collar, near highway 30, towards Filer. Call 734-5092.

**FOUND young Dog**, medium size, brown white. North of Bliss. Call 208-543-6659.

**FOUND Dog**, young, black, border collie type in Fairchild area. Call 208-764-2366.

**FOUND female black and tan German Shepherd** 3 miles N of Paul. Wearing leather collar. Call 421-2482.

**FOUND Ski** 1000 ft. in Falls. Must describe to claim. 423-4551.

**FOUND Spitting mail** for firewood in Twin Falls. Please call identity 208-422-5801 after 6 p.m.

**LOST Border Collie**, male, black and white, 1 1/2 years old at the Chase Stop 'n Go on S. Washington. \$50 reward. 542-9166

**LOST 2 sheep** with tagging tails. Please call 50 Papp. Call 208-543-5855.

**LOST Attache / brief case**, black, fake leather. Lost between 748-0404 & point S. on Hwy 93. **REWARD!** Call 208-764-2366

**LOST Australian Shepherd**, male, black & brown, mato, with tags. Lost in vicinity of Travelers Station near Filer. Reward call Twin Falls, ID 252-5383 or 731-1255

**LOST cat**, female, calico, goes by "Sugar", 6 years old. Purple & white striped collar wags. Lost near Filer Ave. Eastlands Dr. 731-8688 or 731-5234

**LOST Leg**, tan colored dog, mixed breed, groomed hair cut, possibly a pit bull. Old injury to right front paw causes her to limp. Caucasian man in 80's model red pickup with Twin Falls County plates seen taking her from the Sinker Station near Filer, ID Bliss. Reward offered. Call Huo Rufing at 748-0404 or Twin Falls Home Shelter 736-2259.

**LOST Martin** computer keyboard photo? Call 208-539-7712.

**LOST Rotweiler**, male, no collar, 185 lbs., 3 years old. Answer to Bl. Lost soon along Blue Lakes at the Spa Stores. 404-1768.

### 102 Special Notices

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
208-733-8300 &  
208-721-0565\*

**Pregnancy Alternatives**  
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Free Tests. Always Confidential. 734-7472

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### 103 Personal

I. Colleen Mullikin, from May 9'05 will no longer be responsible for any debt other than my own.

**Bankruptcy**  
Competitive rates on Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Call 208-734-8452

### 104 Special Notices

**BIRTHDAY PHOTOS**  
Have you forgotten to pick up your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept.

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Fun summer activities. Licensed & Accredited. Call 208-732-0035.

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**Resort**  
In Stanley, Idaho  
is now taking applications for a 1 year round Administrative Clerk  
Must be flexible and willing to work weekend hours. Office experience necessary. Benefits package. Application to: Attn: C. Veach  
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208-774-3647

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All advertising is subject to the newspaper's - standard of acceptance. The Times-News reserves the right to edit, abbreviate decline or properly classify any or all assets. Assumes full responsibility for the entire content of their advisor's message.

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**113 Child Care Services**  
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Questions? Conduct public hearing the telephone. Absolutely NO CALLERS by this. Strictly research, \$7.00 to \$9.00/hour. Casual work environment. Flexible evening, day, and weekend hours. 15-30 min/week. Great part-time job. Open to CSI campus. For more information Call 208-735-2863 \*\*\*\*\*

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Ready mix drivers wanted. CDL required. Pay DOE. Full benefits. EOE. Idaho Concrete Co. 1284 Addison Ave W Drug Free Workplace.

**DRIVERS**  
Road Brothers needs experienced Truck Drivers for local and regional. CDL required. Excellent benefit package & 401k. Salary DOE. Full benefits. EOE. 903 Elm, Buhl, Idaho or call 208 543-4306

**EDUCATION**  
Agape Christian School is accepting applications for a certified 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher. 734-3693

**EDUCATION**  
Kimberly School District is accepting applications for Secondary Teachers with Natural Science or Social Studies endorsements. Coaching opportunities are also available. Call Cathy Cooper at 208-423-4170 ext 3380 if interested. Applications are also available at www.kimberly.edu

**EDUCATION**  
Murfath School District 418 is taking applications for the following position: Full-time teacher with some of these components: ESL, Speech, Health, PE & Coaching. Please call for application at 208-432-5451 or send resume to PO Box 117 Murfath, ID 83344

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Remodelors and Roofers. 2-20 years exp. Wage DOE. 737-0000 or 731-6658

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Roofing Foremen. Must be experienced in metal, shingles, membrane roof. Basic CDL. A valid drivers license. 208-324-3301

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Dental Assistant experience preferred but not required. Send resume to PO Box 1083 Burley, Idaho 92318

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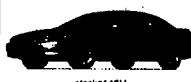
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