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Governor prepares plans

Kempthorne poised to announce roadless area proposal Thursday

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is expected to announce Thursday whether he'll nominate portions of the state's 9.5 million acres of roadless forest areas for continued federal protection from mining, logging and energy development. The Republican governor isn't

saying how far he'll go in exercising the new role in forest management that was granted to governors last month by the Bush administration when it overturned a Clinton administration rule that had barred development in roadless areas. Idaho has more pristine forest lands under federal management than any other state in

the lower 48. "We'll send a signal soon," Kempthorne said Tuesday. "It's all in how it's done." Some western governors have chosen to let the U.S. Forest Service's existing management plans determine the future of forest planning in their states rather than enter the costly, complicated new roadless petition process. Governor Kempthorne was one of the biggest advocates for this, but now what we are seeing around the West is the recogni-

tion this petition process is very onerous and costly to states," said Robert Vandemark, director of the Heritage Forest Campaign in Washington, D.C. "And in the end, there's no guarantee it will be accepted at all by this administration."

Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer of Montana, which has 6.3 million roadless acres, criticized the new process in a letter to President Bush earlier this month. By giving the U.S. Department of Agriculture final Please see PLANS, Page A2

Water users still far from reaching agreement

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — After years of negotiations and several months of wrangling over delivery calls and water users remain far from reaching an agreement.

That was the sentiment that concluded the Idaho Water Users Association workshop held Monday and Tuesday in Sun Valley. Water users and those interested in water policy from around the state gathered for a meeting focused on answering unresolved calls for water delivery before the state's Department of Water Resources.

Yet, representatives from three of the different sides in the debate — spring, surface and groundwater users — didn't hold out high hopes for resolving problems plaguing the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer during the final panel of the conference.

"Senior water rights are curtailed while junior water right holders continue to pump at nearly 100 percent," said Randy MacMillan, vice president of research and environmental affairs for Clear Springs Foods.

Spring water users like Clear Springs Foods, have been negotiating with groundwater users for the past four years. MacMillan said. Since the groups couldn't reach a solution, the company made a call for delivery in May for two of its trout farms, noting a 30 percent reduction in spring flows. Kurt Dreher, director of Water Resources, has yet to respond to Clear Springs' call.

"Surface water users such as the Twin Falls Canal Co. also found negotiations with groundwater users unproductive," said Dan Shevemaker, who chairs the company's board. Shevemaker labeled the groundwater user's solution of equally distributing what water there is as a "socialist system." Surface water users subscribe to the doctrine of prior appropriation, which would give those with earlier rights first dibs on water.

In January, the canal company joined with six other Magic Valley canal companies and irrigation districts to sue Dreher to call off on groundwater users. In April, Dreher determined that this Surface Water Coalition suffered a material injury of 133,000 acre-feet of water from groundwater pumping. Groundwater users were ordered to provide 27,700 acre-feet of replacement water for this irrigation season to avoid curtailments.

The Twin Falls Canal Co. board and coalition members found Dreher's order to be very disappointing, Shevemaker said. Dreher has scheduled a hearing over the order for January 2006.

Lynn Tomlinaga, director of Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, still hopes that all sides can strike an agreement. The groundwater users are willing to work with spring and surface users, he said.

"We have a can do attitude, but I don't know if the other folks do," Tomlinaga said.

While Tomlinaga says the parties aren't that far apart in their demands, he said that spring and surface users need to lower their demands to a more reasonable level.

"Give us something we can reach for — not something that is impossible," Tomlinaga said.

ONE HOT JOB



Bureau of Land Management firefighters set a back burn as a wildfire spreads behind them in the Snake River Canyon on Tuesday. Twenty-four BLM and 10 Twin Falls Fire Department firefighters worked on the blaze near Auger Falls.

Canyon blaze keeps crews busy

By William Adams Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Smoke billowed out of the Snake River Canyon on Tuesday afternoon at Auger Falls after a lightning strike ignited dry grass, keeping fire crews from Twin Falls and the Bureau of Land Management busy the rest of the day.

By 5:50 p.m., crews had all civilians evacuated from the Auger Falls area and were fully engaged fighting the fire. "The fire was not real big, just raged fast," said fire chief Eric Schartz of the Twin Falls Fire District.

Winds from the east helped keep the fire back, added firefighter Tom McCully.

The Twin Falls Fire Department had 10 firefighters on hand along with about 24 sent by the BLM, McCully said.

By 6 p.m., McCully, working as water tender for the night, had filled one tanker once and two attack trucks twice.

A tanker holds 900 gallons of water and an attack truck holds

300 gallons. In addition to the trucks, a BLM helicopter carrying a 200-gallon water bucket was in the air, monitoring the fire and hitting hot spots.

BLM fire crews were back burning from the southeast other quadrants were contained by 6:30 p.m.

When it first started, firefighters thought it would be an easy in and out, said Battalion Chief Gary Eart of the Twin Falls Fire Department.

No official measurement was available, but it was "bigger than what we'd like," McCully said.

The canyon brush fire was one of a handful that were reported Tuesday.

Crews were being dispatched to check on at least four others in the evening that were believed to have been caused by lightning.

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A helicopter helps extinguish the fire. No structures were in danger from the blaze.

Missing Scout found alive in Utah

The Associated Press

KAMAS, Utah — After surviving four days lost in Utah's rugged wilderness, 11-year-old Brennan Hawkins had to satisfy some basic needs: eating, drinking and playing video games.

Brennan, who had been missing since he vanished from a Boy Scout camp on Friday, was found alive and in good condition Tuesday, ending a massive rescue effort.

The boy had no provisions with him when he disappeared and eagerly scarfed granola bars and gizzled bottles of water offered by rescuers. Later, he asked to play a video game on a cell phone that belonged to a volunteer who helped in the search.

Sherril Dave Edmunds said



Brennan Hawkins

Brennan was "a little dehydrated, a little weak," but other than that, he was in very good health.

The youngster from the Salt Lake City suburb of Bountiful was found just before noon near Lily Lake, about five miles from the camp in the Uinta Mountains where he was last seen. He was reunited with his parents and his four other children and taken to a hospital to be checked.

"The boy and his family rode in an ambulance together. He laughed on the way here, just like he always has," his mother,

Jody Hawkins, told reporters when the family arrived at Primary Children's Medical Center. Brennan wanted to reporters as he was unlaoded from the ambulance.

"People say that the heavens are closed and God no longer answers prayers. We are here to unequivocally tell you that the heavens are not closed, prayers are answered and children come home," she said.

The hospital planned to keep him at least overnight to run tests, said Dr. Ed Clark, the hospital's medical director.

Officials said Brennan disappeared somewhere along a dirt road between the camp's artificial climbing wall and the "chow hall" where he was to meet a friend.

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Former Klan leader found guilty in three 1964 slayings

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. — Forty-one years to the day after three civil rights workers were beaten and shot to death, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman was found guilty of

manslaughter Tuesday in a trial that

marked Mississippi's latest attempt to atone for its blood-stained, racist past.

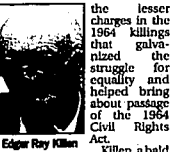
The jury of nine whites and three blacks took less than six hours to clear Edgar Ray Killen of murder but convict him of

the lesser charges in the 1964 killings that galvanized the struggle for equality and helped bring about the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Killen, a bald figure with oval bifocals, sat impassively in his wheelchair, an oxygen tube up his nose, as he listened to the verdict.

"Forty-one years after the tragic murders ... justice finally arrives in Philadelphia, Miss.," said Rep. Bennie Thompson, Mississippi's only black con-

gressman. Please see SLAYINGS, Page A2



Edgar Ray Killen

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A lingering thunderstorm possible, otherwise turning sunny and very warm. Highs, 80s. Tonight: Clear skies and mainly dry. Lows near 60. Tomorrow: Very warm to hot and mostly sunny. Highs, mid 80s to near 90.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: An isolated thunderstorm possible, otherwise turning mostly sunny. Highs, 80s. Tonight: Fair to clear skies. Lows, 50s. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and very warm. Highs, 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

A weak front draped across the state could trigger a heavy early day shower or rain of thunder. Thereafter, the sun and the very warm temperatures take over.

BOISE There could be a lingering early morning thunderstorm or shower around. By the afternoon and through Friday, though, expect mainly dry and very warm to hot.

NORTHERN UTAH

Thursday watch the skies for isolated to widely scattered thunderstorm activity.

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Slayings

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grievousman. "Yet, the state of Mississippi must see to it that the wrongs of yesterday do not become the albatrosses of today."

The murder charge carried up to life in prison. But Killen could still spend the rest of his life behind bars, each of the three manslaughter charges is punishable by up to 20 years.

Civil rights volunteers Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner — two white New Yorkers — and James Chaney, a black Mississippian, were intercepted by Klansmen in their station wagon on June 21, 1964. Their bodies were found 44 days later buried in an earthen dam, in a case that was dramatized in the 1988 movie "Mississippi Burning."

Prosecutors said Killen — a part-time preacher and sawmill operator — organized the carloads of Klansmen who hunted down and killed the three young men.

On Tuesday, cheers could be heard outside the two-story, red brick courthouse in this small town after Killen was convicted. Passers-by patted Chaney's brother, Ben, on the back and a woman slowed her vehicle and yelled, "Hey, Mr. Chaney, all right!"

Ben Chaney thanked prosecutors and "the white people who walked up to me and said things are changing. I think there's hope."

Schwerner's widow, Rita Schwerner Berger, hugged District Attorney Mark Duncan and called it "a day of great importance to all of us." But she said others also should be held responsible for the slayings.

"Preacher Killen didn't act in a vacuum," she said. "The state of Mississippi was complicit in these crimes and all the crimes that occurred, and that has to be opened up."

Killen's wife, Betty Jo, went to her husband with tears in her eyes and hugged him. Killen, who was in a wheelchair because of a logging accident in 1957, was surrounded by more than a dozen armed officers as he was wheeled from the courthouse and taken to jail. He slept two television microphones and a TV camera on the way out.

Juror Warren Paprocki said the jury initially was split.

"On the one hand, this guy needs to be convicted. And on

the other hand, the state needs to present better evidence," said Paprocki, 54, of Philadelphia.

Prosecutors had asked the jury to send a message to the rest of the world that times have changed in Mississippi and that the state is committed to bringing to justice those who committed violence to preserve segregation in the 1950s and '60s.

Killen's lawyers conceded he did not make him guilty. They testified that prosecutors offered no witnesses or evidence that put Killen at the scene of the crime. Killen did not testify, but his lawyer has long claimed he was at a wake at a funeral home when the victims were killed.

Defense attorney James McIntyre said he will appeal on the grounds that the jury should not have been allowed to consider the murders as premeditated. With a murder charge, prosecutors had to prove intent to kill. With a manslaughter charge, they had to prove only that a victim died while another crime was being committed.

"It's not the perfect ending in this case, but I believe we've proved murder and I believe he was guilty of murder," the district attorney said. But he added, "The bottom line is they held Edgar Ray Killen accountable for his actions."

Goodman, a 69-year-old mother, Carolyn, said from her home in New York on Tuesday that the real heroes were those who stood up to the hate groups.

"I know a lot of people in Mississippi who have risked their lives. Carolyn Goodman said, "I would say they are the most important people in my life. All the people who have stood up and said no to these wrongs."

"I think most of the people are wonderful down here," said Goodman, who was in Philadelphia on Tuesday to defend her son. "There are a few rotten apples in every barrel."

Killen was only person ever brought to justice for his role in the case by the state of Mississippi.

Killen was tried in 1967 on federal charges of violating the victims' civil rights. But the all-white jury deadlocked, with one juror saying she could not convict a black man. Several jurors were convicted, but none served more than six years.

At the time of their deaths, Chaney, Schwerner and Goodman were on the anniversary of the slayings.

"There's some sort of cosmic justice working somewhere," said Deanna, who had long pushed for the case to be reopened.

man were in Neshoba County to look into the torching of a black church and help register black voters during what was called Freedom Summer. The three were stopped for speeding, jailed briefly, and then released, after which they were followed out of town by a gang of Klansmen and killed.

The trial moved along swiftly, with testimony over only four days. Many of the witnesses from the 1967 trial are now dead; this time, their testimony was testimony over only four days. Many of the witnesses from the 1967 trial are now dead; this time, their testimony was testimony over only four days.

Witnesses — primarily Klansmen — testified that Killen was a local Klan organizer who led meetings where members discussed the "elimination of 'Goatee,'" as Schwerner was known because of his beard. Witnesses said Killen rounded up carloads of Klansmen to intercept the three men. According to testimony, Killen also told some Klansmen to get plastic gloves and helped arrange for a bulldozer to bury the bodies.

Killen's case marked the latest attempt in the Deep South to deal with unfinished business from the civil rights era.

Killen was convicted on the conviction of Byron de la Beckwith for the 1963 sniper killing of state NAACP leader Medgar Evers.

In Alabama, Bobby Frank Cherry was convicted in 2002 of killing four black girls in the bombing of a Birmingham church in 1958 — the deadliest attack of the civil rights era. In 2001, Till was convicted in the bombing.

State prosecutors also have reopened an investigation into the 1955 slaying of Chicago teenager Emmett Till in the Mississippi Delta. Till was kidnapped from his uncle's home after being accused of whistling at a white woman. Three days later, the 14-year-old mutilated body was found in a river. In 1954, a Birmingham man was exhumed and autopsied.

Paprocki, the juror, said he hopes the conviction will change the way people look at Mississippi. He said the jury of blacks and whites worked well together.

"I saw no racial polarization in (deliberations)," he said. "This is 2005 in Mississippi, not 1964. We are not barefoot and illiterate down here."

Stanley Dearman, editor of the Neshoba Democrat from 1966 to 2003, noted that the verdict came on the anniversary of the slayings.

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Marines say 'lack of leadership' led to Humvee armor delay

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Two top Marine Corps officers acknowledged Tuesday that they waited two months to issue a contract for armor kits to protect the undersides of Humvees after promising to do so earlier this year.

Testifying before the House Armed Services Committee, Gen. William L. Nylund, the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, and Brig. Gen. William J. Cantu, the chief of Marine Corps Systems Command, attributed the delay to a "lack of leadership."

They assured the committee that all Humvees and military trucks that the Marines used in Iraq would be adequately protected by December.

Improved explosive devices as the military calls homemade bombs, have become the biggest killer of U.S. troops in Iraq this year. Frustrated by the delay, troops don't have enough protective armor and other equipment to protect them from the explosive devices, which typically are jury-rigged from cast-off artillery shells and other munitions.

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said over petitions, there are "no assurances that state efforts will be enough to protect our fruit," Schweitzer wrote.

Utah Republican Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. announced earlier this month that he would petition for protection of the state's 4 million roadless acres, preferring instead to let existing forest service management plans dictate future use.

Wyoming Democratic Gov. Frank DeFrenhofer has not decided yet how to proceed with his state's 3.3 million roadless acres, but, like Schweitzer, has said the new administration requires an economic investment with no guaranteed benefit.

Conservationists say Kempthorne's decision about this month will proceed could be a bell-weather for the future of the Bush administration's rule change.

Kempthorne helped trigger the policy switch when he and the state filed suit against the Forest Service's Clinton-era roadless rule in 2001, arguing

the federal government did not include states as partners in the process.

"We're certainly interested to see what he does with this," said Jonathan Oppenheimer of the Boise-based Idaho Conservation League. "If I were a governor faced with dealing with education or budgetary issues, this one would fall pretty low on the list."

James Caswell, a former national forest supervisor who now heads Kempthorne's species conservation office, said he has met with interest groups to formulate the forthcoming plan for the state's roadless.

"We've used that feedback to develop various options that were presented to the governor, and he's looked at those and made his decision," Caswell said.

If Kempthorne decides to let the existing Forest Service planning process decide the fate of Idaho's roadless areas, it would mean 5.66 million acres in Idaho potentially opened up to development.

Scout

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The search was becoming more grim as it entered its fourth day, but the sheriff said the boy had been warm, with temperatures falling only into the 50s. The area is about 100 miles northeast of Salt Lake City.

It was not immediately clear how he survived or whether he tried to find his way back to camp. "He was in a little red-tailed hawk's nest," Edmunds said. "He just wanted to eat and see his mom."

Edmunds said investigators will wait until the boy has had time to recover before questioning him.

Edmunds said a spokeswoman for the Boy Scouts' Great Salt Lake Council pronounced the boy's rescue a "modern-day miracle."

43-year-old house painter from Salt Lake City, said he found Brennan "standing in the middle of the trail. He was all muddy and wet."

The boy saw some volunteer searchers on horseback, but "he didn't want to come out. He was so scared," he said.

During the search, rescuers feared the boy had been hit by a river that was swollen by heavy snow melt. The East Fork of the Bear River is within 100 yards of the road where the boy was believed to have been walking. Deep-water rescue teams searched the river, while others combed the rugged area around it.

On Monday, rescuers found three socks and a sandal in the river, but none belonged to Brennan. The boy's parents also stashed fruitlessly through enough nearby log poles to probe a swollen river. The boy's parents also stashed fruitlessly through enough nearby log poles to probe a swollen river. The boy's parents also stashed fruitlessly through enough nearby log poles to probe a swollen river.

CORRECTION

Bandage dimensions were listed incorrectly. Tropical bandages are 3 to 4 inches wide and 48 inches long. The width was incorrect in Tuesday's newspaper. The Times-News regrets the error.

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New U.S. envoy voices concern

Official: Militants want to take Iraq, then conquer Islamic world

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — America's new ambassador to Iraq expressed horror Tuesday at the violence wracking the country and said Islamic extremists and Saddam Hussein loyalists are trying to start a civil war.

Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, who arrived from Afghanistan, said militants are using Iraqis as "cannon fodder" in a quest to dominate the Islamic world.

"I will work with Iraqis and others to break the back of the insurgency," Khalilzad promised on a day that saw more than a dozen gunmen launch an assault on a Baghdad police station, wounding two policemen.

A roadside bomb also killed a U.S. soldier on patrol in western Iraq, officials said, while a mortar attack killed a woman and a child in their home in Tikrit, 85 miles east of the capital.

"I'm horrified by the daily suffering of the Iraqi people. The terrorists attack ordinary people, teachers, doctors, and trained police and others who are assisting the people of Iraq," Khalilzad added.

His comments followed a series of attacks by suicide bombers in Baghdad and northern Iraq on Sunday and Monday that killed dozens of people.



The new U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad, right, and President of the Iraqi Transitional Government Jalal Talabani speak to the press in the heavily fortified green zone on Tuesday in Baghdad, Iraq.

many of them police. At least one of the attacks was claimed by Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi al-Qaida in Iraq.

"Foreign terrorists and hard-line Baathists want Iraq to descend into civil war. Foreign terrorists are using the Iraq people as cannon fodder," said Khalilzad, who previously served as U.S. ambassador to his native Afghanistan. He succeeded John Negroponte, now the national intelligence director.

Al-Zarqawi last month reportedly gave his stamp of approval to the killing of fellow Muslims and civilians collaborating with Iraq's Shiite-led government and the United States. He also said his aim was to start a civil war between the minority Sunni Arabs and the Shiite majority.

The number of attacks blamed on Islamic extremists has escalated since Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari announced his Shiite-led government on April 28. Nearly 1,200 people have been killed since then, according to an Associated Press count based on military, police and hospital reports.

Lt. Gen. John R. Vines, commander of the Multinational Corps in Iraq, said Tuesday a group of non-Iraqis led by the Jordanian-born al-Zarqawi was behind many of the spectacular bombings on civilian targets.

On Tuesday al-Qaida in Iraq said it has formed a unit of potential suicide attackers who are exclusively Iraqis, an apparent bid to deflect criticism that most suicide bombers in Iraq are foreigners.

The terror organization announced the unit in an Internet posting signed by Abu Maysan al-Iraqi in its self-appointed spokesman. The statement could not be authenticated, but it appeared on an Islamic Web site known for carrying messages from militant groups.

The U.S. military has said foreign fighters make up only about 5 percent of the insurgents fighting the U.S. presence in Iraq. They do a disproportionate amount of killing, however, in part because they are more likely to carry out suicide bombings.

Court denies feds' motion to stop spill for salmon

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — A federal appeals court on Tuesday denied the Bush administration's attempt to stop extra water from being spilled over four hydroelectric dams in the Columbia Basin to help young salmon migrating to the sea.

In upholding the spill ordered by U.S. District Judge James Redden in Portland, judges with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that the government had failed to demonstrate a likelihood they would win on the merits of the case, and had not demonstrated that going ahead with the spill would cause irreparable harm.

However, they agreed to speed up the schedule for the government's full appeal so it could be heard this summer.

The spill of extra water began Monday and is to continue through August at Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental and Ice Harbor dams on the Snake River in Eastern Washington, and McNary Dam on the Columbia between Oregon and Washington.

Redden ordered the extra water to be spilled at the behest of salmon advocates, fishermen and Indian tribes, who earlier this year won a lawsuit challenging the legality of NOAA Fisheries' plan to minimize the lethal effects of the dams on threatened and endangered salmon.

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New era: Vietnam and U.S. begin new relationship

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, who is pushing for democratic reform around the globe, met Tuesday with Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai and praised the communist nation's economic progress.

The two leaders talked about Vietnam's desire to join the World Trade Organization, business issues, human rights and signed an agreement that Bush said would make it easier for people to worship freely in Vietnam.



President Bush meets with Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai on Tuesday, in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington.

providing information to help close to 100,000 people in the U.S. As the 71-year-old Vietnamese leader met with Bush in the Oval Office, several hundred protesters outside demonstrated against repressive conditions in the communist nation.

where he is meeting with business leaders on both coasts. Khai is ending the opening bid for the New York Stock Exchange later this week — evidence of Vietnam's economic gains over the years.

The United States strongly supports Vietnam's integration into the world economic community and its bid to join the World Trade Organization. "White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Monday. They will also use this as an opportunity to work to address religious freedom and human rights concerns."

After his discussions with Bush, Khai planned to meet with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. Military ties between the two countries have included periodic docking of U.S. warships in Vietnam and plans for U.S. military training of Vietnamese officers. Intelligence sharing and cooperation on counterterrorism activities also are part of the mix.

Acquitted 9/11 suspect returns to Morocco

AGADIR, Morocco (AP) — Abdelhadi Mzoudi fell into the arms of his sobbing mother as he emerged into the airport's arrivals terminal in Hamburg next year home to Morocco by German authorities after being acquitted of aiding the Sept. 11 hijackers.

He thanked God, the German legal system and his German lawyers. He said he never should have been charged with helping three of the suicide hijackers — Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah — plot the 2001 attacks on the United States while all lived in Hamburg, Germany.

"They arrested me just because I knew the guys. I wasn't the only one who knew them in the whole of Hamburg," the soft-spoken Mzoudi told The Associated Press in his first comments to the media since his arrest in October 2002. "All Arabic knew each other."

According to trial testimony, Mzoudi was close friends with the hijackers in Hamburg and had traveled to Afghanistan, where he stayed at an al-Qaida guest house. But the judges ruled prosecutors did not prove Mzoudi knew anything about the Sept. 11 plot.

His February 2004 acquittal would help clear the way for Hamburg's top security official, Udo Nagel, ordered him expelled.

"Mzoudi was part of the Islamist scene, endangered the security of Germany and supported a terrorist network," Nagel said. "Such people are not



Morocco's Abdelhadi Mzoudi is welcomed by his mother upon his arrival on Tuesday at the Agadir airport in Morocco.

welcome in Germany." Mzoudi, who was studying electrical engineering in Germany, said he was not interested in going back.

"Wasn't it enough when they did it to me for you and a half? He said. "They jailed me, stopped me from studying. I was unable to leave the city after being acquitted."

Michael Rosenthal, Mzoudi's German lawyer who flew with him to the Atlantic coast town, said his client has no ties to al-Qaida and didn't mean he was guilty of anything.

"We assume he was in Afghanistan, but we never established that he did any training there ... What was established was that tens of thousands of Muslims have gone to these camps in Afghanistan for entirely different purposes," Rosenthal said.

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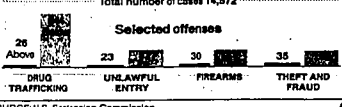
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A drift toward lesser sentences

Following the Supreme Court's decision to remove mandatory sentencing guidelines for criminals convicted of federal crimes, judges imposed more sentences below the guideline than above it.

Comparison of sentences imposed relative to guideline range after Supreme Court decision, Jan. 12 to May 5



TOO LENIENT

Gonzales: Many judges are imposing lighter sentences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Too many criminals are getting light sentences because of a Supreme Court decision earlier this year, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Tuesday. He urged Congress to approve new guidelines to make federal judges can't be too lenient.

Gonzales said there is evidence of growing disparity in jail terms and a drift toward lesser sentences since the court ruled in January that judges do not have to follow sentencing guidelines that have been in place for nearly two decades.

The overwhelming majority of sentences imposed since that decision — 86 percent — continue to fall within the range set out in the guidelines or were proposed by prosecutors to reward defendants' cooperation and other factors. But there has been an increase in the percentage of shorter sentences imposed by judges who were exercising their newfound discretion, according to statistics compiled by the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Gonzales described similar criminal cases in New York and New Jersey in which one defendant was sentenced to probation, while the other was sentenced to 41 months in prison.

In one case in South Carolina, a man pleaded guilty to federal weapons and drug trafficking charges and would have faced up to 27 years in prison under the guidelines, Gonzales said in a speech to a meeting of the National Center for Victims of Crime.

"The judge sentenced him to only 10, offering no explanation," he said, adding that the government is appealing the sentence.

Gonzales' call to action stands in contrast to pleas for patience from a wide range of former law enforcement officials, academi-

cs and judges who say the new system has been in place only a few months.

Former Attorney General Edwin Meese, a Republican, and former Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann, a Democrat, are among those advocating increased flexibility in sentencing, but urging Congress not to rush to make changes because the system is not in crisis.

Frank Bowman, a sentencing expert at the University of Missouri Law School, said he expects the variation will increase over time. Bowman said the growth in shorter sentences so far has been modest. Gonzales called the trend troubling.

"A lot of your reaction depends on how you view that. Most folks involved in the system, other than DOJ, are a good deal more disposed to be tolerant or even welcome a greater degree of deviation from the guidelines," said Bowman, who is working with the former justice officials on the Constitution Project's sentencing initiative.

Congress created the guidelines in the 1980s mainly to reduce disparities between judges. But the high court said making the guidelines mandatory violated a defendant's Sixth Amendment right to a jury trial, because they call for judges to make factual decisions that could add to prison time, such as the amount of drugs involved in a crime.

Under the Supreme Court ruling, the guidelines now are only advisory. As a result, federal judges are free to sentence convicted criminals as they see fit, but they may be subject to reversal if appeals courts find them "unreasonable."

Making the bottom range of the guidelines mandatory, but leaving the guidelines' upper limit advisory would resolve the Supreme Court's concern, Gonzales said.

Legislation in Congress would set mandatory minimums for many types of crime, because of concern over leniency, Gonzales did not endorse a specific piece of legislation Tuesday.

Bush pushes Social Security bill without private accounts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush encouraged a Republican senator on Tuesday to offer Social Security legislation that would not include private investment accounts. The White House said the president still was committed to allowing workers to invest part of their Social Security taxes.

Bush's nod to Utah Sen. Bob Bennett's plan comes as public polls show that most Americans do not support the president's handling of the Social Security issue. Congress has been deadlocked on it.

Bennett said that during a luncheon with other Republican senators at the White House, he told the president of his plans to introduce the bill as early as next week.

"He indicated that I should go forward and do that," Bennett said. "And I'm grateful to have him do that even though his own preference would be to have personal accounts included."

The White House said the president is encouraging all members of Congress to offer their ideas to make the Social Security system solvent.

"This in no way should be interpreted to mean that the president is backing off of personal accounts," White House spokesman Trent Duffy said. "He is not."

Since the beginning of his second term, Bush has been pushing to allow younger workers to create voluntary, personal accounts funded out of their Social Security payroll taxes. Democrats accuse the White House of seeking to privatize the Depression-era program and have been unified in opposition to the idea.

"I've decided that the Democrats have made it clear that they will riot back personal accounts," Bennett said outside the White House. "And in response to the president's position; that 'let's try to get something done, I will be proposing a bill that does not include personal accounts'."



George W. Bush

American Medical Association refuses to back ban on drug ads

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Medical Association on Tuesday refused to back a ban on prescription drug ads, despite rising concerns about the dangers of certain heavily marketed painkillers and antidepressants.

Some doctors have complained that "Ask your doctor about ..." ads lead patients to seek risky drugs they don't need and interfere with the doctor-patient relationship.

But others said a ban would violate drug makers' free-speech rights and argued that ads have helped increase awareness of certain ailments and reduced the stigma of mental illness and other disorders.

Policy-making delegates at the AMA's annual meeting voted without debate to refer the measures for further study on the advice of a committee that said such a ban could run afoul of the First Amendment.

Various AMA factions have tried for years to get the nation's largest doctors' group to take a strong stand against direct-to-consumer — advertising — of prescription drugs.

Supporters thought they had a good chance of succeeding this year because of recent concerns about the heart risks of arthritis drugs like Vioxx.

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LIFT OFF INTO SPACE

Solar sail spacecraft launched from Russian submarine

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The world's first spacecraft designed to be propelled by the pressure of sunlight was launched Tuesday from a Russian submarine under the Barents Sea.

Cosmos 1, a \$4 million experiment intended to show that a so-called solar sail can make a controlled flight, lifted off at about 12:46 p.m. PDT as project organizers from The Planetary Society and Cosmos Studios monitored the launch from California. Confirmation of a successful launch was likely to take several hours.

Planetary Society co-founder Bruce Murray, citing the complexity of the new technology, confessed to butterflies about the mission. The spacecraft launched atop a converted missile.

"There is a significant chance of failure," Murray said of the launch in subsequent events the spacecraft was designed to carry out. "This will be a great leap forward if ... it succeeds."

If all goes as planned, the spacecraft will unfurl its eight triangular sails, each nearly 50 feet long and just a quarter of an inch thick of a trash bag. Controlled flight, achieved by rotating each blade to change its angle, would be attempted early next week.

Cosmos 1 was expected to orbit Earth once every 101 minutes and operate for at least a month.

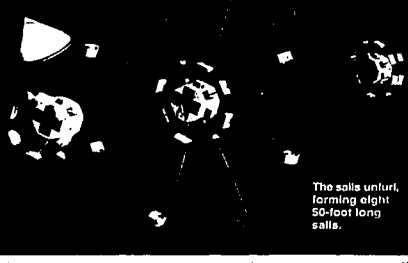
The non-governmental project was organized by The Planetary Society, a Pasadena-based organization founded by the late astronomer Carl Sagan; Murray, who is a former Jet

Sailing the celestial sea

The world's first solar sail powered spacecraft Cosmos 1 was launched Tuesday. When sunlight hits the surface of the sail, the energy of photons, or light particles, is transferred to the sail. As the light is reflected away, it pushes the sail a slight push. Gradually the craft increases speed and theoretically, it could reach a speed of 61 million miles per hour.

At an altitude 500 miles from the gravitational center of Earth Cosmos 1 sends its radio beacons down.

Once oriented toward the sun the sail's masts are deployed.



The sails unfurl, forming eight 50-foot long sails.

SOURCE: The Planetary Society

Propulsion Laboratory director and JPL veteran Louis D. Friedman, the society executive director and Cosmos 1 project director.

Funding came largely from Cosmos Studios of Ithaca, N.Y., a science-based entertainment company that was founded by Sagan.

"For me personally this is an emotional high-point," Drury said, but added the deployment of the sails would be the highlight.

"That will be the true money shot," she said. "That's when we really hope to light up the world with ... the reflective panels of Cosmos 1."

Solar sails are seen as a means

for achieving interstellar flight by using the gentle push from the continuous stream of light particles known as photons. Though gradual, the constant light pressure should allow a spacecraft to build up great speed over time, and cover great distances.

Such a craft would not have to carry chemical fuel to propel itself through space, and, according to advocates, would even be able to achieve greater speed than a traditional spacecraft.

Although their control process is likened to the way sailboats tack in the wind, solar sails are not intended to rely on what is known as the

solar wind — the stream of ionized particles spewing from the sun — which moves slower than light and with much less force.

Built in Russia by the Lavochkin Association and the Space Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Science, Cosmos 1 was under the control of a mission operations center in Moscow linked to The Planetary Society's project center in a converted old barn in Pasadena.

Japan tested solar sail deployment on a suborbital flight and Russia deployed a solar sail outside its old Mir space station, but neither involved controlled flight.

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This summer, America revisits civil rights era — 40 years later

By William Douglas Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The ghosts of America's violent civil rights battle are haunting the headlines again this summer, 40 and more years later.

Is there some larger meaning to the reappearance of these ugly events now, so many years after they might be thought to have no impact on how America feels about and deals with race?

Edgar Ray Killen, 80, a former Klansman, was convicted of manslaughter Tuesday in the 1964 killings of civil rights workers James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner in Philadelphia, Miss.

On June 13, the Senate apologized by voice vote, without dissent, for failing to outlaw lynching in the 20th century despite pressure to do so from seven presidents.

On June 1, Wachovia Corp. issued a written apology because two of its historical predecessor banks had exploited slaves. One bank used slaves as collateral on defaulted loans in the 1800s.

And, also on June 1, the FBI exhumed the body of Emmett Till, hoping to find new clues to his death. The 14-year-old African-American boy was abducted in 1955 after he reportedly whistled at a white woman in Money, Miss. His battered body was found in the Tallahatchie River. At the time, two white men were tried for his murder and acquitted by an all-white jury.

After long years of prodding by the civil rights community, persistent investigation by the Clinton Ledger newspaper of Jackson, Miss., and pleas from surviving family members, these dark moments from America's past are being examined anew. Will it do any good?

Former President Clinton thinks so. He sees the Missis-

sippi trial and the Senate's apology as examples of America working to heal its racial wounds.

"I think it's a kind of trying to clean the slate and tell the truth," said Clinton, who spent much of the first year of his second term examining the national divide over race. "I'm really encouraged and hopeful. It's evidence of the maturing of the society," he said in an interview with Knight Ridder.

Christopher Edley, the African-American dean of the University of California Law School at Berkeley and a former U.S. Commission of Civil Rights board member, thinks not.

"They have no impact in penetrating the consciousness of the American people on race," Edley said. "Nothing short of a campaign of relentless education led by a broad group of political and civic leaders will help create progress."

"What you're seeing is a moral advance here," said John McWhorter, who analyzes race relations for the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, a conservative New York research center. "It's a point of enlightenment that should be a wake-up call to the chorus of people claiming that America is turning a blind eye to racism and its effects."

Morris Dees disagrees. He founded the Southern Poverty Law Center, which long has provided legal help to those battling racism. He acknowledges as significant the Killen trial and the exoneration in the 1994 trial that convicted Byron de la Beckwith for the 1963 assassination of Mississippi civil rights leader Medgar Evers. But he dismisses the Senate's nonbinding apology as a symbolic gesture.

"It doesn't mean nothing," Dees said. "It's nice, but would they be willing today to do something substantive like make a federal crime for violence based

A month of activity

Four events this month have put the violence of the civil rights era back in the headlines, giving America new cause to reflect on racism and justice:

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on sexual orientation? It's politically unpopular with the religious right. Twenty-five or 50 years from now, they (senators) will be apologizing for not taking action against that."

Clinton argues that symbolic gestures can help prompt change. As president, he issued a formal apology in 1997 for the so-called "Juskegec experiments," in which treatment was withheld from a group of black men with syphilis in a federally funded study from 1932 to 1972.

He also expressed regrets for the U.S. role in the African slave trade during his 1998 six-country African tour.

"I didn't know saying you're sorry would mean anything to anybody," Clinton recalled. "But when I did, it meant something to people."

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EDITORIAL

School budget concerns won't fade in spite of levy

One month ago, Twin Falls School-District voters overwhelmingly approved a \$1.2 million supplemental levy to plug a budget shortfall for the coming 2005-06 school year.

Turns out, it won't be enough.

At the last School Board meeting, district fiscal affairs director Robert Seaman said that if the district maintains operations at the current levels, it will end the 2006 budget year with a \$ 5 0 , 0 0 0 shortfall.

When district voters went to the polls in May, they were told that a tax increase was necessary to protect education positions and programs.

Now they're probably wondering if shortfalls and supplemental levies will be a foregone conclusion in the future.

Some will target the district for poor planning. But school budgeting remains a slippery science for district officials, and not because of a lack of experience or training.

The 2004-05 budget will end in a few weeks with the district using about \$320,000 of its reserves. And it's still uncertain when federal payments will arrive that were due this month.

The uneasiness continues as costs for contracts, services, utilities and supplies keep surging for the new school year.

The Twin Falls School District's carryover reserves, which are funds held over from one budget year to the next, have climbed and dipped modestly in the past.

Now the district will have to use more of them. Estimates of where the contingency reserve will sit next year range from \$900,000 to \$1.7 million.

While a recurring shortfall builds anxiety, Seaman said it could have been a lot worse if the \$1.2 million levy hadn't passed. So why didn't the district ask for more than that amount to cover the possibility of a larger shortfall?

"When we went out for the supplemental levy, we were conservative," said Superintendent Wiley Dobbs. "We didn't want to ask more than was absolutely necessary."

In most instances, that's a careful and cautious approach. But to have the district come back so quickly in an arm of more shortfalls can be overwhelming for taxpayers.

Dobbs says the district will pinch every penny that it can as a way to prevent further dips.

Most taxpayers would hope so. But we also agree with Dobbs that Idaho school districts' fiscal strength will also depend on the generosity of the Legislature in an election year.

When faced with the alternatives of cuts in personnel and programs, using reserves or passing higher taxes, local voters chose the latter two in the May election.

District officials may think that we are inclined to stick with that philosophy, and they may be right. But they shouldn't assume so quickly.

Much like it changes budget estimates, time has a way of changing people's minds.

By now we can concede that America's prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is not a torture-dungeon and that Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., is at risk of implosion by hyperbole.

And we can thank insurgents for providing that perspective.



KATHLEEN PARKER

The discovery of a few days ago of a torture house in Iraq that included electrical wires, a noose, handcuffs and four badly beaten Iraqis provided a timely reminder of what torture is—physical brutality toward a human being. And what it is not—bad manners toward a book. Even a sacred one.

For Durbin's comparison of Guantanamo ("Gitmo") to Stalin's gulags, Hitler's concentration camps and Pol Pot's killing fields, the only one can only surmise that the Illinois senator suffered a temporary fugue or a bout of Tourette's.

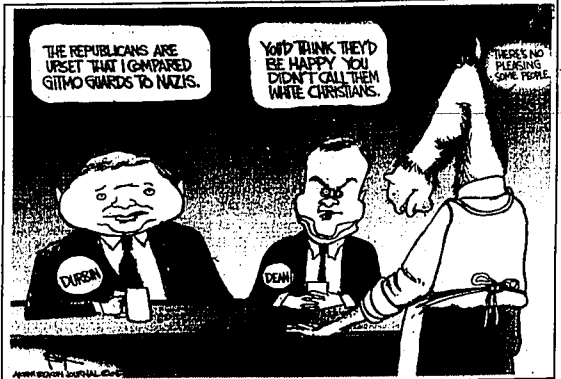
When he recovers, perhaps he'll offer a real apology along the lines of: "I deeply regret giving aid to the enemy and mistreating the millions who suffered and died at the hands of history's most brutal tyrants." Instead of his belated clarification, in a statement released Friday, Durbin said: "I have learned from my statement that historical parallels can be misused and misunderstood."

Durbin's almost right. He misused the parallels, but the world understood them all too well.

The problem with Durbin's rhetorical excess, meanwhile, is that he makes it easy—and wrong—to dismiss any and all concerns about prisoner treatment at Gitmo and elsewhere.

Just because we're not Hitler or Stalin or Pol Pot doesn't mean our civil rights abuses couldn't use some burnishing.

What we know about Abu Ghraib, thanks to the Home News' diligent photojournalism, makes decent people



change, while some reports from Guantanamo should leave conscience-bearing Americans ashamed.

FBI reports from Guantanamo, for instance, record numerous instances of physical abuse that don't square with the Geneva Conventions. Regardless of whether Gitmo inmates qualify under the conventions—as "enemy combatants," they're not technically entitled to those protections—their treatment at least should be consistent with Americans' "fundamental nature," as former President Bill Clinton put it in a recent *Times* interview. In the same interview, Clinton urged that the United States either close Gitmo or clean house.

While there are plenty of good reasons to keep Gitmo open—we need some place to hold suspected terrorists, after all—cleaning house seems an excellent idea. Let's begin by getting rid of the women.

As an act of self-respect, as well as a demonstration of respect for women out of male prisons and interrogation centers and put an end to this ignorant, politically correct (though not necessarily so) subversive, counterproductive policy

of using women to sexually humiliate men as a means of breaking them down for questioning. From under exactly what rock did the perpetrators of these filthy methods crawl?

Various reports out of Gitmo suggest a consistent pattern of X-misad behavior by women toward men. For a list taken from documents recently released to the American Civil Liberties Union under the Freedom of Information Act, go to aclu.org/torture/foia/released/0522005/.

Even if such behavior weren't offensive to the Muslim world, we're trying to charm with our democratic ways, it should be condemned by us.

Instead, it is apparently a policy, if unspoken, to use women in ways we never would condone in civilian life and that certainly would get men punished if roles were reversed. The M.O. even has a name: the "sex-up" approach. Pity.

In some instances, (civilian) women interrogated at Gitmo partially stripped, and fondled themselves and the male prisoners, who sometimes were forced to strip in front of women. In one particularly loathsome example related by

a former U.S. Army linguist, Sgt. Erik Saad, during a 60 Minutes interview, a female interrogator put red ink on a detainee, telling him it was menstrual blood. Again, this clearly doesn't qualify as "torture" compared to electric shocks and beatings, but it's still wrong as ballet boots.

And even though this particular prisoner was especially wretched—a Saudi training at an American flight school—employing a woman to perform some elaborate misogynistic kabuki seems not so much torturous as depraved. The war on terror, which is also a battle of perception, is daunting enough without our handing ammo to the enemy.

Women have a legitimate role in the military and the war on terror, but playing the nurturing woman is surely a sin of miscasting. And Gitmo, while not the killing camps of Stalin, Pol Pot and Hitler, is not America either.

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Holding a casting call for the 'Anti-Arnold'

Ronald Reagan. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Fred Thompson. Sonny Bono. That guy on the Love Boat. It drives Democrats batty that so many Hollywood luminaries, who are supposed to be their people, have gone on to become successful Republican politicians.

For California Democrats, it's especially galling to face a celebrity deficit when taking on Arnold, which is why many party activists wish one of their own Hollywood heavyweights would run for governor in 2006. Rob Reiner is mentioned as a possible white knight, and Newsy Benay can't give a speech without being asked to put up or shut up, or being called a "crackpot" by a spokesman for that lifetime serious politician, Dr. Schwarzenegger.

But Democrats are barking up the wrong tree in their search for the anti-Arnold of 2006. The power of celebrity to capture an audience is undeniable, and a star from the left wouldn't conjure up Reagan or Arnold in magic. No, the Democratic equivalent of a GOP movie star candidate is a celebrity candidate from the business world.

It's all about casting against type. What gives Hollywood GOP politicians their aura of contrarian independence isn't so much that they are rich movie stars new to politics. It's the fact that they have descended from behind that sign on those leftist hills, their Re-

publican faith miraculously intact.

A Democratic movie star in politics wouldn't have that same aura of independence, but a big-name CEO as the Democratic standard-bearer would do the trick. He or she would have emerged, their faith in the Democratic red intact, from a world where people are supposed to be Republican.

It will be helpful to the party that it has for prospect in Sacramento—Treasurer Phil Angelides, a former real estate developer, and Controller Steve Jobs, an early eBay executive who has been successful in the business world. But they're already in Sacramento, which should count for something but in a perverse way counts against them, and neither can be called a celebrity.

Leftward-leaning business celebrities are admittedly in short supply, especially when you remove from contention Hollywood studio chiefs, and the history of business moguls in Democratic politics is a slim volume. Lee Iacocca once flirted with electoral politics after Washington bailed out Chrysler. Goldman Sachs alum Robert Rubin, the former Treasury secretary, and Jon Corzine, the New Jersey senator and gubernatorial candidate, are in the Avocat

Harriman mold of financiers who go to Washington to give Dems some street cred—Wall Street cred, that is.

In the U.S. Senate, Maria Cantwell from Washington state is one of the few progressive dot-com executives who made the transition to politics. Warren Buffett is intriguing, if only because he insists on living in Nebraska most of the time despite being one of the planet's richest people, and he lists against California's Proposition 13 and applauds inheritance taxes.

What Democrats need today to take on their Hollywood tomcat is a celebrity from California's other creative engine, Silicon Valley. Much of the late 1990s dot-com hyperbole has died down, but there is still something undeniably progressive about the ethos of the West Coast's high-tech world. The tech sector these days is all about empowering the individual, a theme with universal appeal. And the trend of Silicon Valley executives contributing at least as much to Democrats as they do to Republicans isn't likely to change in an era when some

elements within the GOP are intent on turning their ins to the Luddite party, as seen in the debate over stem-cell research.

Up in Seattle, I'd keep my eye on Jeff Bezze, an attorney at law in Beza, as the type of creative leader with a nerdy appeal who could be a phenomenal national success for the Democrats.

But for the party in California in 2006, the choice is obvious.

The most promising "anti-Arnold" Democratic new draft is Steve Jobs, the charismatic father of the iPod and the boss at both Apple Computer and Pixar studios. Jobs has a history of backing and advising Democrats. I called his office Monday, but never heard back, presumably because he was busy announcing a new choice of microchips for his computers, and not because I left a message saying I wanted to gauge, on a scale of 1 to 10, his interest in becoming governor of California.

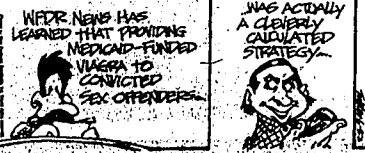
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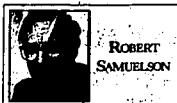
By Bruce Tinsley



What you don't know can help you

If economics were a boat, it would be a leaky tub. The pumps would be straining, and the captain would be trying to prevent it from capsizing. Which is to say, our ideas for explaining trends in output, employment and living standards — what we call “macroeconomics” — are in a state of disarray. If you're confused, you're in good company. Only recently Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan confessed again that he doesn't understand why interest rates on long-term bonds and mortgages have dropped, just when the Fed is raising short-term rates. This is but one mystery. It's not merely that we're in the midst of changes (Chinese and Indian entry into the global economy, the explosion of U.S. trade deficits) that are unfamiliar and, to some extent, unprecedented. What's equally significant is that many assumptions that economists once casually accepted and taught are now suspect or discredited. Let me give you three examples.

• **We once thought we understood consumer spending, the economy's mainstay.** For decades, disposable income and consumption spending advanced in lock step. Americans spent about 90 percent of their after-tax income and saved about 8 percent to 10 percent. In 1959, consumer spending was 92 percent of disposable income. The figures for 1969, 1979 and 1989 were 92 percent, 91 percent and 93 percent. Being so steady, consumer spending



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provided stability during recessions — in contrast to more sensitive investment spending for housing and business buildings and equipment. Since 1960, consumer spending has dropped in only two years; investment spending has dropped in 13. But since 1990, consumer spending has changed. It's consistently outpaced income growth. In 2004, Americans spent 99 percent of their disposable income and saved only 1 percent.

• **The main cause is the “wealth effect.”** In the 1990s, higher stock prices caused Americans to spend more; now higher home values (up 55 percent since 2000 to \$177 trillion) are doing the same. So consumer spending increasingly depends on “asset markets” — stocks and homes — and not just income. Query: Suppose the next recession depresses both stock and real estate prices. Would consumer spending fall and deepen the slump?

• **We don't know how much the world economy affects the United States — and vice versa.** Economic textbooks once described the U.S. economy as mainly self-contained. Americans sold to each other; Americans bought were in-

vested mostly in American investments (stocks, bonds, bank deposits). Trade was small. Globalization has shattered this model. More industries face foreign competition or depend on foreign markets. In 1960, exports and imports together totaled 9.5 percent of gross domestic product; in 2004, they were 25 percent of GDP. Savings and investment have also gone global. In 2003, Americans — mainly through pension funds; banks and other big investors — owned \$3.1 trillion of foreign stocks and bonds, while foreigners owned more than \$4.1 trillion of U.S. securities, says the International Monetary Fund.

All this alters the U.S. economy. One theory of low American interest rates is that foreign money flows have pushed rates down. Another development: Stock and bond markets around the world may be more interconnected, because they increasingly have the same investors. Could a crash in one market cause a chain reaction? Globalization poses many unanswered questions like these.

• **We can't determine “full employment.”** Economists call full employment the “natural rate of unemployment” — the lowest rate consistent with stable inflation. Go lower, and tight labor markets trigger a wage-price spiral. Unfortunately, we don't know what full employment is. The Congressional Budget Office now puts it at 5.2 percent. But past estimates have been too high and too low, because the “natural

rate” — despite the label — isn't natural and constantly changes. It's influenced by population changes (younger workers have higher unemployment rates) and government policies, among other things. Our ignorance makes it hard to judge when to be satisfied.

Although I could extend this list, the message would remain: Change has outpaced comprehension. Should we be worried? Maybe. What confuses us may threaten us. But here's an irony: The less we understand the economy, the better it does. In the 1960s and 1970s, many economists had confidence.

They thought they understood spending patterns, could estimate “full employment” and propose policies to prevent recessions. What we got was high inflation and four recessions (1969-70, 1973-75, 1980 and 1981-82). Since then, we've had lower inflation, only two recessions (1990-91 and 2001) and faster productivity growth.

Economists' overconfidence — and the resulting policies — may have weakened the economy. But its improved performance could also have other explanations: lower inflation; the good judgment of two Fed chairmen — Paul Volcker and Greenspan; the economy's self-regulating characteristics, and new technologies. It could be all of the above or dumb luck. We don't know.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

LETTERS

Language can divide members of society

I appreciate the letter Marilyn Glyed of Rupert wrote concerning the use of Spanish language teachers to teach English to children in the schools. She made the point of extra time and money it costs by using that approach. Let me agree and add this: This is probably nothing that will divide a society more quickly than language. My father migrated from Denmark. He spoke of his culture, but beyond that, he spoke English and embraced the language immediately.

Quebec and the French language division that it is causing Canada is a lesson we need to learn from. Quebec has imposed serious efforts to secede from Canada.

As kids, we often folks remember: one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Furthermore, the migrations from our southern neighbors must be legal and in quantities we can assimilate properly. That premise will be the basis of my next vote for state representation. I hope enough other voters will agree.

WAYNE SKEEM
Twin Falls

In fact, it's another good example of less government in our lives. If everyone that watches were to donate \$2, we'd always have money, provided we hid the cookie jar from our city spenders. You can't put on a fireworks show in your front yard like that for \$2 anywhere. And if we don't, sometime another our city spenders will come up with some brainstrom of an idea to make you “prepay” for walking onto the grass at Harrison School or the College of Southern Idaho to watch at the fireworks. And we all know we can do without another preppy — or city fee to pass on to the citizens.

If fact, if the two stooges really want to help, we could scrap the \$2,000 they said it would cost to clean up the next day and have Chris and Shawn (our city servants) get their hands dirty. They should be well rested after an evening of watching reruns of “Leave it to Beaver!” “Gee, Wally, can't we go watch the fireworks? Sorry, Beaver, the city of Twin doesn't deserve it!”

RON OSTERMILLER
Twin Falls



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Many forces drive teachers from unions

There is a groundswell today among America's teachers, who are leaving traditional teacher labor unions such as the NEA and AFT, to join non-union professional associations. This exodus from teacher labor unions has the potential to back up the claim, as over 265,000 teachers have left the unions to join independent non-union professional associations.

In the last eight years alone, the number of such state-based associations has grown from 10 to 22 states, nationwide.

Northwest Professional Educators, representing Idaho, Washington and Oregon, is one such association. In some cases — such as Georgia, Texas, and Missouri — the non-union associations have grown larger than either the NEA or AFT teacher labor union affiliates in those states.

Teacher unions are losing membership as well as their focus on the teaching profession. According to their own records, the NEA lost membership in 20 states last year.

The teacher unions have attempted to obscure this loss of teacher-members by aggressively organizing employees in the other sectors of public school staff — cafeteria workers, custodians, and bus drivers. But this illustrates the fundamental disconnect between teachers and labor union members. Teachers are not blue-collar laborers; they are academic professionals like lawyers, scientists, and engineers.

CINDY OMLIN

Industrial-style collective bargaining does not advance the respect or compensation that educators deserve.

There are a myriad of other reasons why teachers are fleeing the labor unions. In particular, the unions' liberal politics and unseemly addition to controversial social issues turn off many of its members.

These are often matters of faith and personal choice and should have no part in the political activity of a true professional association for educators.

For example, the NEA teacher union takes positions on gun control, a national health insurance plan, promoting the United Nations — all of which have nothing to do with education. The NEA also supports Democratic candidates on over 95 percent of the time, according to the Federal Election Commission.

Non-union, professional associations are far less expensive to join than teacher unions because their dues are not used for political purposes or to support non-educational issues.

Annual teacher union dues in the Idaho, Washington, and Oregon run from \$600 to \$900, compared to non-union independent organizations, such as Northwest Professional Educators, are about a quarter the unions' cost. Northwest Professional Educators dues are

primarily used for member legal services, liability insurance, teacher scholarships, grants, and professional development resources. Teachers shouldn't have to pay for someone else's politics to get the protection and services they want.

Teachers across the country have tired of the unions' politicking and adversarial tactics that are compromising their professional reputations. They prefer a professional association that focuses on educational issues.

It was only a matter of time when educators would band together to form alternative associations that better meet their needs.

An organization called the Association of American Educators (AAE) was formed about 10 years ago because of the growing disconnect between classroom teachers and the union leaders who no longer accurately represent them. Its leadership includes many nationally recognized teachers — including three National Teachers of the Year and State Teachers of the Year from around the country.

The AAE has grown into the largest, national, non-union professional teacher association — a coalition of over 265,000 teachers with members in all 50 states.

Moreover, AAE is helping to start new state-based, non-union professional teacher associations.

Professional, non-union associations like Northwest Professional Educators, put

Idaho educators in step with the rest of the nation. Northwest Professional Educators' focus on professionalism and non-partisan education issues will serve both Idaho's teachers and students well.

Everyone benefits when educators have a choice that respects their true priorities.

Cindy Omlin is the Executive Director of the Northwest Professional Educators, a partner of the Association of American Educators.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Abel resigns as principal

HANSEN The Hansen School District is looking for a counselor and a secondary principal. The School Board accepted the contract of Principal Rick Abel and counselor Gelaune Choate on Monday. Abel has taken the district's secondary position for the past 11 years. He has taken a position as an elementary principal in a school in Phoenix, Ariz. Abel said he and his wife, Heather, would be closer to family and his wife would also be able to further her knowledge of pottery making. The Abels have a small daughter, Bailey. In other news concerning the school district, Abel said the student travel foundation is now in place, and he made the first donation of \$150 to this fund in his family's name.

Counterfeit travelers checks alert issued

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Police Department has issued an alert for local merchants to be aware of counterfeit travelers checks. According to a press release, a number of counterfeit Visa Traveler Checks have been passed at local businesses since May 28. These counterfeit checks are usually valued over \$50. Merchants should look for the following before taking a travelers check: * Counterfeit checks will not have the "tabed" ink printing. A counterfeit check will feel smooth. * The routing numbers on the counterfeit checks are not magnetized and will not be readable by the "MIC" reader. * If a Visa travelers check looks suspicious, merchants should call Visa at 1-800-396-8472. Any person with information regarding the passing of counterfeit checks should contact Detective Dave Henderson of the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-4537.

Burley votes to keep election system

BURLEY — Councilmen in Burley will continue to be chosen through at-large elections. City Council members voted 4-2 to maintain the current election system, rejecting a proposal to elect councilmen by specified seats. Councilman Gordon Hansen and Dave Ringo voted against maintaining the status quo. Mayor Jon Anderson brought the election issue before the board again saying he felt it needed to be discussed further. In the current system, all candidates run in one pool and the voters select the candidates to the number of openings on the council. Burley resident Tony Hart told the council he felt the community needed more representation on the difference in the two types of elections. "I was confused and I think many other people are as well," Hart said.

Partnership seeks applicants for board

TWIN FALLS — The South-Central Community Action Partnership will hold its annual meeting July 21. The partnership is a low-income representative to the board of directors for Twin Falls County, the Northern Magic Valley and the Mini-Cassia areas. The board of directors consists of three members of the community, two representatives of the business sector (county commissioners), private sector (city gov, churches, business, etc) and the low-income sector, representing the needs of the low-income population of the community. The low-income representative does not have to be a low-income individual but must be aware of the problems affecting low-income families and be willing to speak up for their needs. Applications for the opportunity to participate in the low-income board will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. and may be obtained at 550 Washington St. S. in Twin Falls, 314 East Fifth St. in Burley, 300 N. Lincoln in Jerome. For more information, call 733-9351 for more information. Applications must be turned in by June 30.

Gooding - Plans for a new skate park in Gooding are progressing slowly but surely. Some Gooding residents have expressed opposition to the skate park being located in Lions Park; however, the City Council thinks it has found a better alternative. Councilman Duke Morton said a piece of property behind Gooding High School would be

Want fries with that?

Idaho governor: You can have potatoes — and fitness

BOISE (AP) — Fitness? You want fries with that? Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wants Idaho to be famous for its "fats, not its 'tater butts." Speaking at a conference Tuesday, he noted that 59 percent of Idaho's 940,000 adults are overweight or obese and spend \$227 million annually on weight-related medical care. Kempthorne called for a renewed focus on exercise and proper nutrition. More than half of Idaho's \$2 billion annual potato industry involves foods such as french fries and potato chips that many label unhealthy, so Kempthorne finds himself in a seemingly awkward position — advocating better eating and exercise habits, while still plugging Idaho's largest agricultural crop. "For Father's Day, I had a

great big helping of mashed potatoes," declared the governor, who can be seen riding his mountain bike on a 45-minute loop near Idaho's capital city on summer evenings. "But exercise has to be a part of it." Idaho produces more than 13 billion pounds of potatoes annually. About 60 percent of the harvest is processed into french fries and other frozen and dehy-

drated products, and sold to companies such as McDonald's and Burger King. A seven-ounce potato has around 240 calories, while seven ounces of potato chips would have about 1,000 calories. "Government advice is to cut back on fried foods," said Michael Jacobson, director of the Washington D.C.-based Please see FRIES, Page B3

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SUMMER BUZZ



Parl Maughan jokes with Deacon John McKinley while cutting his hair as Maughan's co-worker, Darrell Burgess, looks on Tuesday at Perrine Bridge Barbershop in Twin Falls. Farmersalmanac.com says June 21, the first day of summer, is a prime day to get your hair cut.

Summer starts with little fanfare

By Garrett Hyton Times-News writer TWIN FALLS — Tuesday was special. It was the longest day of the year and the official start to summer. Sure, most people kick off the season on Memorial Day weekend or when school ends, but nothing is official until the summer solstice rolls around. Not only has the solstice been celebrated for centuries, but it ushers in the joyous season of warm days, fertile crops and bathed vacations. Tuesday was a day to celebrate. So what went on to mark the occasion? As it turns out, not much. Other than a few seconds of extra day-

light and maybe a brush fire or two, Tuesday was pretty much the same as any other. There were no celebrations in the streets and no parades. According to farmersalmanac.com, June 21 is a prime day for haircuts, but the barbershops, too, were pretty normal. Varsity Barbershop, customer Nell Sotsook said his summer solstice was the reason he was in the chair. But some light laughter and his proclamation that the dancing girls had just left the building countered his joke. Perrine Bridge Barbershop saw slow business in the afternoon heat, cutting the hair of a few people as they

wandered in. There was certainly no miraculous boom in business. It appeared as if the solstice was meaningless, but, alas, a celebration was to be found. Local pagans, who have celebrated the solstice for centuries, held a potluck and drumming circle in the back of Moon Whispers. There were no druids in mysterious cloaks, but it was a chance for pagans to groan and mingle. "It's almost like doing a New Year's thing," said Cynthia Chambers, Le Pays, a self-described witch using her writing name. At least summer isn't dead yet.

Regatta readiness

Dive rescue teams prepared for wrecks

By Laurie Welch For The Times-News

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia dive rescue squads have been honing their skills so they can help avert disaster at the Idaho Regatta this weekend. "Recovery and rescue go hand-in-hand with the Regatta," Cassia County dive team leader Tim Little said. "These best divers are very professional. They know their boats and they know how to drive them. But we average about three wrecks per regatta." His team will be joined by the Minidoka County dive team and Mini-Cassia search and rescue divers.

The dive teams started fin-tuning their rescue techniques around June 1, and have trained two nights a week. "When an boat racing, the potential for disaster is high," Little said. He said the river's current churning debris on what side of Goat's Island the boat is on, so it tends to produce "holes" in the water at the ends of the teams so they can slide into those "holes." "We have had two boats that have crashed and ended up on the island," he said. Little remembers one boat that was coming down the straightaway and hit a bottle or a branch. "It broke through the hull," he said. "Going 80 to 90 miles per hour, the boat fills up pretty fast with water."

The Burley event has never had a fatality, Little said. "The key to our training is speed, with safety first and foremost," he said. Little said, the generosity of race boat drivers from Mini-Cassia has helped make the rescue teams "top-notch." Burley resident Glen Dilworth found a Comp Jet boat, similar to the one he races in Arizona, and donated it to the rescue teams so they could practice with it, Little said. The Comp Jet boats have capsules that contain the driver. Please see REGATTA, Page B3

Regatta schedule

The Goode Motor Idaho Regatta will kick off at 9 a.m. at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

- Thursday
* 9 a.m. — Golf scramble.
* 6 p.m. — Golf show and shine for boats along with a fish fry on the island. The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children 10 years old and under.
* 6:30 p.m. — Racing registration at Doc's Pizzeria on the Rupert Square.
Friday
* 10 a.m. — Idaho Regatta boat parade. The parade will begin at Smith's Food and Drug Center on East Main Street in Burley and travel south on Hilland Avenue to 16th Street. The parade will continue west to Overland Avenue and travel north until it reaches 16th Street. The parade will head east on Main Street to the Burley Municipal Golf Course Marina.
* Noon — Qualification runs open to the public. No cost.
* 6 p.m. — Hot dog roast at the marina. No cost.
* 8 p.m. — Oakley Avenue street dance.
Saturday
* 11 a.m. — Racing begins.
* 6 p.m. — Best Western Burley Inn & Convention Center party featuring the band Great Street in Burley and the Smith's Food & Drug Center.
Sunday
* 11 a.m. — Racing starts.
* 7 p.m. — Racer's banquet at the Best Western Burley Inn & Convention Center.

Vintage car show will sweep into Twin Falls

By Julie Pence Times-News writer TWIN FALLS — Every old car has a story, maybe several. If you visit downtown Twin Falls the evening of Wednesday, July 6, you're likely to hear a few. That's the night the Great Race is coming to town. It's the oldest and — some would say — most impressive vintage automotive show in the United States. All of the 97 cars in the rally are 1959-or-older models. Each year the racers travel the back roads of the country, traveling from 170 to 400-plus miles each day to a host city. The last time the Great Race stopped in Magic Valley was in 1998 when the rally stopped in Jerome. "We had an absolutely phenomenal event," said Elizabeth Thomas, executive director of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. A city that hosts an evening

event for the Great Race is required to provide booths for each car. People and businesses pay for booths, set them up and decorate them, so that local car enthusiasts can admire the \$4 million worth of refurbished racers. "The community really took it and ran," Thomas said. This time around Twin Falls is Magic Valley's host city. The rally is being set to be voted by city drivers as the best host city, which will result in the Twin Falls Public Library receiving \$10,000. Two years ago, Elko, Nev., took the award, said Shawn Barigan, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce executive director. Downtown business people are expecting a crowd of at least 10,000 between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. "This is going to be a huge party," said Karla Williams, ex-

ecutive director of the downtown improvement district. Besides getting to admire the Great Race cars, you'll encounter food vendors, a rock band that does a rendition of the 1980's John Belushi and Dan Ackroyd Blues Brothers Band, children's activities, and a local car show in the parking lot of Key Bank on Main Avenue East. "First Federal Savings Bank, Cooper Norman Certified Public Accountants and the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce contributed large lump sums to sponsor the \$30,000 event," Barigan said. But Barigan said he still needs lots of individuals and businesses to pay \$300 to sponsor booths for each car. "The city's business community can expect at a minimum \$100,000 in receipts just from the drivers and their support teams," Barigan said.

The Great Race
If you like buffed-out old cars and a good party, it probably doesn't get any better than the Great Race, which is coming to Twin Falls soon.
What the nation's longest-running vintage car show, the Blues Brothers Rock 'n' Soul Review rock band, food vendors, children's fun and games at the Ballroom, and a local vintage car show.
When: 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 6.
Where: Main Avenue, in downtown Twin Falls.
If you're interested in being a host-car sponsor or you would like to contribute, call the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce at 733-3974.
To check out the cars online, visit www.greatrace.com.

Rock Chuck Knoll could be site of new park

By Heather Pilkinton Times-News correspondent GOODING — Plans for a new skate park in Gooding are progressing slowly but surely. Some Gooding residents have expressed opposition to the skate park being located in Lions Park; however, the City Council thinks it has found a better alternative. Councilman Duke Morton said a piece of property behind Gooding High School would be

Other Gooding City Council business meetings include:
* Independence Day — Fourth of July plans have been finalized. The festivities will be at the Gooding County Fairgrounds, and Don Meyers of Snake River Tours will be hosting the barbecue this year. The menu will include barbecued pork, beef, beans and desert. Food service will start at noon and cost will be \$3 per plate. Thom Stimpson, known as 'The

Stinging Janitor,' will be performing and there will be an antique car show from noon until 4 p.m. The City Council also will be offering shuttle service for seniors to the fairgrounds.
* Rate Increase — Sanitation rates are set to increase on July 1, as follows: Residential service will go from \$5.20 per month to \$7 per month for a 95-gallon container. Commer-

dial service will go from \$15.90 per month to \$24 per month for a 95-gallon container, and from \$26 per month to \$35 per month for a 300-gallon container.
* Barbecue — The Fremont's Barbecue will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday at West Park. The cost is \$4 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased from any firefighter or from the Gooding Valley Coop. Tickets will also be available at the park.

MAGIC VALLEY

OBITUARIES

Francis 'Frank' L. Kent

TWIN FALLS — Our stepfather, Francis (Frank) Kent, passed away at his home Sunday evening, June 19, 2006, with members of his family at his side.

Frank was born to Joe and Vera Kent in Hana, Maui, Hawaii, on April 6, 1925. He served in the United States Army with the Army Security Agency and, after his retirement, married Patricia Madine (Pat), the wife of 22 years. Frank and Pat spent a lot of time traveling and, as members of the Air Stream Club and other R.V. groups, visited many places throughout North America. In 1995, they decided to make their home in Twin Falls, Idaho. Frank is survived by his wife, Patricia Madine Kent, residing at Sunrise Medical Center with Alzheimer's; two brothers; his children from his first marriage,



Linda Konwitsch of San Diego, Calif., Betty Kent of Astoria, Ore., and Donald Kent; his stepsons and their families, Darryl and Cindy Lee Simson of Twin Falls, Idaho, Steve and Carol Simson and their son, Steven, of Key West, Fla., Haitan and Sandy

Simson and their daughter, Jennifer, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Greg and Anna Simson and their children, Dana, Brad and Shelley, of Yunderton, N.C., and David Simson and his partner, Kathleen Anderson of Oriental, N.C. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Charlotte V. Kent, his mother and father, Joe and Vera Kent, and a brother. The family would like to express their sincerest thanks to Hospice Visions, Inc. of Twin Falls and to the wonderful staff who took such good care of Frank. The family suggests memorials in Frank's name be made to Hospice Visions, Inc., 209 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301. At Frank's request there will be no services. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory, "Chapel by the Park."

Paigelyn Nicole Ford

TWIN FALLS — Paigelyn Nicole Ford was born Oct. 25, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Paige passed away at home in the loving arms of her mommy and daddy after a long and courageous battle with Tay-Sachs disease.

The family members that greeted her at the gates of heaven were her great-grandparents, her great-great-grandparents Ford, Avo Francisco Costa, Gandama Evans and Erin Holloway. The family members that had to sadly let her go were her mommy and daddy, Liz and Matt Ford; her loving big brother, Chris; grandpa, Bob; grandpa, Pedro Gabriel; and Janice Carter, Ba-Ba Maggie Gabriel, Nana Terri Ford, Papa Kim Ford; her aunts, Ti-Ti Val Warren, Ti-Ti Christina Warren and Melanie Rumpfelt; and her uncles, Zachy Warren. She left behind five



playful cousins, two heartbroken godparents, Glenda Reils and Chris Stout; her best buddies, India and Ally Farnsworth, Kaycee Fox, Bailey Stout and Jodee Carter. Paigelyn lived a courageous

life surrounded by the people who loved her most. Her short life was filled with laughter, even through all the doctor visits, therapy and hospitalizations, she always took it all in stride. Paige enjoyed her car rides to Salt Lake to visit Dr. Bale, but didn't like when Daddy got lost. Paigelyn touched everyone's life with her laughter and changed everyone she met. Paige's favorite moments were cuddling with big brother Caleb and letting Daddy play her hair. We gave our sweet baby to the Lord on Father's Day, what a gift. She was a strong and brave little girl who never quit till the bitter end.

The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, the 23rd, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, the 24th, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church.

Doris Lorene Uptain

BUHL — Doris Lorene Uptain departed this earthly life Sunday, June 19, 2006. She went to be with her Lord, Jesus Christ. She talked a lot about walking in the beautiful gardens of heaven with her Lord. She was 97 years of age. She talked a lot about the beautiful home in heaven that she has seen in her lifetime.

She resided at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls and has been afflicted with Alzheimer's disease for about 15 years.

Doris was born in Harrisonville, Mo., on Nov. 15, 1907, the second daughter of George and Zadah Kennedy. She married Earben E. Uptain on Dec. 24, 1924, in Cortez, Colo. They had a family of six children. Earben passed away in 1978. She later married Jim Randall in 1980 in Buhl, Idaho. Jim passed away in 1997. She had a small child she rode with her father on his city milk route, delivering milk with a horse-drawn wagon. She also traveled by train from St. Louis to Yellowstone, Colo., where she grew up on a farm. There she was her father's (boy) second daughter and her chores and worked beside him into her teenage years (until she met her husband to be, Earben Uptain). She could only go to school through the eighth grade, but she wanted to go to high school so, much she took the eighth grade twice. Even though she was an outdoor girl, she took ballet. She loved to dance and still, at age 97, you could see her tapping her toes to music.

In 1970 Doris and Earben packed up their belongings and began a journey to Oregon. They carried everything in Buhl. During the evening they had a fire that destroyed their tent and some belongings. A daughter, Thelma, and a son, Earl, had to remain in the hospital for 30 days. During this time the kind people of Buhl found a place for them to live and gave Earben a job. Because of this kindness they remained in Buhl the rest of their lives.

They loved it here. Doris always raised a garden and canned vegetables and fruits and jellies. She loved flowers. She had beautiful lilies. Neighbors and friends would come to her garden and mark the lilies they wanted and would come back with her a few days. She loved visiting with them and cooking up lots of food. Doris was very proud that she became baptized at the Buhl First Christian Church in 1954. Doris always was happiest when she was serving someone else. She served several years being Den Mother when her son, Jerry, was in the Boy Scouts. She also spent several years mothering Sunday (Patsy) Uptain and Craig Uptain. Many neighbors, friends and acquaintances received a home-cooked hot dish from her when they had need or had lost loved ones. She was a member of the Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as chaplain for three in Buhl while it was located in Buhl. She became involved in the Buhl Senior Citizens in 1982. This became a tremendous and she volunteered countless hours serving others.

Doris is survived by three sons, Clinton Uptain of Buhl, Samuel (Patsy) Uptain of Porterville, Calif., and Roy (Phyllis) Uptain of Buhl; a daughter, Louise (Rene) Burkhalter of Buhl; a daughter-in-law, Miriam



Uptain of Buhl; a son-in-law, Lyle Helsey of Porterville, Calif.; 16 grandchildren, Cheryl (Arnold) Ringenberg, Craig (Marcella) Uptain, Michael (Sue) Uptain, Curtis Uptain, Rocky Burkhalter, Belle (Stan) Uptain, Jeffrey Burkhalter, Christy (LouAnn) Burkhalter, Rebecca (Lynn) Montgomery, Michael Helsey, Patricia (Don) Ewing, Jeffrey Uptain, Reimann, Cindy (Dawn) Kimball, Brenda Gimmel, and Pamela (Sara) Meeks and Shelli (David) Severs; 41 great-grandchildren; 31 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nephews and nieces.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Earben E. Uptain; her husband, G. Zadah Kennedy; three sisters, Katharine Richards, Billie Rust and Helen Keeney; Earben Uptain; her husband, G. Zadah Kennedy; her son, Jim Randall, her husband of two years; two sons, Raymond Uptain and Jerry Uptain; one daughter, Thelma Helsey; two daughters-in-law, Shirley (Clinton) Uptain and Arvilla (Sam) Uptain; two great-grandsons, Christopher McCarrel and baby Daniel Helsey; one great-granddaughter, Nicole Kimball; and one great-great-granddaughter, baby Megan Burkhalter. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2006, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Visitation will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 2006, at Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Doris' family would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and caregivers of Bridgeview Estates and Dr. David Spritzer for the outstanding care and love given to our mother.

If you would like to give a memorial in our mother's name, please remember The Buhl Senior Citizens Center or the Alzheimer Center and Grandmother's foundation.

Dear Mother and Grandmother, The lessons of love that you have taught us will remain with us and we are grateful to you for the loving care you gave us. We are happy that at last you are in blissful peace. —Your Loving Family

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SERVICES

Kee McCray of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley, Chapel, 321 E. Main. Friends may call one hour before the service today.

Helen Pexton of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Buhl First Christian Church on Poplar and Main (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Ruby Mae Mariken Harris of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

Ralph Marsh of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. Friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Payne Mortuary).

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Harvey C. Newkirk

MURKLAUGH — Harvey C. Newkirk, 87, of Murkulaugh, died Tuesday, June 21, 2006, at his home following a sudden illness.

Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Frank J. Pohanka

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Barbara K. Maier

TWIN FALLS — Barbara K. Maier, 70, of Twin Falls, died at home on June 19, 2006.

Barbara was born April 12, 1935, at Ordway, Colo. She is survived by her husband, Virgil Edgar Personette, born May 7, 1926, in Burlington, Colo., passed away on June 2, 2005. For most of his childhood, Virgil lived in Twin Falls, Idaho, with his parents, James and Nellie Personette, and brothers, Vernon, Edwin and Marlen. Virgil was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; and brothers, Vernon and Edwin. Virgil is survived by his present wife, Madge; brother, Marlen; daughter, Colleen King Steppis; son, Jerry; and Roger Steppis; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two nephews and many cousins. Virgil graduated from the University of Oregon, and received his master's degree in music education at the University of Idaho. He spent the last 18 years of his teaching career in Richland, Wash., as a band instructor, retiring in 1978. Virgil was a very talented musician and first learned to play the harmonica from his mother at the age of 5. His favorite instruments were the clarinet and saxophone. Virgil enjoyed many wonderful years playing with bands, including the Shrine and Elks! He loved jazz festivals and "jam" sessions with his many musical friends. After his retirement in 1978, Virgil met and married Marge in 1983. Together they spent many happy years traveling, making or listening to music and enjoying family and friends.

A memorial service for Virgil was held on Saturday, June 18th, at the Fircrest Presbyterian Church, Fircrest, Wash. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity or to the Fircrest Presbyterian Church.

Virgil Personette

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For most of his childhood, Virgil lived in Twin Falls, Idaho, with his parents, James and Nellie Personette, and brothers, Vernon, Edwin and Marlen.

Virgil was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; and brothers, Vernon and Edwin.

Virgil is survived by his present wife, Madge; brother, Marlen; daughter, Colleen King Steppis; son, Jerry; and Roger Steppis; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two nephews and many cousins.

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Diana L. Phillips

WENDELL — Diana L. Phillips, 65, a resident of Wendell, Idaho, died Monday, June 20, 2006, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Wendell.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. at Demaray's Wendell Chapel with burial to follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2006, at the Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Louis 'Louie' J. Svehlak

TWIN FALLS — Louis "Louie" J. Svehlak, 87, of Twin Falls, died early morning, Monday, June 19, 2006, at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

A rosary prayer service will be recited at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 2006, followed by the funeral Mass at 1 p.m. at

Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Father John Koelch celebrating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of the rosary service on Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Memorial contributions may be made to Louie's name to St. Edward's Catholic Church or to charity of your choice. Donations may be left with Arenal chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83301. An obituary will appear in a later edition.

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City interviews candidates

The Times-News
CASTLEFORD — The Castleford City Council will meet at 7 p.m. tonight to interview candidates for a vacant council seat.
 The council also will be discussing the proposed \$23,050 water improvement bid. The bid covers fixing parts of the

city's water system that has been deemed out of compliance by the Department of Environmental Quality.
 The meeting is open to the public and is scheduled to take place at J&D Printing, located at 300 Main.
 For more information, contact Mayor Rita Ruffing or Patsy Kinyon at 536-6544.

Woman dies in apartment fire

SANDPOINT (AP) — A 71-year-old woman died in an apartment fire despite efforts to save her by her granddaughter, a neighbor and a firefighter.
 Cagyn Weisz, who had limited mobility, died in the blaze. Police Chief Mark Lockwood said.
 The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but Fire Chief Robert Tyler said it started in the living room and appeared

to be accidental.
 The fire was reported at about 2:30 p.m. Monday after neighbors noticed smoke and flames pouring out of the corner apartment. Officials said Weisz's 14-year-old granddaughter was showering in the apartment when the fire started. Lockwood said the girl tried unsuccessfully to get her grandmother out of the building.

Fries

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 Center for Science in the Public Interest. "Those would include french fries and potato chips. You're getting a lot of calories, in a relatively small volume, from those foods."

Kemphorne was the keynote speaker at the "Governor's Physical Activity & Nutrition Summit" at Boise State University, where more than 400 health practitioners, teachers and community leaders gathered to discuss health problems related to poor nutrition and sedentary lifestyles.

Physical inactivity and bad eating habits cost Idaho residents \$82 million per year in medical care, workers compensation and lost productivity, according to the state Department of Health and Welfare. Much of that is paid for by Medicaid and Medicare.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, a 5-foot-9-inch person who weighs more than 169 pounds is overweight. One

who weighs more than 202 is obese.

Across the U.S., 21 percent of the population was considered obese in 2001 — up from 12 percent a decade earlier. Idaho's obesity tally is virtually identical.
 In the same period, consumption of frozen potatoes such as french fries rose 13.3 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"There's been an increase in calorie intake from poor-quality foods," said Joanne Kirk, a dietitian from the University of California Berkeley's cooperative extension who spoke at Tuesday's event. "Physical activity isn't the be-all, end-all. It has to be accompanied by an improvement in diet."

That can be a tricky sell in Idaho, a state whose biggest cash crop — grown in vast, fertile fields on the Snake River plain in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains — goes into processed foods such as chips, hash browns and other products that can contribute to

heart disease and other ailments.

"The state's potato industry already has been hurt by the popularity of diets that shunned carbohydrate consumption."

Officials emphasize that potatoes can be prepared in ways that don't add fats, baked, boiled, mashed or used in salads, according to the Idaho Potato Commission Web site.

"The potato is a very healthy item," Ben Spaulding, a spokesman for the Potato Growers of Idaho. "We don't advertise it as french fries. It is recovering from the anti-carb initiative, because people see it is a healthy product when they cook it in healthy ways."

Still, U.S. production of potatoes destined for the frozen french-fry market has risen eight-fold since 1960, to 57 pounds annually per person and now accounts for 41 percent of all potatoes grown in America, according to Agriculture Department statistics. The USDA doesn't provide separate

figures for actual consumption.

"People like fries with their sandwiches," said Joe Guenther, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Idaho in Moscow and the author of the 2001 book "The International Potato Industry." "I don't think that's going to change. It's a matter of how much you eat."

That's also the message Kemphorne is delivering: People should eat potatoes, not be couch potatoes.
 "There's a place I go that has the BEST fries," Kemphorne said in an interview. "But I also ride my mountain bike. You don't have to give up the food you love — if you earn it."

Regatta

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 ers in case of a crash.

"It's really important that we know where the latches for the capsule are and all the boats can be different. We have to know how to get into the capsules and get the drivers out if we need to," Little said.

During the races, a rescue boat is stationed at each end of the island.

One of the rescue drivers is in full scuba gear and another is in just a wet suit.

Little said when the rescue crews spot an accident, they send up a flare to alert the other rescue boat as well as the other race boats. If the driver is still in the capsule, the diver will go into the water and make eye contact with the driver.

The rescue diver will make sure the driver is conscious and able to use the mask and oxygen bottle in the capsule.

The capsule is designed to float, but if the latches break, it will sink.

"If they don't make eye contact with us, we speed everything up," Little said.

"Speed is really the issue. That's why we practice," he said. "From a dead stop, we can respond, make contact, get them into the basket in as little as 29 seconds."

Laurie Welch is a reporter with the South Idaho Press. She can be reached in Burley at 677-8767 or by e-mail at lwelch@southidaho.com.

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OBITUARIES

Ruby Virginia Davis Dauplaise

TWIN FALLS — Ruby Virginia Davis Dauplaise, formerly Tacoma, Wash., died June 20, 2005, at SunBridg, Twin Falls, Idaho, at the age of 86 years old. She was born Dec. 10, 1918, in Clemons, Iowa; daughter of Thomas W. and Mary Hobson Davis. She grew up on the family farm with her two sisters and five brothers. She was a graduate of Clemons High School, Clemons, Iowa, and cosmetology school.

Her brother, Bud, was home on leave from the Navy and brought his friend Louis (Eddie) Dauplaise home with him. They were married Dec. 10, 1941. Ruby adopted well as a Navy wife and was always ready for the next move. When World War II broke out, mother drove from Iowa to San Francisco and was on the Golden Gate Bridge waving to Dad's ship as they headed off to war.

After her husband retired from the military, they became residents of Twin Falls and members of St. Edward's Catholic Church. Mother worked several years at Van Engelen's Department Store and later the Paris.

Upon their retirement, they moved to Vashon Island, Wash. The water enticed them to Washington and they spent many hours enjoying boating, golf and their many friends and traveling the world. She will be remembered for giving many hours to help the church and the needy of that area. Their last moved was to Tacoma, Wash. to be closer to military life. Mother is survived by Louis

(Eddie) Dauplaise, her husband of 65 years and daughters, Lynda Bracy, Twin Falls, Idaho, and Lorraine Henschel, Rupert, Idaho; son, Larry Davis of Salem, Ore.; and 14 grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Charlie Davis and Bud Davis residing in Iowa. Mother was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, three brothers and two sons-in-law. A memorial service and Mass will be held in Tacoma, Wash., at a later date.



Lee Eugene Bartlett

MESA, Ariz. — Lee Eugene Bartlett of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Buhl and Twin Falls, passed away on Father's Day, June 19th, 2005, while spending time at his cabin in Forest Lake, Ariz. He was 71.

He was born March 16th, 1934, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Zeke and Elva Bartlett, the third of seven children. He was raised in Buhl and Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1952. He went on to gain his teaching degree at Idaho State University and was employed by the Filer School District during his entire teaching career. He married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Johanson, in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1953 and together they had eight children.

They were a very romantic couple. They were "the perfect couple." They began their family while Lee attended ISU on a four-year football scholarship. He was an incredible athlete and leader and it was through athletics that he gained many of his longtime friends. Although his main focus in college was football he still managed to letter in four different sports. He went on to play Fast-Pitch Softball and was honored to be inducted into the Idaho Athletic Hall of Fame. He continued his involvement in sports by refereeing high school sports and college basketball. His wife, Barbara, passed away in 1984. He later married Joyce Lynn Turley of Mesa, Ariz., in December of 1987.

Lee is survived by his wife, Joyce Lynn and her five children and 14 grandchildren; brothers, Max Bartlett (Lorraine) and Hans and Dale Bartlett (Krista) of Porterville, Calif.; sister, Sharol Jones (Terry) of Westminster, Colo.; his children, Jim Day (Stevie) of Las Vegas, Nev., Dea Dille (Lynn) of Hansen, Idaho, Sheri Brush, Rob Bartlett (Elzen), Lori Nolan (Tim), Barb (Robert) of Mesa, Ariz., and Leanne Montgomery (Layn) of Buhl, Idaho. He has 33 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and to all of them and many others was known as "Pops."

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Barbara; infant son, Eugene Lee; his brothers, Gary and Jay Bartlett; and one sister Shirley Tolman. Burial services will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22nd, at the Bunker Garden Chapel, 33 North Centennial Way, in Mesa, Ariz. A funeral is planned at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25th, at the Harrison Street LDS Stake Center in Twin Falls. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

Park

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The property, sometimes referred to as "Rock Chuck Knob" would allow more room for the skateboarders, and possibly the addition of a BMX trail. The city has talked with two members of the school board, Morton told those attending the City Council meeting Monday night. How low just have to get on the agenda.

Council members also met with Wes Flacker, who has purchased the Johnson Pharmacy building on Fourth Avenue and Main Avenue. Flacker, who is planning on putting in a Laundromat, as well as retail and office spaces, asked the council about changing the parking situation around the business.

Edson Crisp, owner of Mainline Cafe, suggested that the parking along Fourth Street could be switched to diagonal parking.

This could add five or six parking spaces along Fourth, Crisp said.

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Dawn Beaver, left, and her sister Kerl Peterson prepare to plant flowers in the back yard of Dave and Teresa Berry of Twin Falls during 'Backyard Switch.'

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Switched

Two days, \$2,000 – and two new back yards

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Whew! It's one thing to volunteer to let three complete strangers landscape your back yard. But what if it's not exactly *your* back yard?

Dawn Beaver and her sister, Kerl Peterson, signed up for the *Times-News* "Backyard Switch" promotion in hopes of getting a makeover for their 60-year-old mother's outdoor space.

They were one of two teams chosen, so earlier this month the other team — Dave and Teresa Berry and a designer from Kimberly Nurseries — showed up to work on Marilyn Andrus' greensward.

Fortunately, Mom liked the results.

"She loved it," said Beaver, a 29-year-old bookkeeper.

Team Berry installed trees, shrubs, lots and lots of bark — and even a concrete lawn statue in Andrus' intimate (39 feet by 23 feet) back yard.

"It's a small yard, and the landscaping just makes all the difference in the world," Beaver said.

The back yard of Andrus' Elizabeth Boulevard ranch-style town home is adjacent to a small patio where Andrus has a covered seating area.

"Now she can sit and enjoy a beautiful back yard," Beaver said.

That's more than pleasant. Andrus, a widow, holds down four jobs and has absolutely no time to landscape. But she does have nine grandchildren, and now she has a great place to entertain them.

"We put in some pavers so she had a place to put her barbecue," said Dave Wright, Kimberly Nurseries' president. "The Berrys worked like dogs; I just coached them a little and made sure they had everything they needed."

Across town, the Berrys were similarly pleased with the work that Beaver, Peterson and a designer from Kelley Garden Center put in at their Monroe Street home.

"It's wonderful," said Teresa, 35, the stay-at-home mother of five children. "We had started landscaping the house by pulling out dead and overgrown things, but this is such an improvement."

The unusual L-shaped yard that wraps around the back of the Berrys' split-level home is now dominated by a decorative boulder, surrounded by rock, shrubs, trees, lots of flowers and a sea of fresh bark. It's a kid-friendly design, accommodating the indispensable backyard play sets necessary to keep children ranging from 3 months to 13 years busy.

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Above, with help from Kimberly Nurseries president Dave Wright, Dave and Teresa Berry transformed Marilyn Andrus' postage-stamp size back yard with trees, shrubs, pavers — even a garden statue.
Top, a decorative boulder is the centerpiece of Dawn and Teresa Berry's back yard, surrounded by trees, shrubs and flowers.

STEVE CRUMP/The Times-News



Dave Berry removes sod from the yard of Marilyn Andrus as part of the 'Backyard Switch' promotion.

DAVE BERRY/The Times-News

FOOD & HOME

Something borrowed? Not the menu ideas, say creative brides

Cox News Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Tools you'll likely find in the contemporary wedding caterer's arsenal include chain saws for sculpting ice, bamboo mats for rolling sushi and stainless-steel fountains for spewing melted chocolate.

What you won't find in her larder: cookie-cutters, anything.

Like every other aspect of today's lavish weddings, brides and grooms want to set their weddings apart and on the reception menu, they hope to shake things up.

favor because people are waiting longer to get married. The average American bride is 27, and her groom is 29. In the years between college cafeteria and caterer's office, young professionals (27 percent of weddings are underwritten by bride and groom alone) are exposed to a smorgasbord of cuisines, refining their palates and whetting their appetite for sophisticated wedding chow.

When Ashley Barton married Noah Ostroff in early April, the Boca Beach Gardens pair cooked up an epicure's menu bookended by blackened scallops and mini smores.

fulfill all your dreams and fantasies," says Mrs. Ostroff, who didn't provide the event's budget. "It was worth it to us to bring all the details together and make it spectacular."

"As the final punctuation to an over-the-top wedding, the dessert can be a bridal playground. The Breakers has served chic Hangover-Dazz and raspberry Chambord sundae, plus over-sized martini glasses and created a monochromatic dessert station with three choices: a pink dessert served with pink linens, white with white linens and chocolate with chocolate linens.

"The list of buttered hors d'oeuvres may be as long as the bride's arm, so guests can sample as many different dishes as possible. Entrees have become more eclectic, and cocktails are customized.

And the cake does not stand alone; it often shares the final act with a dessert heavy buffet.

Couples favor shrimp stations and vodka silds, "stuff that gets people up out of their chairs, instead of sitting all the time," says Courtney Schumaker, Boca Bridal Salon's wedding consultant.

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"We've been to so many where we had to sit down and have chicken marsala."

Gregory Williams joined hands on June 18, the 200-plus guests at their reception sampled salad and carving stations, dressed their own washed potatoes, and browsed a buffet of cheese pizza, chicken fingers and Mickey Mouse-shaped macaroni and cheese.

Taylor, an accountant, wanted to maximize the entertainment value of the dinner hour so it wouldn't remind her of yet another CPA banquet.

Pillar of flavor gains new favor

Knight Ridder News Service

LEXINGTON, Ky. — It's so common, this salt of the earth—and sea. Most of us pay little attention to the condiment, unless our doctors have warned us to stay away from it.

ture is retained. Sometimes there's a little crunch when it's used as a coating for fish, for example.

The current fascination with culinary salts represents a distinct shift in the mind of today's specialty food consumer, according to Specialty Food, a trade magazine.

company specializes in herb and spice blends and fancy salts and peppers.

Lee Ann Paymer at Williams-Sonoma said the store sells several sea salts, and fleur de sel is the most popular and expensive, at \$10.50 for 17.4 ounces. Fleur de sel, the salt most consistently recognized among chefs and foodies, is pure salt from Brittany, France. The name means "flower of salt."

But there's a growing trend among chefs that's bringing salt into the spotlight.

They're not encouraging us to eat more. They're simply giving us more flavor in that pinch of salt. Gourmet salts, like Himalayan salts, add an extra layer of flavor to a dish. These artisan sea salts, which have been hand-harvested since ancient days, aren't for salting popcorn. Specialty salts are for sprinkling on dishes for extra flavor and texture.

"For years, salt was regarded as a bad thing that should be avoided, but now the idea of experimenting with different types of sea salts is a hot trend," Victoria Taylor, chief executive of Victoria Gourmet Inc., told Specialty Food. "This type of consumer is just emerging, someone who enjoys cooking, who has some sophistication in the kitchen, appreciates flavor and wants variety."

Carole Kolkin, in Wine News magazine, said she became a "certifiable salt fanatic" after tasting fleur de sel.

"Wherever I travel, I buy locally harvested salt because it's one way to really experience the essence of a country or region, and a small package is easily carried home, its contents savored for many months," said Kolkin.

Switch

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"They did a really nice job," Teresa said.

Each team had \$2,000 worth of supplies to work with, plus the services of a landscape designer.

They had to do the work at the same time, and it basically had to be completed within a two-day period.

"It was just my husband and me during those two days," Teresa said. "But we went back on the (following) Saturday and did a little more work, and not some helpers with it."

Garden Cafe hosts healthy cooking class on Monday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Garden Cafe will host a three-hour class on healthy cooking Monday night.

Eric Rivkin, a raw chef and instructor from Minneapolis, and Melissa Davidson, a raw chef and live food adviser from Boise, will present "It's to Live For," a demonstration

of food preparation that emphasizes flavor, color and nutrition.

The class is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. and costs \$45 per person, which includes food samples and a recipe manual.

To register, call Davidson at (208) 713-7291 or e-mail her at BirdieBasket@gmail.com.

The Garden Cafe is located at 221 Addison Ave.

More home furnishings for sale online

Cox News Service

ATLANTA — It's not just drills, grills and fans on Homedepot.com anymore.

Atlanta-based Home Depot has doubled its online selections to nearly 24,000 items in the past year and expanded its home furnishings offerings to include brightly colored "Seasons" dinnerware by Pfaltzgraf, outdoor pool/ping-pong tables, leather lounge chairs and wireless flat-panel televisions.

Shelley Nandkeoyar, president of Home Depot direct brands, said the chain already sells patio furniture, but thinks online customers want furnishings to go with it.

"Consumers may not traditionally look to us for that," said Nandkeoyar. "But customers want the whole look."

decidedly high-end. The convertible pool/ping-pong table, for instance, goes for \$5,500. A leather chair and ottoman combo is \$1,000, and a Sharp Aquos wireless flat-panel TV fetches \$1,700.

The Web site is even peddling 12-by-20-foot, \$10,000 rustic-knotty red-pine timber buildings that look like small log cabins and double as "weekend retreats" with "quick assembly."

Most of the new items are not sold in stores, only online or through a catalog mailed to a limited audience. In some cases, the Web site is merely an online sales window for a manufacturer.

"Some items are direct-shipped from the manufacturers, while others are shipped from our distribution centers," Nandkeoyar said.

As Home Depot evolves and tries to attract a broader cross-

section of shoppers, especially women, the chain is finding new ways to broaden its appeal and even soften its hard edges by selling things including 15-foot quick-set pools for \$129 and erupting volcano island pool floats for \$80. It's also selling twin-size beds for teens with changeable powder blue, pink, mint, orange or green drawers for \$500.

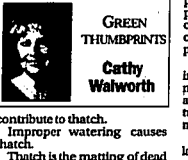
"We noticed that Home Depot is carrying a greater home furnishing assortment online, including children's furniture and china," said analyst Colin McGinnahan with Bernstein & Co. "This seems a bit curious. I would imagine they're just distributing it; otherwise, I don't know how they're doing it."

Home Depot's strategy differs from that of rival Lowe's, which does not sell a deep assortment of home furnishings.

You sure you want to bag those clippings?

What do you do with your grass clippings? You could mow them up and stuff them into a bag and lug the bag to the curb for the garbage man to pick up. Or you could leave them where they are.

Leaving lawn clippings on the lawn is a good way to recycle nutrients in the grass blades. The best way to do that is to make sure you cut off short pieces of grass and scatter them evenly.



Cathy Walworth

contribute to thatch. Improper watering causes thatch.

Thatch is the matting of dead grass stems and roots. Thatch occurs naturally as grass grows through yearly growth and replacement cycles, but usually doesn't present a problem when roots are encouraged to grow down.

Roots grow sideways when you water lightly for short periods of time. Deep watering sends roots down to look for water, where they're supposed to be.

patterns. Don't follow the same pattern, week after week because that can lead to compacted soil. Vary your path.

Keep the nitrogen to a minimum during the hot summer months. Too much nitrogen and phosphorus helps make turf more susceptible to summer drought and heat stress.

Check dry spots in your lawn. If thatch or water-resistant soil is a problem, punch holes in the soil to aerate it and apply a wetting agent to help water penetration.

Some gardeners wear their golf shoes when they mow, some make "overshoes" of a piece of lumber that has nails pounded through the sole, pointing down. They strap these on and push the nails down into the lawn. For a quick, cheap wetting agent, try a bucket of soapy water (made with liquid dishwashing soap, such as Palmolive green).

Mow high. Keep grass about three inches high in summer. The longer length will shade the soil and keep your water use down.

Grass only wants about 1/3 of the length of the blade cut off at any one mowing. That means cutting often in the spring, when grass grows the fastest. Maybe every five to seven days. The closer you mow, the quicker when you don't have to stop and unload the catcher.

Mow the grass when it's dry. Wet grass doesn't scatter and it doesn't cut well. Keep the mower blades sharp. Dull blades tear grass blades and leave the cuttings bunched up on the lawn.

Grass clippings are made up of about 90 percent water, and the small pieces decompose quickly. Tom Cook of Oregon State University's Horticulture Department says, "Grass clippings contribute a surprising amount to long-term fertility of the lawn." And clippings do not

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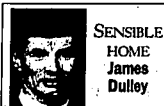
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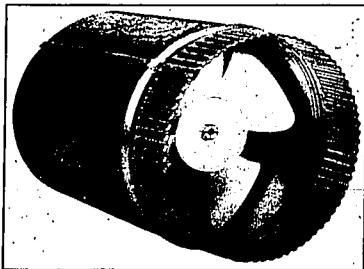
Franklin

Fixing rooms that are too hot or cold

DEAR JIM: There are a couple of rooms in our house which are always too hot (summer) or too cold (winter). Without installing an expensive zoning system, what can we do to make those rooms more comfortable?



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley



Booster fans can help force more air-conditioned air into warm rooms.

DEAR SCOTT: First, try to determine why those rooms are not staying the same temperature as the rest of the house. Hold a thermometer in the air flow from a register and compare it to the register air in the other comfortable rooms.

Also, hold your hand over the register to feel if the air flow is equally strong to that in the other comfortable rooms. If the register outlet air temperature is warmer (summer) or cooler (winter) than other rooms, but as forceful, you may need to insulate those ducts.

They are likely longer ducts (rooms are further from the furnace) and may not be insulated from the outside walls or attic. Partially close the dampers in the ducts leading to the problem rooms. If the air flow is not as strong, make sure the dampers in the ducts leading to those problem rooms are fully open. It would be a good idea to wrap foil duct tape around all the duct joints.

In a long duct, this can often make a significant difference in the amount of conditioned (heated or cooled) air that actually gets to the room register. Partially close the dampers in the ducts leading to the comfortable rooms.

This will force more conditioned air to the problem rooms. Don't close the dampers more than half way because you don't want to excessively increase the air flow resistance for the blower.

It is easy to install duct dampers if your existing ductwork does not have them. Another option is to install register covers with adjustable

louver. This is more expensive than installing dampers, but real wood and cast metal registers are attractive.

Also try using tapered magnetic register air deflectors to distribute conditioned air more evenly in rooms and magnetic flaps to seal off registers.

If the problem still exists, consider installing booster fans to force more conditioned air to those rooms.

These are made in many sizes and configurations to fit almost any duct. Some of these fans use as little as 20 watts of electricity so they are inexpensive to operate.

Whenever the main blower starts, the booster fans also run. They can be wired to be operated from the main wall thermostat.

A simpler setup for do-it-yourselfers uses a pressure or wall switch. These switches sense the air flow when the main blower starts, and they switch the booster fan on.

Another option is a quiet booster fan that is mounted over the top of the room register and plugged into a wall outlet.

It has an adjustable built-in electronic thermostat. It runs only when both the main blower is running and its thermostat calls for more heated or cooled air in that room.

The following companies offer registers and booster fans:

Aero-Flo Industries, (219) 399-3555, www.aero-flo.com, American Metal Products, (800) 668-3269, www.americanmetalproducts.com, Deflecto Corporation, (800) 428-4328, www.deflecto.com, Field Controls (252) 522-3031, www.fieldcontrols.com, and Suncoast Manufacturing, 800-999-3267, www.suncoast.com. Send inquiries to James Dulley, Times-News, 6906 Royalgrove Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

DEAR JIM: I am doing improvement projects at a remote cabin where there is no electricity. I want to find a way to charge my cordless drill and other tools. What can I do, other than buying many extra batteries?

—PAUL S. Taking extra charged batteries with you is one option, but they are expensive to buy.

You can buy a powerful portable battery power pack used for camping and cars and plug the standard tool battery charger into it.

Another option is a tool battery charger which plugs into the car's cigarette lighter. Some manufacturers, such as Ryobi (www.ryobi.com), offer them. With the Ryobi model, you can charge any of its cordless tool batteries (7.4 to 18 volts).



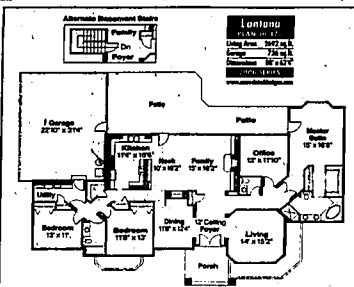
Latana impressive, yet friendly

Corner quoins accent wide stucco columns that support the Lantana's dramatic portico. In fact, all its front-facing exterior corners are quoined. Raised planters and a parade of windows soften the lines, creating a front facade that is at once friendly and impressive.

This plan's interior reflects the same mix. The stately ambience permeating living room, foyer and dining room, transitions into a free-flowing, relaxed feeling when you enter the kitchen, nook or family room.

A 12-foot ceiling adds volume to the spacious foyer, while 10-foot ceilings grace formal gathering spaces on either side. Classic ceiling treatments enhance the impact of these rooms. The dining room has a coffered ceiling; the living room's ceiling echoes the room's elongated octagonal shape.

Multipaned windows, wide and plentiful, brighten the large, comfortable living area at the rear. From the kitchen, you can enjoy the view across a patio, accessed through a French door in the nook. Lounge and even are built into a peninsular counter that could be outfitted as an eating or conversation bar. While cooking, you can keep tabs on happen-



ings in the nook and family room, or enjoy the flames in the gas fireplace. A walk-in pantry adds storage space.

The Lantana's master suite has two closets, a private bathroom and a bay window—just the spot for a window seat or sewing nook. Master bath luxuries include a soaking tub, dual vanity and shower. The adjacent room could be a home office, nursery or bedroom.

Utilities and two more bedrooms are located on the far

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Multiple gardens enhance surroundings

Albany Times Union

"I just love the idea of garden rooms," says Barbara Nuffer of Avonlea Park, N.Y. Like the idea of going from one garden to another.

"And that she does, wandering from one to another of the 12 gardens she has created around her home. From a fragrant garden under the bedroom windows to a rock garden, winter garden, wildflower garden and English cottage garden, Nuffer finds they provide her with places to read, listen to the birds or simply enjoy peace and quiet.

But perhaps her favorite spot in the yard is the bench in a circular shade garden she created with the help of her husband, Fred Nuffer. Situated just outside the kitchen door and adjoining the deck, the garden can be enjoyed from inside and outside.

Fred built the garden, which Barbara had sketched.

"I love the circle in Asian art, which symbolizes peace and tranquility, so this garden is a 20-foot circle," she says. "It's filled with a lot of shade flowering plants. There are a lot of blue flowers and silver foliage, and later in the season, there will be lots of pink flowers in various shades."

The circle, which is bisected by a gravel path, is accented with a homemade fountain in the center. A circle within a circle.

To outline the planting areas, Nuffer mounted 30-inch-long, pressure-treated boards vertically using copper strapping (the same kind used to fasten copper pipes to hold the boards in place). The two strips of strapping, one running across the center of the boards and one along the top, were attached to the boards with stainless steel screws.

The sections of edging were rolled up like fencing then placed vertically in a narrow 14-inch deep trench along the outer edge of the path.

A 4-inch-deep layer of pea gravel forms the path, leaving about a foot of board showing on each side of the walkway. The semicircular beds were then filled with prepared soil and vermiculite, and the garden was lined with a plastic membrane to deter weeds.

To create the recirculating fountain, a plastic whiskey barrel liner was tacked into the ground to serve as a reservoir. A hole was drilled through an old 3-foot-long cedar stump to connect a water hose and serve as a pedestal for an old mill stone that created the fountain's cap.

"The mill stone already had a hole in the center," says Barbara. "I wanted the water to weep off the stone. It flows gently up through the hole and across the ridges of the stone and down the sides in drops as a trickle. My son cleverly put an irregular-shaped stone in the opening of the wheel so the water would splash in different directions, depending on which way you turn (the stone)."

Because the water moves slowly most of the time, the wood pedestal, which has lost all of its bark over the past six years. Pieces of fieldstone that frame and conceal the sunken edge of the barrel are also covered with moss.

Although Barbara has decorated the area with a few metal frogs, the small fountain still attracts live lizards.

Lungwort, astilbes, violets, woodland phlox, forget-me-nots, summer snowflake, Jacob's ladder, Japanese painted ferns and Siberian bugloss are among the plantings Barbara chose for this garden.

"All of the plants in this garden room seed themselves,"

says Barbara. "I started pulling them out, but stopped, because that's the way they are supposed to grow. So as a result, this is a very dense-growing garden."

And it has become one of her favorite places.

"If you're bringing the mail out (to my circle garden) when I get home and reading it on the bench with our dog, Maggie," says Barbara, "I also enjoy sitting out there late at night, listening for owls. The pathway stone has mica in it, so it sparkles out here day and night."

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Growing your own herbs, Italian-style

The Stamford Advocate

When Sal Gilberte looks at you with his boyish grin and proclaims — "Be good to yourself. Plant an herb garden!" — you're ready to grab a trowel and start digging. He's just spent the past hour planting an herb garden for cooking school teacher Sally Maraventano. His fingers are crusted with dirt, and there's a playfulness about him that tells you he's having fun. As are Maraventano and her seven guests here on a cloudy spring afternoon to learn about herbs and how to use them in cooking.

The pair are old friends, sharing a love of cooking, fresh food, and of course, their Italian heritage. Both have carved lucrative careers, he as owner of Gilberte's Herb Gardens in Westport, Conn., she as head of Cucina Casalinga, a regional Italian cooking school in Wilton, Conn.

How lucky we are this day, as we try to absorb as much as we can. The facts they are bombarding us with about planting an herb garden and using these herbs to create a delectable midday repast.

Maraventano's herb garden is bigger than most, situated off her patio, which starts at dusk and does pizza oven. It's there she and her family share many meals, so Gilberte brought along some white cosmos, which will shimmer by the light of the moon.

The garden is four-pronged, with narrow beds making it easy to cultivate each side. The beds are a glorious fountain, which Maraventano found at Gilberte's Herb Farm. Another plus is that each bed is raised, which Gilberte says provides the drainage that herbs need.

Herbs thrive on neglect," Gilberte says. "If you have automatic sprinklers, cut them off in your herb garden. Herbs are happy when they're dry." Gilberte says a perfect growing medium for herbs is a mixture of soil, peat moss and perlite, which adds drainage. "Take the soil in your hands. If it sticks together, it shouldn't take up in a ball." Remove the plant from the container. Dig a hole. Take a little bit of organic manure, rather than a synthetic fertilizer, and work it into the hole.

A synthetic fertilizer "adds too much nitrogen to the soil. It's like a shot of B-12. It gives a quick boost of energy to plants. Growers use lots of nitrogen, because it forces green leaves, and herbs are pale green. People are always asking me why the herbs they grow have so much more flavor than those they buy at the market. The nitrogen takes the essential oils out of the plant," Gilberte says. And that translates into less flavor.

Over a dozen leaves on your herbs? That's too much nitrogen. Stick to organic manure. As Gilberte instructs: "You can't go wrong with it." Today, Gilberte has brought three types of basil, each annual. The first is a small leaf basil, which forms a small bush in the garden. Maraventano says it's perfect for salads, is very flavorful, and will provide a healthy crop throughout the summer. It nice and green. Maraventano is taking up too much room in the garden. An added plus—Japanese beetles don't like it.

Another is Maraventano's large leaf basil, but in this Italian garden, it's a necessity for Caprese salad and pesto. "Just be sure to buy some beetle bags to keep them off the basil," Gilberte warns.

The third basil, Aussie Sweetie, is Gilberte's favorite. "It's not as sweet as the other basil, but it is such a convenience," he says. "No flowers, no beetles; it grows nice and neat in a tall column. It's the one I go for myself." The 6-inch square pots that Gilberte sells are loaded with lots of little plants. We are told many people make the mistake of planting these as one plant.

"We over-sow our pots," Gilberte says. "Remove the plants from the pot. Now, very carefully pull one plant away from the others, lifting it from the top out of the root mass. Don't break the root ball gently. Nice and long. Now, plant as a single plant, or plant two little plants together." A 6-inch pot is enough basil to populate quite a bit of space in your garden. Each of these plants needs to grow.



Sal Gilberte of Gilberte's Herb Gardens in Westport, Conn., plants a herb garden.



Sally Maraventano bakes a yeasty herb bread in a 4 1/2-inch tall clay pots. Outragsous? Definitely. But what a conversation piece these high tops have become.

"Chop them down to the ground," he says. He bends down, takes a handful, and snips away. Maraventano grabs the chives to add to the meal we will soon prepare.

"When you chop the chives down to the ground, then you get nice, tender, delicious shoots the rest of the summer," Gilberte says. Most of us have had little luck growing either herb.

"They go to seed quickly," Gilberte says. His solution is simple: Sow seeds right into the garden, once a month, all during the growing season. "You'll always have a fresh batch growing, and some years, you can have fresh dill until Thanksgiving. The crop will be stronger in the fall with cooler days and nights."

Gilberte is planting a prostrate rosemary along the edge of the garden, so it will grow over the Belgium block border. "It's a very attractive look," he says. Gilberte sells many types of rosemary, including varieties that grow up to 4 feet. Garden space should determine the type of rosemary you grow.

Maraventano says that in Italy, people argue over whether an herb is marjoram or oregano. She has a simple way of telling them apart: "If it smells like pizza, it's Greek oregano." She includes both in her garden. Sage, another important perennial for Maraventano, is ready for a haircut. "All the green comes from the base," Gilberte says. "We don't cut it as short as the chives, but it needs to be cut back, to a few inches tall." It's time to discover lemon verbena. Gilberte clips some leaves and serves them up.

"Smell that lemon. It's wonderful. One of my favorite recipes is to stuff the cavity of trout with lemon, verbena, dill, savory, garlic and olive oil." A garden isn't complete without parsley. Maraventano and Gilberte favor the flat-leaf parsley for its flavor. So why is the curly-leaf variety growing here? "I use it for garnish," Maraventano laughs. "Never cooking." If you're still not convinced that an herb garden is for you, consider this: Animals don't eat the herbs. "Occasionally, a weasel, a duck or rabbit might nibble on some parsley. But that's it," Gilberte says. Speaking of eating, it's time to head into Maraventano's kitchen. Today, Gilberte acts as sous chef, as the pair starts preparing a feast.

with a clove of garlic and a smear of extra-virgin olive oil. Finally, it's time to eat at the dining room table, set with Maraventano's brightly colored Italian pottery. There's Frittata di Pasta, the perfect recipe for using leftover pasta. Just think: no more wasted cooked pasta. Will something, this yummy, the thought of discarding pasta at meals end now seems heretical.

The summer crop of tomatoes is not in yet, but that doesn't stop Maraventano from creating Insalata Caprese, the traditional fresh mozzarella, tomato and basil salad. Maraventano uses plum tomatoes, which she bakes in a 400-degree oven for 20 minutes to bring out the fruit's sweetness.

While we were gardening, Maraventano had marinated chicken in an herb/lemon marinade. Once grilled, the chicken was served atop a fennel and orange salad, a wonderful mix of flavors that was incredible. Maraventano makes individual lettuce cups in a 1 1/2-inch tall clay pots. What a conversation piece these high tops have become.

Maraventano decided to have some fun and bakes a yeasty herb bread in a 4 1/2-inch tall clay pots. What a conversation piece these high tops have become. For dessert we are served a lavender-scented mascarpone/cream fraiche "ice cream." Even those with the best intentions brushed their bowl clean.

BRUSCHETTA AI FAGIOLI CANNELLINI
(Toasted Italian Bread with Cannellini Beans)
Makes 10-12 servings
1 8-oz. can of cannellini beans

or dry cannellini beans, soaked for 24 hours
2 small cloves of garlic
2 fresh sage leaves
8 tbs. extra-virgin olive oil or more to taste
2 tbs. wine vinegar
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1 tbs. red onion, finely chopped
2 tbs. of Italian flat-leaf parsley, stems removed, minced
1 baguette, thinly sliced and baked at 375 degrees until lightly toasted, not browned

If you are using dry cannellini beans, soak them for 24 hours and cook them in lightly salted water with a small garlic clove and sage leaves for 35-40 minutes, let cool in its own water. Strain and rinse the cannellini beans.

Place the garlic in a medium saute pan with 4 tablespoons olive oil on low heat. Sauté about 1 minute or until the garlic is translucent. Add the cannellini beans and cook 3 to 4 minutes.

In a food processor or blender, combine the cannellini beans, extra-virgin olive oil, vinegar and garlic. Pulse to puree the ingredients, season with salt and pepper to taste. Fold in the red onion and parsley. Spread a layer of the mixture on each toasted crostini.

FRITTATO DI PASTA
(Spaghetti pie)
Makes 6 servings

3 tbs. fresh basil, silvered
2 tbs. fresh Italian flat-leaf parsley, minced
3/4 lb. leftover pasta, with sauce
2 tbs. olive oil
In a large bowl, lightly beat the eggs with the salt and pepper. Parmesan cheese, basil, and 1/2 of the parsley.

Sit in the pasta and mix well. Heat the oil in a 12-inch nonstick frying pan with a heatproof handle. When it is hot enough to make the eggs sizzle, add the mixture to the pan, using a fork to distribute the pasta evenly. Cover over gentle heat for 12 to 15 minutes, until the frittata is set but not browned. Because of the density of this frittata, rotating the pan on the burner throughout the cooking time is essential so that all the parts are cooked evenly.

To finish off the top, slide the pan into the oven 6 inches under the broiler for 2 to 3 minutes, or until the surface is golden.

To serve, sprinkle with the remaining chopped parsley and cut into wedges. May be served warm or cold.

IMPASTA DI PIZZA E FOCACCIA

Pizza and focaccia dough (processor and hand method)
Makes 1 large 16-inch round or rectangular pizza or 4 individual pizzas.
1 1/2 cups very warm (not hot) water
1 package dry yeast
1 tbs. granulated sugar
3 3/4 cups unbleached flour (plus a little extra for kneading on the board)

1 1/2 tsp. salt
2 tbs. olive oil, plus 1 tbs. more for coating mixing bowl
In a large measuring cup, combine water, yeast and sugar. Leave for 10 minutes or until foamy. If the mixture does not rise, throw it away and use a new package of yeast.

Removing the dough from the work bowl and involve touching the center blade, which is very sharp. Pizza dough can be made ahead of time (even the day before) and refrigerated covered with clear plastic wrap. It will rise in the refrigerator but should be brought to room temperature, punched down, and if possible left to rise again briefly before spreading in the pan.

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The First Lady of Food: A real-life history of Betty Crocker

Newsday

Betty Crocker might have been a fiction, but she never was a fraud. Since her creation in 1921 in Minneapolis, despite a housewife has confided in her and found reassurance. Susan Marks' interest in Betty Crocker started during a stint as a tour guide at the Minnesota Historical Society and evolved into "Finding Betty Crocker: The Secret Life of America's First Lady of Food" (Simon & Schuster, \$23).



Betty Crocker at her 76th birthday in 1996. For the this latest Betty, a contest was held. The photos of 75 winners, chosen from a field of about 5,000, became a new composite Betty.

'humorous' incidents, such as a kitten getting stuck in a tree, to narrate at dinner time."

Throughout her long career, Betty Crocker has promoted the idea that the way to a man's heart really is through his stomach.

In a magazine advertisement, circa 1930, reprinted in the book, she suggested her own mixes for making a "kiss and make-up cake" to top off a "splendid" dinner of beef steak and French fries when the situation called for it. Could food mend a rift? "Certain sure," she crowed.

Betty had a personality, a signature and a face, painted by artists the flour company commissioned. Betty's first art job was in 1936 and her most recent was in 1996, when ethnic diversity considerations turned those blue eyes brown. In 1955, Norman Rockwell came in second to Hilda Taylor's painting of a soft, grandmotherly Betty when five artists were asked to paint new portraits and the public was allowed to choose a favorite.

In 1965, a younger, thinner Betty Crocker painted by Joe Bower, a magazine illustrator, wears a string of pearls and has her hair in a flip; this Betty is often thought to resemble Jackie Kennedy.

Often, models were used, but for the latest Betty, a contest was held. Nominations were required to submit photos and an essay describing "Betty-like skills and qualities," as Marks puts it. The photos of 75 winners, chosen from a field of about 5,000, became a new composite Betty. Remarkably, Betty often grew younger as she aged. A matronly Betty with streaks of white in her hair eventually gave way to a more modern-looking Betty whose hair has reddish highlights. In 1986, Betty got her clogs perched.

That Betty was a far cry from the one that Peterson, the woman who worked on Big Red, remembered during the Depression and World War II. "These women were so needing a comforter and a soul mate," Peterson said of that time. "They hung on every word. They wouldn't let her go."

Marks had access to the archives of Betty's parent company, now General Mills, and she interviewed home economists who had answered letters to Betty.

Back in the '20s, there were few cookbooks around compared to today. Pan sizes were not standardized and oven temperatures fluctuated. Cooks craved help, and Betty came to the rescue.

Betty was born not long after the Washburn Crosby Co. millers and purveyors of Gold Medal Flour, offered a premium of a pinaculation, rescuing a miniature flour sack for the completion of a jigsaw puzzle that was printed in a 1921 Saturday Evening Post ad; 30,000 entries were received. Along with them came hundreds of letters asking such questions as "How long should I knead dough?" and "Why does my cake fall?"

Samuel Gale, the manager of the advertising department, was stunned but saw "the creative opportunity of a lifetime." He did not feel comfortable signing his own name to the replies, so he convinced the board of directors of the need for a friendly correspondent, such as a woman he would call Betty Crocker.

All female employees were asked to submit a Betty Crocker signature, and the plain but comely script of Florence Lindberg, a secretary, was chosen. That same signature appears on all Betty Crocker products to this day.

Betty, according to Marks' engaging chronicle, offered encouragement and kindly words in radio chats as well as by return mail and gave

women, and some men, recipes for "failure-proof" cakes and good, plain main dishes.

During the Depression, she sometimes received as many as 5,000 letters a day, and she answered every single one in her cheery, calming way. What could be more real than that?

One home economist Marks interviewed, Ruby Peterson, first worked at General Mills in 1942, then returned after a hiatus to style food for "Betty Crocker's Picture Cookbook," published in 1950, and affectionately known as "Big Red" on account of its cozy red-and-white cover.

In the first year after the book's release, Peterson recalled with pride, the book outsold the Bible, that all-time best seller. For many cooks, it was the bible.

In a telephone interview from her home in a Minneapolis suburb, Peterson said that, in that era, staff home economists typed letters and also were

guides to visitors who came to tour the company's test kitchens. "They wanted to see Betty Crocker and we would have to dance around that ... Sometimes we would say she wasn't there." Surely speaking it was true. Tissues and sympathetic words were on hand for those who wept at discovering the truth.

The trustworthy Betty seemed to understand home cooks. She offered practical help, too; she — in the person of home economists such as Peterson — did much to standardize those perplexing pan sizes.

She also dispensed good cheer and sympathy. When the cook needed what Betty termed "Special Helps" in Big Red, Betty suggested she might try "a few minutes rest (lying) on the kitchen floor, harboring pleasant thoughts, pursuing a hobby, wearing comfortable shoes, alternating sitting and standing tasks, and taking time to notice

ORANGE-GLAZED CARROTS

Makes 4 servings
1 (16-oz.) bag baby-cut carrots
1/4 cup silver almonds
1/3 cup orange marmalade
1/2 cup golden raisins, optional

1. Heat 1/2 cup water to boiling in 1 1/2- to 2-quart saucepan. Add carrots. Heat to boiling; reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until tender.
2. While carrots are cooking, spread almonds in single layer in 8- or 10-inch skillet; cook and stir over medium-high heat 4 to 7 minutes, or until lightly browned.
3. Drain carrots; return to saucepan. Stir in marmalade and raisins, if using. Cook over low heat about 1 minute, stirring constantly, until marmalade is melted. Add almonds; toss gently.

TURKEY CHILI

Makes 8 to 10 servings
2 1/2 lb. ground turkey
2 cups chopped onion (about

1. Heat 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper (1 large) 1 (28-oz.) can diced tomatoes, undrained
2. Heat 1/2-oz. cans pinto beans, undrained
1. (14-oz.) can seasoned chicken broth with roasted garlic
2. (4 1/2-oz.) cans diced green chiles, undrained
- 1/3 cup cornmeal
- 1 tbs. chili powder
- 1 tbs. dried oregano leaves
- 2 tps ground cumin
- 1 tps. salt
1. Cook turkey in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat for 5 to 8 minutes, stirring frequently, until no longer pink; drain.
2. Mix turkey, onions, bell pepper, tomatoes, pinto beans, broth and chiles in 5- to 6-quart slow cooker. Mix remaining ingredients in small bowl; stir into turkey mixture.
3. Cover and cook on a low heat setting 7 to 8 hours, or until the chili is thickened and bubbling.

Chili will hold on a low-heat setting up to 4 hours. If chili becomes too thick while holding, stir in up to 1/2 cup hot water to thin.



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FOOD & HOME

Pick the right pots and pans for the job

By M.J. McAteer
Newsday

"What kind of pots should I buy?" is the question most frequently posed to food writers, and most of us have come up with a prepared speech in response.

First, you do not need a matched set of cookware. No one material is best for all cooking tasks, and so the best "set" is one made up of mismatched pieces. The kitchens of most good home cooks are stocked with a motley assortment of equipment.

Moreover, many fancy cookware sets are not a good value because you're invariably paying for a large stockpot in what are high-price lines you've chosen. Stockpots are used to boil large quantities of liquid, and there is virtually no difference between the performance of a cheap black-and-white speckleware pot and a \$200 Calphalon set.

For more complicated tasks, the material does matter. Here's a rundown on the most common cookware materials and which tasks they are best suited for.

Cast iron gets good and hot and heats evenly. If you treat your cast-iron pan well — seasoning it initially with oil and then cleaning it with a little water — it will develop a coating that makes it almost nonstick. Cast iron is also dirt-cheap. But it has two main disadvantages: It is heavy, and it is reactive. In cookware terms, refers to materials that react chemically with food. In the case of iron, acidic foods (tomatoes, wine-based sauces) cooked in it may taste on a metallic taste and they may destroy the pan's seasoning.

Recommendations: There is no better pan for frying chicken or searing a steak or top than cast iron. I have two Lodge cast-iron skillets, a 10-inch and a 12-inch, and a 10-quart braiser (lid from the hardware store) for each.

Enamelled cast iron (e.g., Le Creuset) solves one of cast iron's main drawbacks: the enamel coating makes it completely nonreactive, and thus it's perfect for long, slow cooking. But it is still very heavy and, unlike its unenameled cousin, expensive.

Recommendations: Enamelled cast iron is the perfect material for Dutch ovens, those deep, lidded pots used to make anything from beans to braises. I have two Le Creuset Dutch ovens, a big round one for stews and beans and a slightly smaller oval one, which is better suited for braising whole chickens, lamb shanks, etc.

Aluminum is, in many ways, a good material for cookware, since it is light and a good heat

conductor. Unfortunately, it also reacts with food, getting pitted at the bright grocery stores. Otherwise, the 1970s, Calphalon introduced hard-anodized aluminum, whose gray surface has been altered electrochemically so that it is harder and less reactive. I say less reactive because after a few years of making a sauce in my Calphalon sautepan, the surface did begin to pit. Also, the dark color can make it hard to judge the color of your food.

Recommendations: I think anodized aluminum excels as a base for nonstick surfaces, and if you are set on getting nonstick cookware, consider one of the anodized aluminum lines that offers a nonstick option; for example, the nonstick Anolon Titanium. Calphalon's three nonstick lines.

Stainless steel: Unlike aluminum, stainless steel is durable, easy to clean (often dishwasher-safe) and will not react with food. It is, thus, a good material for cookware. However, stainless steel is not a good heat conductor, and so it must be combined with other materials. In cookware, this is aluminum or copper) to make a high-performance pan. The metals are usually combined in what the industry calls a three-ply sandwich in which the outer "bread" is stainless steel and the inner "filling" is aluminum or copper.

Most stainless-steel cookware relies on a sandwich base, that is, the sides of the pan are a single layer of stainless steel but the base is three-ply sandwich. The idea here is that, since most of the cooking happens on the pan's base and not along its sides, that's where you need the even-heating properties of the sandwich.

The highest-quality stainless steel pans are fully clad, that is, both the bases and the sides of the pan are clad with that three-ply sandwich. Most of the high-priced cookware brands — All-Clad, Calphalon, Viking, KitchenAid — offer fully clad lines, as do lesser-known companies such as Tramontina. (Sam's Club is currently selling an 11-piece "Tri-Ply Clad" cookware set made by Tramontina for \$128.)

Recommendations: Stainless-steel sautepans and skillets made with a sandwich base will do a perfectly fine job on almost every cooking task, but fully clad pans are better. They clean up like a dream in the dishwasher.

A few words about **ionstic cookware:** A nonstick surface discourages the development of what the French call a "fond," the caramelized substance that forms on both the food and the pan that lends depth and complexity to any dish.

Sampling stores, bite by bite

The Washington Post

They say that there is no such thing as a free lunch, but "they" must not be shopping at the right grocery stores. Otherwise, they would know that it is possible to eat lunch for nothing in the Washington area if you don't mind an eclectic menu—say, chicken pot stickers followed by salmon burgers, with a dried mango chaser. You also can't be shy about going back for seconds, because the portions are small—right? In fact,

Food demoing or in-store sampling is a sales technique that says, "Give customers a taste, and they will buy." Most supermarkets have the occasional sampling table or two, but a few grocery stores, such as Costco and Whole Foods Markets, go all out. These two chains could hardly be more different, but both are believers in the benefits of offering freebies to their customers.

Costco's sampling station Services Inc., the company that handles the food demonstrations for Costco, tracks product sales after a demo. Fully 83 percent of the time, sales increase, according to Tammie Allen, regional manager.

The sale may not happen that day, but they come back for it," she says. And customers like the practice: The trade journal Supermarket Retail Marketing recently reported that 70 percent of respondents in a 1,000-person survey said they would shop at a store if they knew it offered product samples. Of that group, 86 percent also said they would be more likely to buy a new brand if they could try it first at the store.

On a recent busy Saturday at the Leesburg, Va., Costco, a dozen food demos were in full swing. Patricia Eala, who has been demoing for 10 years, had a setup near the produce section. "Golden pineapple" was her sample du jour.

"I'm a talker," said Eala cheerfully. Being a people person is one of the main qualifications for the part-time job of food demonstrators. As she chattered, Eala was in constant motion, snatching generous pieces of pineapple with toothpicks, sticking them in paper holders and getting them out for the shoppers. She wore gloves, a plastic hair covering and an apron and has been "food safety certified" by Costco. Her supervisors are certified on food safety by the state of Virginia.

People parker and double-parked their cars to talk to and snag a taste of Eala's pineapple. Some lingered to ask questions: "How do you tell it's ripe?"

"That's the carb

count?" Others studied the nutritional information provided for the product at every demo station. Eala kept asking, "My boys are gone. And the kids are so precious. Future buyers, you know," she said.

One eager buyer was hovering nearby, working up his nerve to come close enough to take a sample. Anthony Zorb, 7, shyly reached for a piece of pineapple.

"Honey," Eala said, "you have to be sure that's OK with your mommy. That you don't have any allergies." Food demonstrators are not allowed to serve children without their parents' permission. Just then, Anthony's mother, Melanie, rolled up, her car filled with groceries and two more children. She gave Anthony the nod. She tried a piece, too. The Zorbs did not commit to buying just then, but a remarkable number of the passing carts did have the big fruit aboard.

Meanwhile, Odessa Scott, stationed at the end of an aisle in frozen foods that day, was pushing pork sausage patties. Barbara Pirrone of Delaplante, Va., was nibbling "I came to buy flowers," she said. "I didn't come to buy food." Brave words, but a definite wobble in her resolve was detectable. Sampling feeds the impulse buy.

For example, only two boxes of Margartville Calypso Coconut Shrimp (\$11.69) sold at the Leesburg Costco in the week before the product was demoed recently. As shopper Warren Grossman of Purcellville, Va., pointed out, "The quantity is so large"—Costco being a warehouse operation—"and your commitment is so big" that shoppers might have been reluctant to take a chance.

The modest goal of the shrimp sampling, Allen says, was to sell 10 boxes, but on the day of the demo, 32 went through the checkout. The food company pays about \$125 for a 6 1/2-hour demonstration. Demonstrators at Costco earn an average \$9.50 an hour, no commissions. But money seems to be of secondary importance to some of them. "I've been in food service all my life," said Erika Floro, who was handing out gnoccoli near the bakery section. "I like to work with food, and I meet so many different people. I don't like to sit home and worry about my health."

Floro is 67.

At the Whole Foods Market in Arlington, Va., some grocery carts are doll-size compared with the Incredible Hulk carriages at Costco. But the shoppers still sample, then buy on the spur of the moment.

"Our shoppers aren't familiar with the products and the brands," says Sarah Kenney, mid-Atlantic marketing director for Whole Foods, explaining why the upscale grocery chain does so much sampling.

"We expand their horizons. We've turned people on to a lot of things."

Unlike Costco, Whole Foods doesn't track sales of the products it demos. Instead, it sees sampling as a manifestation of its overall ethos of food.

"Our approach is to share the food," Kenney explains. "REI has a climbing wall, and



a bookstore lets you look at magazines. Sampling is part of our culture."

Kenney says that even Whole Foods outlets has its share of "professional samplers"—people who come in regularly to graze on the giveaways. No one minds. (No one many at Costco, either.) Whole Foods keeps its demonstrations in-house or has food vendors come in to demonstrate their own products.

Scott Schier, owner of Bell & Evans ("Our chickens eat better so you eat better") periodically comes down from Frederickburg, Pa., to do food demos in Whole Foods's Washington area stores. His "passion for chicken knows no bounds," Kenney says. "He will talk about chicken until the cows come home."

Whole Foods does lots of what it calls "passive sampling," too, meaning it has unattended, help-yourself stations scattered throughout its stores. A store might have anywhere from 10 to 40 passive sampling stations set up on a given day.

The market avoids putting out anything that might provoke an allergic reaction, and it generally supplies product labels at the sampling stations so that people with special diets can exercise due diligence.

"But can I tell people that a person put the used toothpick in the food? Is that something?" Kenney says. "I can't."

"Do I believe for a minute that anything is unsafe? I don't."

"But if people have concerns with germs, they don't need to do it."

So if food sampling is such a sure-fire sales technique, why don't all supermarkets do it big time, all the time?

Caroline Cotten Nakken, chief executive of Mass Connections, which handles sampling for many grocery chains, including Food Lion, Shoppers Food Warehouse and Harris Teeter, says that retailers have a long list of items they would like to have manufacturers spend money on—in addition to sampling.

"But, in fact, the mass merchandisers and retailers see the value in heavily supporting in-store sampling and retail entertainment, and therefore have chosen to move the funds accordingly. We have seen an increase of as much as 64 percent in in-store sampling since last year," she says.

Jamie Miller, public affairs manager for Giant Food LLC, says the Dutch-owned chain expects to expand its food demonstration scheduling in the future but doesn't plan anything on the scale of a Costco or Whole Foods.

"They haven't got on the bandwagon yet," says Allen that Saturday in Leesburg. Yet, as she surveys all the pineapple rolling past in grocery carts, "if they saw the value of it, they would do it."

Go with an energy-saving window with a view

Knight Ridder News Service

During summer months, the sunny heat that enters a home through its windows can put greater pressure on an air conditioning system, making it work two to three times harder than it normally should.

The U.S. Department of Energy offers a few insights that can help homeowners cut down on the amount of cooling that enters through windows

and ultimately save on the utilities bill.

Here are a few of window dressing ideas that can result in energy-saving measures.

- Install white window shades, drapes or blinds to reflect heat away from the house.
- Close curtains on windows situated on the south- and west-facing side of the home during the day.
- Put up awnings on south-facing windows.

- Apply sun-control reflective films on windows, especially on those that face the south.
- If you're thinking about replacing your home's windows, consider the new double-pane windows with spectrally selective coatings.

For more information about energy-saving window specifications, visit the Department of Energy's Energy Star Web site at www.energy.gov, and type "windows" inside the home page search box.

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For perfectly smoked meats, grill power may not be enough

By Joe Yanon
The Boston Globe

Where there's smoke, there's fire, but the reverse is not necessarily true, as anyone who has tried to get barbecue flavor out of a gas grill knows all too well. Gas models now make up an estimated two-thirds of the \$22-million U.S. market for grills, and the appeal is obvious: no messy charcoal, no messy ashes, no smelly lighter fluid. That makes gas the obvious choice for anyone whose primary desire when cooking outdoors is no-hassle burgers and dogs at a moment's notice. But for those seduced by the alchemy that happens when smoke slowly infuses meat — the definition of true barbecue as opposed to just something other than gas has to burn.

I tested five grills (one gas, three charcoal, one electric) and found that both high-heat grilling and low-heat barbecuing, plus one that's a low-heat smoker through and through, looked to be the easiest temperatures to achieve and maintained, how much tending they require, how easy they are to clean, and, most important, how tasty and tender they rendered steaks, baby-back ribs, and chicken thighs.

The gas grill by Vermont Castings, a solid model with heavy porcelain-coated grates and three burners, could heat up to

500 degrees within about a half hour. With one burner on, one off, and one on low, it could hold the right temperature for barbecuing (225 to 250 degrees) indefinitely. But the recommended method for producing smoke — setting a tray full of soaked wood chips right on one of the burners — resulted in fireworks that seemed to bypass the meat altogether.

An electric grill/smoker made by Traeger that burns wood pellets delivered on its promise of convenience and control, and was the most intriguing model. It lights within minutes and can hold a different temperature for hours without baby-sitting. But the meats that emerged had less smoky flavor than those cooked over lump charcoal (which produces briquettes), and in some cases had a slightly odd taste, even though the pellets are all natural.

The most traditional charcoal design was the offset-firebox model by CharBroil. You can use it for roasting, broiling or build the fire in the side box for barbecuing. The firebox has a large door for adding charcoal and dampers that you control the temperature, with some trial and error. But the design lent as tight as the others, meaning more of the smoke-caked than seemed to get into the meat.

That was not an issue with the Big Green Egg, a ceramic

model that operates like a small kiln. The design is so efficient that it can hold 700 degrees without much charcoal, and such heat can last for hours without much fuss. It's awkward to replenish charcoal when you have to, and the cooking area is quite small, especially considering the high price — but the ceramic design holds in moisture beautifully.

For the money, though, it's hard to beat good old Weber, whose name has become synonymous with grilling. The Weber Performer is an improvement on the tried-and-true kettle design, with a little propane chamber to help light the coals, and a built-in ash bucket for the easiest clean-up of any of the charcoal models. A separate charcoal tray holds a bucket to protect a bag of charcoal from the rain. And inside, hinged gates allow easy tending, while ceramic design holds in moisture for indirect cooking on the other.

One of the most devoted barbecue aficionados, however, should consider Weber's bullet-shaped Smokey Mountain Cooker. The design is simple, with a little propane chamber to help light the coals, and a built-in ash bucket for the easiest clean-up of any of the charcoal models. A separate charcoal tray holds a bucket to protect a bag of charcoal from the rain. And inside, hinged gates allow easy tending, while ceramic design holds in moisture for indirect cooking on the other.

Make the most of summer's best berry

Cox News Service

ATLANTA — Celebrate the blueberry season by showcasing them in one of these recipes:

BLUEBERRY AND LEMON CHEESE PIE

8 servings
1/8 recipe Lemon Cheese (recipe follows)
1 9-inch pre-baked pie crust
1 pint blueberries, preferably fresh (thawed and drained if frozen)
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
Prepare Lemon Cheese. Fill pre-baked crust with all but about 1/4 cup of the blueberries.

Mix Lemon Cheese with whipped cream; top blueberries with the mixture. Garnish with reserved berries. Serve within a few hours, or freeze.
Per serving: 283 calories (percent of calories from fat, 77); 3 grams protein, 38 grams carbohydrates, 1 gram fiber, 24 grams fat (14 grams saturated), 23 milligrams cholesterol, 138 milligrams sodium.

Lemon cheese
2 1/2 cups
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
Grated rind and strained juice of 3 lemons (3 tsb. rind and 1/2 cup juice)
3 eggs, beaten
In a heavy saucepan, combine sugar, butter, lemon rind

and juice and eggs. Cook gently over low heat until the mixture is thick but still falls easily from a spoon.

Do not boil or let the mixture separate. Remove from the heat and cool. Store in the refrigerator in a tightly covered jar, or freeze.

Per serving: 38 calories (percent of calories from fat, 47); less than 1 gram protein, 4 grams carbohydrates, no fiber, 2 grams fat (1 gram saturated), 18 milligrams cholesterol, 28 milligrams sodium.

BLUEBERRY COBBLER

6-8 servings
1/2 cup unsalted butter
1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup whole milk
1 cup plus 1 tbs sugar
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
2 cups blueberries
1/2 cup heavy cream, for serving
Mint, for garnish
Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the butter in a 9-by-13-

inch ovenproof serving dish or 8-inch cast iron skillet and transfer to the preheated oven to melt.

Meanwhile, combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Add the milk, 1 cup sugar and vanilla and stir to combine. In a second bowl, combine the remaining tablespoon sugar and the blueberries.

Remove the hot dish with the melted butter from the oven. Pour the batter into the hot pan. Add the sugared blueberries and return the pan to the oven. Bake until brown and the batter has risen up and around the fruit, about 30 minutes. Remove to a rack to cool slightly. Serve with ice cream and garnish with fresh mint.

Per serving, based on 6: 403 calories (percent of calories from fat, 37); 4 grams protein, 50 grams carbohydrates, 2 grams fiber, 17 grams fat (11 grams saturated), 47 milligrams cholesterol, 479 milligrams sodium.

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Early showers bring slimy devourers

The Modesto Bee

MODESTO, Calif. — A slugfest of mass proportions is going on at Dodie Moore's house.

Every evening after sunset, the Modesto woman ventures into her garden, poised to duke it out with her sworn enemies: the snails and slugs feasting on her precious plants. They've hungered for Moore's hostas. Made mincemeat of her marigolds. So she started fighting back. Nighttime is the best time to find them, she said. Armed with a bucket of water and gloves, she rummages through foliage and flowers, looking for the slimy critters. And when she finds one, she drops it into her bucket, sending it to a watery demise.

"I get so much joy plopping them into that bucket," said Moore, who has a long list of wildlife in the garden. "I have no love for snails and slugs."

Many gardeners echo Moore's sentiments. Mild winters and a heavy, prolonged rainy season can make snails and slugs particularly troublesome, which is the case this year.

"Snails and slugs are creatures that thrive under cool, moist conditions," said Ed Perry, an adviser with the University of California Cooperative Extension in Stanislaus County. "And this spring has been ideal for their development."

Snails and slugs typically hibernate in topsoil during very cold weather. And when conditions are hot and dry, snails retreat into their shells, seal themselves off and become inactive.

But with this year's plentiful rains and mild winter temperatures, snails and slugs haven't had much downtime. "That's the basic reason they've been so much trouble," Perry said.

Debra Hunter agrees. "They

are bad this year. Horrible," said Hunter, co-owner of Shamrock Nursery in Oakdale, Calif.

Hunter said customers have bombarded the nursery looking for ways to combat the pests. The deluge for anti-snail and slug products started in mid-March and hasn't let up, she said. Hunter's customers have told her the pests have been relentless, eating just about everything — flowers, foliage, fruits and vegetables. One person said snails and slugs ate an entire flat of freshly planted flowers in one night.

Native to Europe, snails were introduced to California by French immigrants who brought them over as a food source, escargot, a French delicacy.

One reason their numbers are so great is that snails and slugs are hermaphrodites, and all have the potential to lay eggs. Perry explained. An adult brown garden snail can lay 70 to 80 eggs at a time, up to six times a year. It takes about two years for a snail to reach maturity.

Slugs lay fewer eggs at a time — three to 40 — and mature faster, usually in six to eight weeks.

"So you have a big population and every one of them are laying eggs," Perry said. "Those populations are just exploding."

So, what's a gardener to do? First, try eliminating conditions that make the garden hospitable to the bothersome critters. Remove their daytime

hiding places such as mulch, boards, stones and weedy, shaded areas.

If your garden includes ivy or other thick ground cover or vegetation, that's where they'll be held up during the day," Perry said.

With their hiding places minimized, note which abatement methods will work best for your circumstances.

Some options: Baits with the ingredient methaldyde are among the most common, but they are poisonous.

(Not an optimal choice for people with children, dogs and cats and lots of beneficial wildlife in their garden. Also, manufacturers warn users to avoid getting methaldyde on plants and vegetables.)

Relatively recent addition to the anti-snail and slug arsenal are products containing iron phosphate.

The pests eat it and it makes them feel full, so they stop eating and eventually die. Brand names include Sluggo and Escar-go.

"It's safer to use around pets and wildlife," Moore said. People who have an advantage of working as fertilizer material," Perry added.

"It can be used around vegetables, fruit and ornamental trees, and there's no danger to their crops."

"Just the thing people who object to is the length of time it takes to kill them. They have to feed a number of days before they ingest a lethal amount."

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How Does Your Garden Grow?

By Ronita Adley
Gardens are beautiful, but underneath that beauty lurks real dangers that could kill your four-legged friends. These dangers come in the form of pesticides and fertilizers. Flowers, vegetables and fruits. A little knowledge about what is and isn't pet friendly can save the life of your four-legged friend down the road.

cal-free products on the market today. For a safe alternative to pesticides, use plain old water. Spider mites, aphids or ticks are easy to dislodge with water, and after a day or two, they can be washed away. For a more serious problem, apply a teaspoon of dish soap to a gallon of water with a garden sprayer.

Some plants that are considered toxic are:
• Aloe • Avocado • Clematis • Daffodil
• Lily of the Valley • Nightshade • Tulip

Some non-toxic plants are:
• Acorn squash • African violet • Banana
• Butterfly • Camellia • Garden marigold
• Irish moss

While most fruits and vegetables pose few toxic hazards, there are some exceptions. Garlic, onions and chives all contain compounds that can cause anemia, if ingested. Tomatoes and potatoes contain alkaloids that can cause nervous disorders and severe digestive upset. Fruits, such as apples, plums, cherries, apricots and peaches, all contain seeds

that have toxic chemicals and can cause fatal seizures if ingested.

Here are some other hints that may prove helpful:
• If you dog chews on the sprayer nozzle, get a teaspoon of dish soap to a gallon of water with a garden sprayer.

• Try motion detector sprinkler systems.
• To stop dogs from digging in the same place, bury their waste in the hole and cover it.
• For yellow areas in your yard that result from water, douse them with water.

• Cover your flower bed or garden with chicken wire or some sort of mesh covering to stop them from digging around. Also try lemon or orange peels.

Finally, if you can't bear "em, let 'em go. Designate a cat or dog friendly area. For cats, plant friendly plants such as catmint. For dogs, give them their own place to dig and let them dig now.

A garden should be a thing of beauty, not a thing of danger. You love spending time with your four-legged companion. Wouldn't it be nice for the two of you to spend it outdoors in your garden enjoying what nature has to offer?

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Summer soups: What's hot and what's not

So what do you serve for dinner on a summer day when you want something light, but you're tired of salads? How about soup? Cold soups have earned a bad rap, because most people don't understand them. I questioned many people and most envision something thick and creamy or else a fruit concoction, resembling pureed cantaloupe.

Though there are cold fruit soups that are very tasty, they have not gained much popularity in America. As my Uncle Hank used to say, "You can take pumpkin pie out of the oven and put it in a bowl, but that doesn't make it soup. It's just pie filling, without a crust." Unfortunately, most Americans share a similar sentiment, and thus cold fruit soups may never really make their mark on the family table.

On the other hand, cold savory soups have gained some degree of respectability. Two in particular are gazpacho and vichyssoise, which are making their presence known among American cuisine.

Gazpacho is a cold tomato-based vegetable soup of Spanish origin, which has been around for hundreds of years.

Vichyssoise is an American creation, which developed a dedicated following nearly a hundred years ago, after appearing on the menu at the posh Ritz Carlton Hotel in New York City. A soup of pureed potatoes and leeks, made smooth with heavy cream, this cold soup supplies a light, yet filling fare to any meal.

Though these are the most popular, don't just confine your cold soup experience with gazpacho and vichyssoise. As this is the height of the fresh vegetable season, give other pureed offerings a try. Some good choices to start with would be avocado, beet, carrot and even my Uncle Hank's favorite—pumpkin.

As a start on your soup collection, I have provide two classic cold soup recipes, gazpacho and vichyssoise, as well as four tasty hot soups (including Uncle Hank's pumpkin soup), which are relatively easy to make. Give them a try and I think you'll agree that soups, either hot or cold, definitely have a place on the summer dinner table.

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- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1/2 cup chopped red pepper
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic puree
- 1/4 cup flour
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup fish stock

- One can whole kernel corn
- 1 tsp. white pepper
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1/2 tsp. thyme
- 1/2 tsp. rosemary
- 4 cups heavy cream
- 2 lbs. cooked salad shrimp
- 1 lbs. chopped fresh parsley (for garnish)

In a sauce pan over low heat, melt butter. Add leeks and onions and sweat for 7 minutes, until tender, but not brown. Add potatoes and spices and cook covered—for 10 minutes. Add chicken broth and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer and cook, covered for 30 minutes.

Place soup in a food processor and puree until smooth. Place in refrigerator and cool completely. Right before serving, stir in cream, sour cream and chives, blending until smooth. Garnish with parsley.

Calories: 298, Carbs: 44.3 g

- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. thyme
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 lbs. chopped fresh chives

In a sauce pan over low heat, melt butter. Add leeks and onions and sweat for 7 minutes, until tender, but not brown. Add potatoes and spices and cook covered—for 10 minutes. Add chicken broth and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer and cook, covered for 30 minutes.

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TOM KA GAI (THAI CHICKEN SOUP)

- Serves 4
- 1 lbs. peanut oil
- 2 lbs. grated fresh ginger
- 2 lbs. chopped chives
- 1 tsp. lemon zest
- 1 tsp. garlic puree
- 1 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp. crushed coriander seeds
- 1 tsp. turbin
- 1/2 tsp. anise
- 1 1/2 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut in thin strips
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced onion
- 2 cups chopped bok choy

- 2 cups chicken broth
- Two 10-oz. cans coconut milk
- 1/4 cup fish sauce
- 1 tsp. white pepper
- 2 lbs. chopped fresh cilantro
- In a hot Dutch oven, heat oil. Add next 8 ingredients (ginger through anise) and sauté for 2 minutes. Add chicken and onion and sauté 5 minutes. Add bok choy and sauté 3 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 35-40 minutes.
- Calories: 290, Carbs: 10.4 g

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 tsp. dried rubbed sage
- 1/2 tsp. curry powder
- 1/4 tsp. ground allspice
- 3 cans chicken flour
- 3 cans chicken broth
- 1 lbs. tomato paste
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 cups cubed peeled fresh pumpkin (1 lb.)
- 1 cup chopped peeled apple
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream

salt, stirring well with a whisk. Stir in pumpkin and apple; bring to a boil.

Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 25 minutes or until pumpkin is tender, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; cool slightly.

Place mixture in a blender or food processor; process until smooth. Return mixture to Dutch oven; add milk. Cook until thoroughly heated. Garnish with a dollop of sour cream.

Calories 180, Carbs 26.7g; Total Fat 5.3g

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BLACK BEAN AND SALSA SOUP

- Serves 8
- 1 lb. chopped bacon
- Four 15-oz. cans black beans
- 2 cups chopped tomatoes
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup chopped green bell peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow bell peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup chopped jalapeno
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. turbin
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. garlic puree
- 1 cup mashed avocado (for garnish)
- 1 lbs. paprika (for garnish)

In a hot Dutch oven, brown bacon. In a food processor, combine bacon, bacon grease, beans and remaining ingredients (except garnish). Pulse until blended, but still chunky.

Pour bean mixture into Dutch oven and cook, covered, over medium-low heat for 1 hour. Served topped with a dollop of avocado and a sprinkle of paprika.

Calories: 254, Carbs: 33.2 g

SOUTHWESTERN GAZPACHO

- Serves 12
- One 15-oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup tomatoes, diced
- 1 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped red pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- One 46-oz. can tomato juice
- 1 lbs. chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tsp. garlic puree
- 1 tsp. turbin
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1/2 tsp. lemon zest
- 1/2 tsp. chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup sour cream

In a bowl, combine vegetables. Toss to mix thoroughly.

In a food processor, thoroughly combine oil, vinegar, tomato juice and spices. Pour over vegetable mix and chill for 2-4 hours.

Calories: 188, Carbs: 23.4 g

CAJUN SHRIMP SOUP

- Serves 12
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup chopped onion

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AA Cowboys host Madison for a doubleheader.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I don't know who to yell at when it doesn't work.

—Denver Nuggets Coach George Karl on why he hates a zone defense.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What head coach has the most career playoff wins and how many?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School Rodeo
State Finals, Pocatello, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Legion baseball
Madison Cats at Twin Falls AA, DH, Walker Field, 5 p.m.
Twin Falls A at Burley, DH, 6 p.m.
Minico at Omaha, Neb. Tournament

IN BRIEF

Goodbody earns scholarship award

WENDELL — Wendell High School track standout Jaymie Goodbody was recently honored as one of the nation's top student athletes by the eighth annual Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year awards. As one of 25 winners, Goodbody will receive a \$7,500 college scholarship and be featured in special milk mustache ads to run in future issues of USA Today, Sports Illustrated, and ESPN magazines.

Maguire places well at senior games

PITTSBURGH — Twin Falls' AJ Maguire recently finished third in the men's age 75-80 200-yard breast stroke at the 2005 Summer National Senior Games at the University of Pittsburgh. Over the five-day event, Maguire kept busy, fifth in the 50-yard breast stroke, fourth in the 100-yard breast stroke, 11th in the 200-yard individual medley, and 13th in the 100-yard individual medley.

BSU releases hoops schedule

Boise State released its men's basketball schedule recently for the 2005-2006 season. The schedule features 28 regular season and two exhibition games, including 15 home games at Taco Bell Arena. Boise State will entertain four non-conference games to open the season on Friday, Nov. 18. The meeting between the Broncos and Grizzlies will be the season's first. The season's first Western Athletic Conference game is against Louisiana Tech on Thursday, Jan. 5, at home.

CSI hosts girls team hoops camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will host its girls basketball fall camp June 27-30. Check in is after 8 p.m. Sunday, June 26 at the Idaho State Fairgrounds. For girls in grades 7-12. Boasting Campers, bring bedding or a sleeping bag, pillow, and personal items. The fee is \$125 for Team Day Camp and \$225 for Team Boarding Camp. This camp is designed to give high school coaches a chance to let their kids develop individual as well as team skills. The camp will consist of a four-part teaching method — team games, team practices, individual offensive and defensive fundamentals and motivation activities. Each team will play 12 games, one each morning and two in the afternoon. Individual campers will be assigned to a team. Each team will get a chance to have a practice session with their own teams. These sessions will give a coach a chance to work on offensive or defensive strategies.

Compiled from staff reports
TRIVIA ANSWER:
Phil Jackson, 175.

Pistons force Game 7

Annika is great, but it's still women's golf

Detroit ties NBA Finals at 3-3 with 95-86 victory

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press writer
SAN ANTONIO — The identity of the next NBA champion will not be known for another good day — not until Game 7 of a suddenly suspenseful series is over. Chauncey Billups, Richard Hamilton and the Detroit Pistons weren't ready to concede their title, and Tim Duncan's San Antonio Spurs weren't quite good enough to earn it Tuesday night. Behind the scoring of their guards and several clutch plays from foul-plunged Rasheed Wallace down the stretch, the defending champions displayed the resiliency they've become known for as they defeated San Antonio 95-86 in Game 6 of the NBA Finals to send the championship series will to a winner-take-all game for the first time since 1989. Billups made five of the Pistons' eight 3-pointers as they matched their long-range output from the first five games combined. Billups scored 21, Hamilton had 23 and Wallace 16 for the Pistons, who played at their peak despite being on the brink of elimination — just as they did in the Eastern Conference Finals against Miami earlier this month. Coach Larry Brown won an NBA playoff game for the 100th time as an NBA coach, breaking a tie with Red Auerbach for third-most in league history, shaking hands with and hugging Spurs coach Gregg Popovich as the game ended. There were 25 lead changes and seven ties in the first three quarters before Detroit built a seven-point lead early in the fourth quarter and stayed ahead the rest of the way, handing the Spurs just their sixth home loss in 51 games at the SBC Center this season. Now, the Pistons will have to try to become the first team in finals history to win the last two games on the road. But given what they've done over the past two seasons, refusing to quit when circumstances are at their dire, they have to be considered a legitimate candidate to make a



Detroit Pistons guard Chauncey Billups goes to the hoop as Richard Hamilton, left and San Antonio's Tim Duncan watch during the third quarter in Game 6 of the NBA Finals in San Antonio, Tuesday.



San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker of France, falls down as Detroit's Richard Hamilton goes for the ball during the first quarter in Game 6 of the NBA Finals in San Antonio, Tuesday.

little more history. "We can fight any odds," Wallace said. "You know, a lot of

people thought we were going to be out tonight, but — they had their Cristal ready and all

that stuff, but — hey, we're going to pop it Thursday." Please see PISTONS, Page D2

CSI Rodeo finishes season at nationals

Munns takes sixth in bareback

The Times-News
CASPER, Wyo. — The College of Southern Idaho rodeo team finished its season Saturday at the 56th Golden National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. The Golden Eagles team finished in 17th place with 190 points. Tarleton State University Texans of Stephenville, Texas

swept the men's and women's points standings. Tarleton State is only the fifth school to sweep the team standings. CSI sophomore bareback rider Bud Munns capped off a successful season, finishing sixth in his competition. Munns scored a 75-point ride in the finals. His 300.5 points was 9.5 points back of first-place rider and all-around winner Ben Londo of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Munns cleared each of his four rides, scoring a 79 on his first, 72 on the second, and 73.5 on the third to qualify for the finals. Ryan Mackenzie cleared his last saddle bronc ride, scoring a 66.5 to finish tied for 34th. Calvin Wright failed to score a qualifying saddle bronc ride, as did Mark Fisher and Sky Grant in bull riding. Grant finished 35th in the bareback standings, after clearing his second ride for 36.5 points. Sophomore Koril Ochoa finished 21st in tie-down roping, scoring times of 13.6 and 8.8 seconds. The Idaho State University men finished last (62nd) in the team standings with 10 points, while the Bengals women tied with McNeese State for 30th with 25 points. The University of Idaho women finished 34th with 13.3 points.

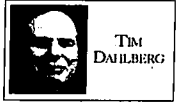
Lawn mowers not just for chores anymore

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press writer
OREGON, Ill. — That riding lawn mower must look like much more than the garage, crammed between bikes and shovels and rakes. Even when it's out in the yard, putting along, it seems more Forrest Gump than Mark Twain. Strip off the cutting blades and give it room to run, though, and the tame gardening tool is transformed into a rumbbling racer that can burn some serious soot. Capable of reaching speeds up to 90 mph, even NASCAR enthusiasts have to appreciate these "mowchines." "People think it's just a lawn mower," said Greg Hinchell, whose mower of choice is a 1958 Springfield. "But it's a true racing machine." Race ahead, snicker all you want. What started as a whim 13 years ago has grown so popular there are now more than 100 races a year all over the United States. The U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association will have 14 points races this year and local chapters run dozens more, including divisions for children 9-15. The national championships are televised and a video game is in the works. There's no prize money, but some drivers have sponsors.



Tim Kluge, left, and Art Heaville, right, lean into a turn during their IHOW class race at the U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association's 57A-BU Central Illinois Regional, June 11, in Mendota, Ill. And that's just in the United States. In England, where the sport began, they've been chewing up grass for more than 30 years. Please see MOWERS, Page D4

It should be one of the best sports stories of this year, or any year. On Thursday Annika Sorenstam tees it up in the U.S. Women's Open. By Sunday, she's likely to be one major championship away from winning it. Grand Slam, some hitting no golf — male or female — has ever done.



TIM DAHLBERG

This is historic stuff, the kind that happens only occasionally in anyone's lifetime. It's akin to a team winning the Super Bowl four straight years, a pitcher throwing back-to-back no hitters, or a horse winning the Triple Crown. So, what time does Michelle Wie tee off anyway? At a time she should be celebrated. Sorenstam's pursuit of one of golf's legendary goals isn't exactly turning the sports world upside down. Even now, as she goes for her third straight major championship at Cherry Hills Country Club in Denver, most of golf is still talking about Tiger Woods' missed opportunity at Pinehurst.

That's not likely to change this weekend, even if she is on the cusp of making history. For all of Sorenstam's greatness, a 15-year-old high school sophomore who hits the ball long and wears earrings nearly as long as is the casual fan the more interesting player in women's golf. Blame it on Sorenstam, whose personality just doesn't lead itself to stardom. This, after all, is a player who used to intentionally miss puts while a junior because she didn't want to give a victory speech. Or blame it on the fact that it's still women's golf, a sport that ekes out an existence deep in the shadow of the men's tour even when it has a story line much better than the one written over the weekend at Pinehurst No. 2.

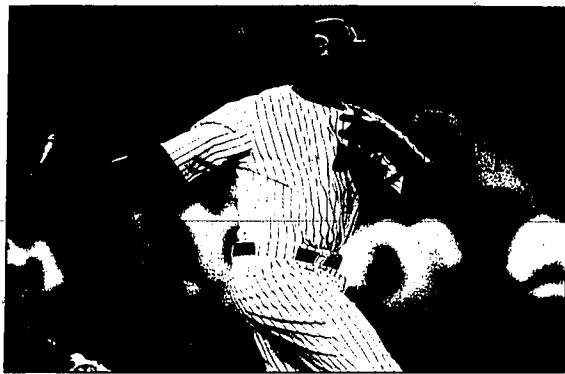
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It's not really Sorenstam's fault her historic quest has failed to capture the imagination of anyone outside the insular world of women's golf. She's pleasant enough, smiles easily and plays her socks off. But she has no rinks and is so dominant that fans simply expect her to win every week. When she does win, she does it so methodically there is little to get excited about.

And the hard facts of sports are that the audience is limited for all women's sports. Men don't watch women's sports of any type in large numbers, while women are more likely to watch men's sports. That's the feature of their own gender. If you don't believe that, look at the dismal ratings for the WNBA. It doesn't help that Sorenstam, despite vast improvement over the years, is painfully bland on camera and off. After winning the LPGA Championship, she had this to say about her goal of winning all four majors: "I know it's going to be a lot of pressure," she said. "That's the goal I set, and if I want to achieve my goal, that's what I will have to accept." The pressure will grow at Cherry Hills, where the rough is

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SPORTS



New York Yankees Bernie Williams hits a three run triple against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays during the eighth inning at Yankee Stadium in New York, Tuesday. The Yankees defeated the Devil Rays 20-11.

No pitchers' duel in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — The Yankees scored 13 runs in the eighth inning, overcoming an early eight-run deficit. Bernie Williams pitched the Yankees ahead with a bases-loaded triple in the eighth, and Gary Sheffield had his second three-run homer of the game. Derek Jeter led a career high with five hits and scored a career-best five runs. Sheffield had seven RBIs and Williams drove in five runs for New York, which trailed 10-2 after four innings. Randy Johnson lasted just three innings for the Yankees — his shortest outing in nearly five years. He allowed seven runs. Sheffield, Alex Rodriguez and Hideki Matsui hit consecutive homers in the eighth, and Jorge Posada also connected for the Yankees in the eighth, who had a 13-run second inning during a 19-8 victory over Tampa Bay on April 18.

Reliever Buddy Groom (1-0) worked 1 1/3 innings. Travis Harper (1-6) took the loss. **White Sox 5, Royals 1** CHICAGO — Jon Garland allowed four hits in 2 1/3 innings and became the major league's first 12-game winner. Scott Podsednik went 3-for-4 with one RBI for the White Sox, who have won six straight. Garland (12-2) struck out two and walked one in his fourth straight win. Terrence Long led off the ninth with his third homer to knock out Garland. Zack Greinke (1-8) struck out a career-high eight for the Royals, but gave up five runs and seven hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Tigers 7, Twins 2 MINNEAPOLIS — Jeremy Bonderman allowed five hits in his first complete game of the season as Detroit handed Minnesota its eighth loss in 11 games. Charlie Young had a two-run homer, Chris Shelton a two-run single and Placido Polanco three hits for the Tigers, who have won six of seven. Bonderman (9-4) walked two and struck out nine in winning his third straight start. It was his third career complete game, the other two shutouts last season. Kyle Lohse (5-6) gave up six runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings and lost his third straight start. **Red Sox 9, Indians 2** CLEVELAND — David Ortiz homered twice in the fourth, five and Bronson Arroyo scattered four hits to lead the Boston Red Sox over the Cleveland Indians 9-2 Tuesday night. Ortiz's fourth multihome game this season helped Boston to its third straight win after eighth in the game. He leads the AL with six RBIs for Boston, 40-30 and a season-

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Pirates 11, Nationals 4 PITTSBURGH — Matt Lawton homered and had five RBIs as Pittsburgh won for the second time in nine games. Lawton's two-run shot in the sixth inning and David Ross' double off Luis Ayala and gave the Pirates a 7-4 lead. Lawton and Daryle Ward had two-run doubles in the eighth. Oliver Perez (6-5) shook off Brad Wilkerson's leadoff homer in the first inning and led 1-0 after five. Starter Ryan Drese (1-1) allowed five runs and eight hits in three-plus innings as the Nationals lost only their fifth in 22 games. **Cubs 4, Brewers 2** MILWAUKEE — Derek Lee and Aramis Ramirez homered, and Jerome Williams won his Chicago Cubs debut. Williams (1-2) made his first start since being acquired from the San Francisco 49ers. Williams allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings. He struck out a season-high six. Ryan Dempster got his 10th save, retiring pinch-hitter Jeff Cirillo with one out to end it. **Braves 5, Marlins 0** ATLANTA — John Smoltz pitched his first shutout in six years and Andrew Jones hit his 20th homer — a two-run shot — for the Braves. Smoltz (7-5) fanned Matt Tremoney twice in the second, to pass Jack Morris for 28th place on the career strikeout list with 2,479. The 38-year-old Smoltz, who earned 154 saves as Atlanta's closer before returning to the rotation this year, allowed just five hits in his 15th career shutout. Smoltz struck out six, walked two and won his third straight start. A.J. Burnett (4-5) pitched

State rodeo rolls out the chutes

By Mark Uptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — A long time ago, a rodeo man said, "There's no substitute for experience." He was right. It doesn't matter if it's the workplace, the business world or the sports arena, experience counts for a lot. With the 2005 Idaho High School State Rodeo Finals underway at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello, the question was asked, "How much does it help to have been here before?"

Some of the area competitors felt it certainly was a factor. But how much depended on who was speaking. "It's an advantage," Hagerman's Dusty Vader immediately said. Vader is back for his second go-around. The District V Champion in steer wrestling made his first appearance in Pocatello last year. "I was nervous, and I know it affects my performance," Vader said. "When you first get here you look around and there's a lot more people watching the animals are so strange and you get nervous."

This year I know what to do. I just have to go out and do it." Cary's Amanda Hill wasn't as sure about the experience factor.

"It does help knowing the grounds and it helps your animals, but to be honest, I'm just nervous this time as the past two years," she said.

Hill is competing in pole bending, breakaway roping and team roping among other events.

"I'd just like to make the top 20 and see what happens from there," Hill said.

Vader's goal sounded similar. "I just want to do better than last year — like I said, I was nervous."

The Finals started Monday with Wood River's Kade Smith performing brilliantly in his last go to take the boys title in the show category event. Smith and his horse, Peanut, Butter, worked as one, grabbing a score of 147.5 and grabbing a title. Tyler Wines finished second, taking Hill's Ted Walker took third. "Kimberly's Shae Prescott and horse Smart Little Creebar won two of the three go-rounds for a total score of 433."

Like Smith she'll be going to the National High School Rodeo Finals in Gillette, Wyo., July 18-24.

Tuesday morning saw the first go in a number of events including pole bending, steer wrestling, goat tying, breakaway roping, team roping, calf roping and bareback riding. Cody Luper of Jerome was in first place in bareback riding with the first go. Casey Scheer picked up a 137-1 second time in the 66 go of breakaway roping, and Chandler Chaplin from District VI recorded a time 29.66 seconds in the first round of the calf roping competition.

Filer's Kyle VanZeezen scored a 21.87-second calf rope, while Wilkerson teamed Casey Scheer scored a 137-1 second breakaway roping time in her first go. Ralf Rivers' Brennan Gibson topped a 8.5 in breakaway roping. Gooding's Cady Mae Coates started strong in goat tying, finishing in 9.78 seconds in the first round. A action continued with more first go performances on Tuesday night and will resume Wednesday morning. Second go action starts Thursday morning.

Local sports

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Tigers sweep Wranglers on road

The Times-News

HAILEY — The Jerome Tigers swept a conference doubleheader Tuesday, downing host Marsh Falls 7-0 and 8-7 in a weather-shortened Game 2. The 6-5 Tigers improved to 6-4 in the series play thanks to a few shutdown pitching performances on the day. Brady Black pitched a gem in Game 1, allowing only one run while striking out five Wrangler batters and walking only one. "He pitched extremely well," Tigers manager Jim Peterson said. "He kept the ball low, threw a lot of strikes, and pretty well shut them down. It was one of his best outings I've ever seen."

Trainer Preston Hills clubbed a RBI-double to help the Tigers, but solid defense was the key. "Our defense backed (Black) up," Hills said. "We just did the small stuff that put us on the winning end."

Wood River's Jimmy Pearson finished 2-for-3 with a triple in Game 1.

National League

Reds 11, Cardinals 4 CINCINNATI — Backup catcher Javy Valencia had a three-run homer and four RBIs to help Cincinnati to an 11-4 victory Tuesday night over the St. Louis Cardinals in Jerry Narron's debut as interim manager of the Reds.

Narron, Dave Milroy's bench coach since the start of the 2004 season, was promoted earlier Tuesday when Milroy was fired, along with pitching coach Don Cowart, after the Reds' 27-43 start.

Joe Randa hit a solo homer and Felipe Lopez doubled with two runs batted in to back Brandon Claitor (4-4), who allowed three runs in six innings. Loser Jason Marquis (8-5) gave up seven hits and 10 runs — six earned — in 2 1/3 innings.

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Both the Tigers and Wranglers will head to Arimo on Friday for the Marsh Falls tournament. Jerome opens at 10:30 a.m. against Shelby.

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SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Baseball
College World Series, Game 11, ESPN, 12 p.m.
College World Series, Game 12, ESPN2, 6 p.m.
Red Sox at Indians, ESPN, 6 p.m.
Diamondbacks at Giants, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
Athletics at Mariners, FSNW, 8 p.m.

Soccer

Copa Confederaciones 2005, Mexico vs. Delede Franfort, UNIVISION, 12:30 p.m.

Tennis

Wimbledon Championships, early round, ESPN CLASSIC, 6 a.m.
Wimbledon Championships, early round, ESPN2, 8 a.m.

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, and games in progress.

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Table showing box scores for AL games.

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RUPEE COUNTRY CLUB WILL HOST GOLF CLINIC

The thought of a boycott is there, Walsh said. The whole thing has been on my brain for weeks. It's not something I'm concerned about all the time but there in my subconscious. This has a huge impact on us. And that of a boycott is very damaging to our players.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

At The All England Tennis & Cricket Club, Wimbledon, London, England, June 21-22 (AP) (5/27)

GOODING CARDED BY GOODING MAN

GOODING — Skeet Donaldson of Gooding carded a hole-in-one on Gooding Country Club's 18th hole Saturday.

NBA REACHES NEW BARGAINING AGREEMENT

NEW YORK — A minimum age of 19 will be eligible to play in the NBA as part of a three-year collective bargaining tentatively agreed to Tuesday by owners and players, averting the possibility of a lockout.

BLACKWATKS HIRE NEW GM, WHO FIRES OLD COACH

CHICAGO — The Chicago Blackhawks hired a new GM as their new general manager Tuesday, and he wasted no time firing coach Brian Sutter.

ITALY BEATS USA 3-1 IN WORLD YOUTH CHAMPS

ENSCHDEDE, Netherlands — Freddy Adu and the U.S. team crashed out of the third round of the World Youth Championships on Tuesday with a second-half meltdown.

REDS FIRE MILLEY; NARRON NAMED INTERIM MANAGER

CINCINNATI — The last-place Cincinnati Reds fired manager Dave Milley on Tuesday and promoted bench coach Jerry Narron to finish the season.

MAY, WALSH DRAWS BOYCOTT THREATS

BERLIN, Germany — Defending Olympic world champion Misly May and Kent Walsh ignored the threat of a boycott triggered by their late inclusion at the World Volleyball World Championships, sweeping through the first two rounds Tuesday.

TRANSACTIONS

CHICAGO CHIEFS — The Chicago Chiefs signed free agent wide receiver Mike Anderson to a one-year contract.

Greg Middy's Factory Certified Pick of the Week advertisement featuring Ford Explorer 4dr, Ranger X-cab, and F-150 X-cab with prices and contact information.

SPORTS

Back to Illinois for Brown

By Nell Milbert
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — An untimely break went Illinois' way Monday.

"I'm pulling my name out of the NBA draft," Dec Brown announced in Champaign, Ill., meaning the Big Ten's Player of the Year is returning for his senior year at Illinois.

Although it seemed a foregone conclusion that Brown would withdraw by Tuesday's decision deadline after breaking his right foot in a game at the NBA predraft camp at Moody Bible Institute and undergoing surgery two days later, according to the 6-foot guard "it was tough deciding it wasn't a no-brainer."

"Injuries are setbacks, but I thought at the time maybe I could recover and by the time (the NBA season would start) I'd be ready to play," Brown said. "I had a meeting with Cleveland and the Los Angeles Clippers. All of them said good things about me, but (basically) they said the same thing—in this draft I wouldn't be a first-round pick because of my injury."

"Everything happens for a reason. I'm a strong believer in that," he said. "I know that about another year down at Champaign? I'm thinking about getting my degree and playing another year before these wonderful fans. Every one of my

family loves Champaign. I can attend (summer) school and take this math class I need to graduate.

"Most importantly, I can get a bachelor's degree, which no one in my family has ever done. I can get a degree from one of the best universities in the country. I looked at all the positives. I decided to come back."

For the time being, Brown is hobbling to class on crutches and is a student rather than an athlete. He only needs the credit for the summer math class and a full internship to earn his degree at the end of the first semester. To maintain his eligibility during the second semester, he plans to take elective courses that will allow him to concentrate on the basketball comeback that he plans to embark on in late August.

"The most important thing is getting Dec healthy," coach Bruce Weber said. "I'm hoping that he can come back 100 percent and then work his way up to where he is a bona fide No. 1 guard in the Big Ten."

The Illini were ranked No. 1 most of last season, finishing 37-2 after losing to North Carolina in the national title game.

Last season Brown dramatically improved his shooting, sinking 49.9 percent of his field-goal attempts and 43.4 percent of his three-point shots while averaging 13.3 points per game.

Eagle Co. was looking for a new way to market one of its products, said Ken Jones, USLMRA's race commissioner.

"When you start telling them about them, it's like, 'I've got to cut the lawn that way,'" Jones said. "To see the technology guys are taking from other racing forums and putting into mowers, it's fascinating for people to see that they actually look like how they sound and how fast they go."

And they can go fast. Really fast.

Two of the USLMRA's classes — IMOW and stock — are designed for the grassroots racer, with only slight modifications added to machines found in backyards across the country. The other divisions — BP, AP, SP and FX — are for drivers who crave speed.

Mowers in the BP category, for example, have engines with up to 20 horsepower, and their top speeds range from 30 to 50 mph. FX (factory experimental) mowers would leave grass stains on those slowpokes in the right lane if they ever got on the open road.

"I've run 91 on a lawn mower," said George Herrin, the USLMRA's driver of the year last year. "Another race I averaged 70 miles per hour. That put me running about 89 on the straightaway."

"And that mower? Had to be some souped-up special that doesn't resemble anything sold at the local hardware store, right? Nope. All mowers have to be originally designed to cut residential lawns and sold first through a dealer.

"I cut grass with that mower before I raced it. Six acres," Herrin said. "It was a really good grass cutter. But I needed the chassis."

That's the kind of practicality that got this sport moving in the first place.

Back in 1973, some racing fans were sitting in a British pub, complaining about the high cost of motor sports. Whether it was cars, go-karts or motorcycles, the average salaried man was being priced out of participating in the sport.

According to the British Lawn Mower Racing Association's Web site, somebody in the group said, "Everybody has a lawn mower. Let's race those." And that's the grass was never cut the same.

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Henin-Hardenne upset at Wimbledon

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — French Open winner Justine Henin-Hardenne ran out of comebacks Tuesday and lost in the first round at Wimbledon.

The Belgian became the first Roland Garros women's champion since 1962 to lose her opening match at Wimbledon when she was beaten by Eleni Danilidou of Greece, 7-6 (8), 2-6, 7-5.

Seeded seventh, Henin-Hardenne won the second set to pull even, ensnared a 4-2 deficit in the final set to reach 4-1, then overcame two match points in the 10th game for 5-1. But she double-faulted twice in the final game, including on the last point when her weary serve clipped the net cord.

Two-time champion Serena Williams playing her first match since May 11, won the final five games to beat fellow American Angela Haynes 6-7 (12), 6-4, 6-2.

The men's French Open champion, 19-year-old Rafael Nadal, wore his clamdigger trousers on Centre Court and beat American Vince Spadua 6-4, 6-3, 6-0.

Henin-Hardenne took two weeks off between tournaments to rest a lingering hamstring injury and said she felt rusty as a result. The match was her first on grass in two years, and she acknowledged that nerves were a problem at times.

"Playing on clay and then coming here, it's so different," she said. "You change everything. It's not in a few days you get used to it."

Danilidou, ranked 76th, came to Wimbledon with a 7-11 record this year but has enjoyed some of her best results on grass and played with poise down the stretch.



Eleni Danilidou, of Greece, returns to Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne during a first round match in Wimbledon Tuesday. Danilidou won 7-6 (8) 2-6, 7-5.

"Justine is a great player, but everyone is a little shaky at times during a match," Danilidou said. "I think today I was a little bit better with that."

Maria Sharapova opened her bid for a second successive Wimbledon title by defeating Nuria Llagostera Vives 6-2, 6-2. Sharapova displayed her familiar grass-court flair and unveiled shoes trimmed with 18-karat gold.

"I just need some wings, and I feel like I can fly," she said. "They're great shoes. I've been getting a lot of compliments."

Her game warranted acclaim, too. She hit six aces, crossed the one-of-her-kind serve and belted winners into both corners from the baseline.

Ivo Karlovic, at 6-foot-10 the tallest player in tennis, tied an ATP Tour record with 51 aces but lost a 4-hour, 17-minute marathon to lucky loser Daniele Bracciali, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (8), 3-6, 7-6 (5), 12-10.

Instead, Bracciali advanced to the second round against No. 2-seeded Andy Roddick, who beat Jiri Vanek 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-2. Roddick, the runner-up to Roger Federer last year, hit 14 aces and won in 52 minutes.

Englishman Tim Henman, seeded sixth, gave the partisan Centre Court crowd a thrill by rallying past Jarkko Nieminen 3-6, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.

Two-time champion Venus Williams, seeded 14th, won five consecutive games during one

stretch and beat Eva Birnerova 6-2, 6-4.

Serena Williams, coming back from an ankle injury, averted an upset in the day's final match on Court 2, known as the graveyard of champions. She struggled early, grimacing and screaming at herself in frustration to mistakes, and failed to convert four set points in the tense 65-minute first set.

Henin-Hardenne entered the tournament as the odds-makers co-favorite, along with Sharapova. But the four-time Grand Slam champion again came up short in the only major event she has yet to win.

"It's pretty hard," Henin-Hardenne said. "But it's tennis. It's life. You have to keep going."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Stocks hemmed in by oil jitters

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks ended mixed Tuesday, as a dip in crude oil led investors to measure investors that the recent rise in energy prices has been checked.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average ended down 9.44 points at 10599.67. The benchmark index posted its first back-to-back losses for the first time since May '95.

The Nasdaq Composite Index rose 2.94 points to 2091.07, while the S&P 500 index fell 2.5 points to 1213.61. Investors have been particularly complacent about the high price of oil as well as the prospects for an economic slowdown, said John Fossil, senior vice president and portfolio manager at Independence Investments. "But in the last week, these concerns have started to weigh."

Investors should also be looking at the recent performance of the bond market, according to Hugh Johnson, chairman of Johnson Illington Advisors.

"Stocks have been going down while the bond market has been doing better, and that is usually a sign investors are worried about the economy," he said.

Oil certainly is the main factor fueling worries, but talk of a housing bubble is also raising concern, added Johnson, and market watchers are "digging in their heels."

Detroit short on new vehicles, analyst says

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. are not updating their model lineups as fast as their competitors and likely will continue to lose U.S. market share as a result, an annual analysis of the auto market by the brokerage Merrill Lynch says.

GM and Ford will replace just 16 percent and 15 percent of their lineups a year on average over the next four years, estimates Merrill Lynch's report, "Car Wars 2005: The Product Pipeline and its Investment Implications."

Meanwhile, Korean, Japanese and European competitors will update their models much faster, replacing 30 percent, 21 percent and 15 percent of their lineups annually during the same period, a summary of the report says.

The Merrill Lynch findings, which GM and Ford dismissed as incomplete and speculative, were released in a recent conference call and presentation, and the published Car Wars report is to be available in about two weeks.

Court tosses mutual fund rule back to SEC

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court panel criticized the Securities and Exchange Commission Tuesday for failing to consider the costs and alternatives to a key mutual fund initiative, sending the rule back to the agency for more work and casting doubt on its future.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit unanimously agreed with complaints by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and two SEC commissioners, who argued that the agency failed to evaluate the rule's expense and whether there were better ways to prevent conflicts of interest.

The rule requires mutual fund boards of directors to appoint chairmen without ties to management.

In the 19-page ruling, Chief Judge Douglas Ginsburg directed the agency to analyze "the economic consequences of a proposed regulation before it decides whether to adopt the measure."

The judge added that the SEC was obliged to consider an alternative, supported by Republican Commissioners Paul Atkins and Cynthia Glassman, that would mandate that fund tell investors whether or not their board chairmen were independent.

— compiled from wire reports

Brewing company owner shares plans

Brewpub could open by September

By Megan Hinds Myers
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — By September, you could be sitting in one of Old Town's historic buildings, sipping a microbrewed beer made fresh on the premises.

That's Scott Featherstone's dream, and he wants to share it with Magic Valley.

The semi-retired dentist — who owns homes near Sun Valley, and Park City, Utah — recently sold his share of a dental practice in Murray, Utah, to buy the former Muggers building at 516 Hansen St. S. The sale between Featherstone and local investment group Three Amigos LLC closed late last week.

Featherstone and two managing partners plan to reopen Clark's brewery and pub as Trail Creek Brewing Co. by early September.

"Our challenge and desire is to produce high-quality, consistent beer," Featherstone said Monday. Trail Creek Brewing Co. —

which takes its name from a creek that runs through Ketchum — will feature a number of hand-crafted beers made on-site, including a wheat beer, an Asian-style lager and a pale ale. The pub also will serve fresh pils and gourmet kebabs of Idaho elk meat, as well as lamb, beef, chicken and prawns, Featherstone said.

"We're trying not to be known as a burger, deep-fried-type of place," Featherstone said.

"We're trying to keep the saturated fat level down."

Featherstone and managing partners Eric Buchner and Matt Pernelche also are in negotia-

tions with a Twin Falls couple interested in opening a deli and bakery within the building. Featherstone declined to elaborate further.

The nearly 20,000-square-foot building also has a spacious second floor that Featherstone said could make good meeting space or dining room for large groups. Under the building's previous ownership, the floor frequently hosted meetings and receptions.

There's also a nearly 1,300-square-foot room that could be rented as a penthouse apartment, Featherstone said.

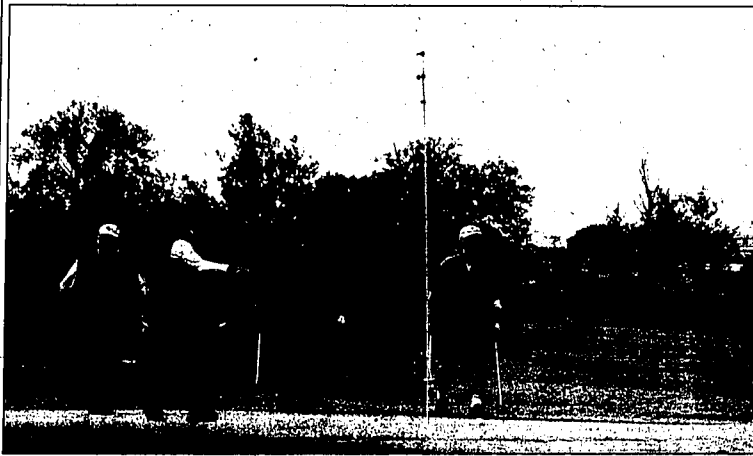
The Twin Falls brewpub makes up half of Featherstone's plans. Also slated to open in early September is a Ketchum location under the Trail Creek name. The Ketchum pub will open in the 1,700-square-foot office of the former Ketchum Korral rental cabins, Featherstone said. The Twin Falls brewing facility will provide beer for the Ketchum location, he said.

Featherstone said he is going regional right off the bat, Featherstone said.

Featherstone has some experience in the brewing business — he often has been home-

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A STRATEGIC TOOL



Hilary Bruggen (in black hat) plays a round of golf with, from left, John Sanders, chairman of the Washington DC Technology Council; Jim Wenn, a retail banking officer with Cardinal Bank; and Bill Mutryn, of Holland & Knight LLP; at the East Potomac Golf Course in the District of Columbia, with the Washington Monument as a backdrop.

Well-rounded dealmakers put golf on resume

The Washington Post

BETHESDA, Md. — Sitting around a conference table at the headquarters of Clark Construction Group LLC recently, employees of the company's business development and technology departments took turns in the confessional.

The issue: golf.

The counselor was Hilary Bruggen, a workplace consultant and business-golf expert hired to teach Clark employees how golf can be an important business tool. Whether their employees are avid golfers, newbies or like the text box to "Fear Factor," companies like Bethesda, Md.-based Clark seek a lunch hour of golf therapy with Bruggen can bring even the most timid into the fold — and help the bottom line.

"People who don't play golf are choosing to neglect the best business development there is," Bruggen told the group, describing how four hours on a golf course, away from e-mail, computers and ringing phones, can make or break a business deal. She heard from each of the 24 Clark employees about their attitudes toward the game — they ranged from avid hobby to necessary evil — then offered pointers.

Don't force the business discussion, she said, and don't whine about a poor shot. She counseled women not to dress too feminine or outfit golf bags with too many frills.

"Many of our clients do business on the golf course. It is just good business development to be involved in these networking groups," said David Golden, Clark's chief information officer. Golf has long been a pursuit of the business elite. The golf course is the place for people like former General Electric chief executive Jack Welch to recruit corporate directors, or for the head of law and accounting firms to test the mettle of potential partners. But now, golf is promoted as an important strategic tool for mid-level managers looking to advance, and even for business students. Golf is also becoming more popular among women looking to compete on the same playing as men.

Of 401 executives surveyed for a Starwood Hotels study in 2002, 92 percent said golf is "a good way to make new business contacts," while 97 percent said golfing with a business associate "is a good way to establish a close relationship." Forty-three percent of executives said some of their biggest business deals were made on golf courses.

University of Maryland students this fall will be able to earn three credits as they learn how to schmooze with potential employers, clients and executives in the "Golf for Business and Life" course, students will spend the semester in lectures

by area business leaders, and of course, on the greens. "The goal is when you finish the semester, the person can go out and play a respectable round of golf," said Jeff S. Maynor, director of golf for the university. In the course, students will hear how to interview or be interviewed while golfing, and to understand that ethics on the golf course are very much like ethics in the workplace.

"If you cheat in golf you cheat in business," Maynor said.

The program is sponsored by the Professional Golfers' Association of America, which gives money to players in the Ryder Cup to donate to a university of their choice. Fred Funk, a Maryland alum and member of the 2005 U.S. Ryder Cup team, donated to Maryland to start the program.

"I've had a talk with women students about what (golf) can provide at senior levels or even in business," said Steve Coleman, dean of the school's business school.

Brooks could try a little Garth Brooks without having to pay for the whole CD.

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New software technology guards CDs from copiers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Ben Freedland did two things his fellow college students have mainly done for the past several years: First, he bought a new music CD by campus fave the Dave Matthews Band, then he tried to upload it onto his iPod. "It took over my computer," he said.

But when Freedland inserted the disc into his laptop in preparation for transferring it to his iPod, "It took over my computer," he said.

The screen went blank, then a copyright agreement popped up. The music wasn't going anywhere. Freedland could play the CD on his laptop, but he couldn't transfer it and he couldn't copy it to share the mellow grooves with friends or family.

Freedland, 20, deemed the CD "worthless."

CDs. The new content-protection disc, which is not yet compatible with the iPod, is the recording industry's latest strategy to curtail the illegal spread of music. This time, the CD purchased at your local music shop is the last bastion of consumerism held in freely sharing legally bought music.

It's one thing for record companies to file suit against people who share music files illegally on the Internet, or to pursue criminal charges against those who sell pirated copies of CDs on street corners. But such defenses have grown up with the

notion that if you buy an album at the store, the songs are yours to show off to your friends.

In the 1970s and '80s, people made mix tapes as an expression of personality.

"I paid for it. I should be able to do what I want with it, as long as I'm not breaking the law by giving it away to all my friends en masse, which is ridiculous."

— Steve Coleman, deejay

mix CD tapes served as the very definition of identity and the currency of relationships. In more recent years, the mix CD tapes became a birthday gift, a wedding compilation, a way to say "sorry" or "I love you." In dorms, students started exchanging mix CD albums so a hardcore Nirvana

fan could try a little Garth Brooks without having to pay for the whole CD.

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Do brands really make a difference?

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — National brand or store brand? The debate has continued for decades, from researchers studying consumer behavior to customers weighing the upsides and downsides of supermarket items.

The latest argument from store aisles gives a slight edge to plain store-brand products. A double-blind nationwide taste test released last month by Meyers Research found that participants overall preferred the taste of private-label products over better-known national brands by 51 percent to 49 percent.

The survey pitted two national-brand items against two store brands in each of 12 categories representing everyday necessities — items such as French roast coffee, orange juice, raisin bran cereal, colas, potato chips, ice cream and cheese pizza.

The national brands included such household names as Minute Maid, Maxwell House, Keebler, Coke, Pepsi, Green Giant and Old Elmer's. The store brands included Safeway, Wal-Mart, Trader Joe's, Target, Whole Foods and Kroger. Making the comparison was 298 shoppers representing diverse ethnic, gender, economic and household income groups.

"The true test is when the consumer tastes the product," said Brian Sharoff, president of the Private Label Manufacturers Association, which sponsored the taste test.

Like the store-brand raisin bran cereal, which tested cheaper over the national brand by 62 percent to 28 percent, Store-brand orange juice narrowly beat the national labels, 52 to 48 percent.

The national brands favoring the store-brand French roast coffee.

Testers (80 percent of whom claimed to regularly buy national brands) said snack foods were almost a toss-up, although store-brand chocolate-chip cookies beat the national brands, 53 to 47 percent.

Other store-brand products of cheese pizza, chocolate ice cream, chicken nuggets and potatoes all gratin edged out the national brands, but store-brand frozen broccoli won, 64 to 36 percent.

In beverages, Coke and Pepsi topped store brands, 52 to 48 percent. Participants favored store-brand iced tea, 51 to 49 percent.

"What this says to consumers is that there are new products which they can have confidence in, that meet their taste and quality expectations — and that are a supermarket brand," Sharoff said.

They're also cheaper.

A University of California, Davis study published last winter in the Journal of Product & Brand Management found that for the one out of four product types (from tuna to soap to instant coffee) in which the store brand was higher in quality than the comparable national brand, the national brand cost 30 percent more.

Products whose national brands were higher in quality than the comparable store brand cost 50 percent more.

Store brands gained a foothold in the market in the inflationary '70s as consumers sought a price alternative, Sharoff said, but retailers in the '90s started developing store-brand products to be "every bit as good as the national brand."

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Continued from E1. The middle management," said Janet Richert, managing director of the Office of Career Management at Maryland and former senior vice president of Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. a pharmaceutical company. "I'm not starting playing a game until rather later in my corporate career. I don't think it advanced me, but it puts you in the scene... that you were most likely the trust that provides you with the foundation to deal or agreements."

"At many golf outings, chatter of recently closed big deals and new partners can be heard between swings at the little white ball."

"It's one of those things where people get away from everything," said Bruce Sanders, chairman of the Washington DC Technology Council. "You can learn a lot about people." Sanders said he has not been without problems. Milnorides have been barred from courses. Women were — and still are — kept off some, or denied to play only during off-hours on weekends.

Allison Schiefelin sued her employer, Morgan Stanley Dean Wadsworth, claiming she was "denied promotions on the basis of sex (and) has been subject to discriminatory terms of employment."

The company settled the class action for \$54 million last year. In 2003, the women's research organization Catalyst surveyed 705 women in Fortune 500 companies about what they thought was holding them back at work. More than 40 percent said "exclusion from

informal networks." One of the most mentioned informal networks was the "old boys club." Cynthia Lunenbaum, president of the health care technology consulting firm Chism Group LLC of Potomac, Md., said she was "not a member of the president of a hospital where she worked asked her to help him learn. He is a paragon of a patient of an occupational therapist."

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Plans

Continued from E1. brewer for 15 years — and his managing partners knew the industry well.

Baehner, who will be Trail Creek's brewmaster, is known in the Salt Lake area as a brewmaster for Bohemian Brewing and Grill, Umina Brewing Co. and Severin's Pub Brewery. Pernichle has been a managing partner of Brewvies, a Salt Lake City movie theater and pub. The birth of the former Muggers building could be a catalyst to encourage even more development in Old Town. said Shavitt. Muggers' president and chief executive of the Twin Falls Branch of Commerce, Barig was a Muggers employee before the brewpub's closure in 2003.

"I think it's a good addition to the Old Town area," Barig said Tuesday. "It's been exciting to see that building sit empty for so long after so much investment was made to open it."

Katzenstein said he believes Trail Creek Brewing Co. will find a receptive audience in Twin Falls as well as Ketchikan. He expects Sun Valley residents to visit both locations.

"We're happy to be part of the revitalization of downtown," Katzenstein said. "Muggers did quite well here. Hopefully the community will be behind us."

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Advertisement for Perkins, Smart & Boyd, Inc. featuring a photo of Nita Barnes Clontz and text: "When You're Serious About Investing... Call Nita Barnes Clontz for appointment. P.O. Box 5097 - Twin Falls, Idaho 83433 - 208-736-6026. Member of NASD & SIPC."

MORNING BREAK

Mattress fires kill 110 Americans yearly

This day in history: Sometimes you should leave historic ships to the ancients. On June 22, 1850, 15 Swedes attempted to revive past glories by sailing a 9th century Viking ship replica across the North Sea. Unfortunately, the modern construction on the Ormen Friske was shoddy. When the ship ran into a moderate storm, waves flipped it, and the keel, killing all 15 men.

It may be hard to remember a time when presidents took pride in cultural pursuits, but two presidents actually published books of poetry: John Quincy Adams and Jimmy Carter.

How many Americans die from mattress fires each year? An average of about 110.

Although wages may not seem high enough, teachers have it comparatively easy nowadays. In the 1800s, many had to moonlight as chair leavers, bartenders or gravediggers to earn a living wage.

A recent poll found that 63 percent of Americans said they received porn upon in their e-mail inbox during the last year.

One-third of all elementary school kids wear watches.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACINNESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Farmers say that pigs love eating rattlers, gobbling the poisonous snakes up before they have a chance to strike.

Currents pull about 100 Americans to their deaths every year. That's more than the total killed by lightning, tornadoes, hurricanes, and sharks.

If caught in a rip current, don't swim toward the beach. The current can flow from one to four miles per hour away from the beach, faster than you can swim. How do you escape, then? Swim parallel to the beach, perpendicular to the beach, and you'll eventually come out the side.

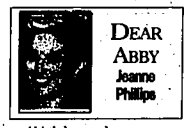
Your typical television or home computer contains up to 8 pounds of lead.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at facinness@mingo-barrett.com

Married man fears discovery of affair

DEAR ABBY: Fifteen years ago I had a years-long affair with a woman 23 years my junior. "Alex" was 17 when we first secretly met. I loved her on many occasions that I would not leave my wife and family for another woman — even her. I told her I'd meet her secretly for as long as she wanted, but I would commit to nothing more. Alex accepted this state of affairs for several years, and we had what I considered to be the perfect affair: I loved the passionate, uninhibited sex.

Because I could offer no more than the status quo, I wasn't surprised when one night, after a particularly exhausting love-making session, Alex announced she was ending our affair and moving to Los Angeles to be closer to friends. I begged her to reconsider, promised to spend more time with her, and insisted that I loved her. She went anyway. We had no contact, other than Christmas



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

and birthday cards. My kids are now grown and gone. On a recent business trip to L.A. I decided to give Alex a call for old times' sake. She was delighted to hear from me and invited me over for a drink. It was just like old times. I wasn't there five minutes when she literally tore my clothes off.

So what's my problem? Alex just told me she might move back here and take up where we left off. Abby, an affair like ours was fine 15 years ago, but I'm no longer comfortable aneking around. My wife and I have been married 30 years and I don't want to hurt her or give her up. I'm afraid if Alex moves

back, we'll get caught. I still love her, and I certainly enjoy making love to her — but how do I tell her that it's fine for us to sleep together in L.A. where she lives, but not here in my hometown?

— IN A QUANDARY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR IN A QUANDARY: You are not "in a quandary"; you are in a mess of your own making that could spell the end of your marriage and your reputation. Tell Alex in plain English exactly what you have told me. If that doesn't sober her up and cool her ardor, nothing will. Under no circumstances must you rekindle this affair. Boys who play with matches usually get burned, and I do mean you. So grow up. Your wife deserves better.

DEAR ABBY: Forty-five years ago, my sister adopted a lovely 3-week-old baby girl, "Rita." The adoption went smoothly and all is well. Rita now has a daughter of her own who is in her 20s.

At the time Rita was given to my sister, she wore a beautiful gold cross that had been placed around her neck by her birth mother. My sister didn't know what to do with it, so she gave it to me and asked me to take it to a church and leave it in a pew. My conscience wouldn't let me carry out her instructions, and I still have the cross.

What do you suggest I do with it? Should I do as my sister asked? Should I give the cross anonymously to Rita? Or should I give Rita the cross and tell her where it came from?

Please resolve this for me. It has been bothering me for too long. — CARING AUNT IN NORTH CAROLINA
DEAR CARING AUNT: I'm sure your niece would be deeply moved to know that when she was placed in your sister's arms, it was done with prayer for her happiness and well-being. Give her the cross and tell her where it came from. I'm sure the keep-sake will be precious to her.

Notorious B.I.G. lawyers plan their case

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Hoping to regroup after a series of pretrial setbacks, lawyers for the family of slain rapper Notorious B.I.G. said Monday that their wrongful death case against the Los Angeles Police Department goes beyond a few reluctant witnesses and the investigative work of a former detective.

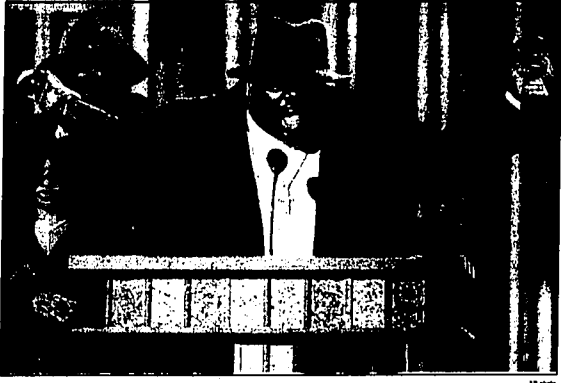
Attorney Perry Sanders, who is representing the mother and other surviving relatives of Christopher Wallace, said he planned to present testimony that case that would show "more likely than not" that a LAPD officer was involved in the rapper's death.

The team of attorneys for the family released what was described as previously sealed search warrant affidavits in which an ex-cop, Marlon "Suge" Knight allegedly told a confidential informant he had conspired to kill Wallace. Throughout the warrant, however, the name of the informant is blotted out.

That the lawyers called a news conference on the eve of jury selection, scheduled to get under way Tuesday in U.S. District Court in downtown Los Angeles, illustrates how much of a fast-moving target this case has become in recent weeks as several key plaintiff's witnesses have changed their stories.

Sanders suggested that "amnesia" on the part of "reluctant witnesses" could be explained by drugs related to the case or media coverage. Wallace, a 24-year-old Brooklyn-born rapper — also known as Biggie Smalls — was gunned down in a drive-by shooting March 9, 1997 after a party at the Peterson Automotive Museum in the Mid-Wilshire district. The central theory of the case put forward by former LAPD Detective Russell Poole, is that the Wallace killing — and that of Tupac Shakur six months earlier — grew out of a feud between East Coast and West Coast rap contingents, one led by Knight's Death Row Records and the other by New York-based Bad Boy Entertainment.

According to Poole, Knight enlisted ex-Los Angeles Police Officer Dave Ford to orchestrate the Wallace slaying. Mack, who was subsequently convicted of bank robbery, then allegedly hired college classmate Amir Muhammad to carry



Notorious B.I.G., aka Biggie Smalls, and whose real name is Christopher Wallace, clutches his awards at the podium during the Billboard Music Awards in New York, in this Dec. 6, 1996, file photo. On Tuesday, jury selection began in Los Angeles in a federal wrongful death lawsuit filed by the New York rapper's family. The lawsuit accuses the Los Angeles Police Department of covering up a former officer's alleged involvement in his March 1997 murder.

out the vendetta. But Poole charged that his investigation was derailed after department higher-ups — including former police chief Bernard C. Parks — quashed his investigation. Parks and other LAPD officials have repeatedly denied. However, the FBI, citing lack of evidence, closed an investigation into this theory in January.

Long before those issues will be hashed out, however, a ruling by U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper first requires the jury to decide whether Mack orchestrated the killing. Assistant City Attorney Don W. Vincent said there are no witnesses and no murder weapon or other evidence to link Mack to the slaying.

"There's not a shred of evidence that I can see that links (Mack) to Biggie Smalls," said Vincent, who is defending the city in the federal lawsuit. "We are prepared and feel comfortable and confident in our case." Neither the LAPD nor the FBI, which earlier this year ended a separate 18-month investigation, have identified a suspect

in the case. Sanders said he wanted to focus his case on civil rights violations by the department, insisting that its policies "caused and allowed people for the LAPD to also work for gangsters and criminals and for those officers to use their police authority to commit crimes."

To that end, attorneys for the rapper's family said they dropped several defendants — including Mack, Muhammad and Parks — from the case in the months leading up to trial. But contradictory testimony given by the only purported eyewitness to the slaying may prove difficult to explain to a jury.

In February, a fallhouse informant known to law enforcement officials as "Psycho Mike" admitted under oath that he never saw Muhammad before picking his picture out of a police lineup. The informant also told authorities that he had no evidence that Knight or Mack were involved in a wider conspiracy, which he later called "all hearsay." Earlier this month, a second

informant gave contradictory statements during a videotaped deposition, court documents show.

Initially, the man said Knight ordered two Death Row employees to execute Wallace, never mentioning that police officers were involved in the killing. The informant repeated the claims for years to several law enforcement agencies, including the LAPD and FBI.

But as recently as two weeks ago, the informant said he was present at a Las Vegas nightclub when Knight hired Mack and Muhammad.

Then on Friday, former Death Row Records bodyguard and one-time FBI informant Kevin Hackie told the Los Angeles Times he suffered from memory lapses and charged the Wallace family legal team with altering his statements. Hackie had said in a 2004 declaration he had "personal knowledge" about the Wallace slaying and alleged that "persons within Death Row Records offered \$25,000 to a law enforcement officer" to kill the rapper.

Libra: You're in right place at the right time

IF JUNE 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Try not to make reversible decisions in the next few weeks because the success achieved could be tempered by heavy responsibilities. The extremely high influences that surround you in late October and November, when Jolly Jupiter showers your area of the zodiac with good fortune, can guide you towards a more prosperous path. Make long term plans for the future or promises at that time and your life will take a turn for the better. Expect a surge in popularity in December when you can make joyful progress in both career and romance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are much too likely to jump from the frying pan right into the fire today. Quell the urge to take dynamic action unless you are positive you possess all the necessary information.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Enjoy being the very special apple of someone's eye. You and that special someone are a dynamic duo, but the stars will not guarantee a huge success if you start important projects now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Steer a straight course no matter how tantalizing the detours along the way appear to be. Magnetic attractions that keep you on pins and needles might sway you to make a change you regret.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Last night's full moon may have brought a relationship to a sharp focus, but this isn't the time to try to fix things. Concentrate on looking your best and avoid confrontations in your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Career matters could move to the forefront, but gambling on having other people's good will could cause a setback. People may view you through rose-colored glasses, but don't push your luck.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

Keep your eye focused on the goal and follow through with your goals. Chasing the fast buck could put you at a disadvantage. Rely on your own intelligence and important insights.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take advantage of being at the right place at the right time. Putting a bee in someone's bonnet might make you a few extra dollars just when you need them. Remain steady if others falter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't give in to emotional whims or let challenges provoke you into ill-considered decisions. Use your powers of observation and strength of character to increase the bank balance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): People find you intriguing. The winds of chance are blowing against you for the next few days. Be more cautious about details and more careful about offending others.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: SKULK DUCAT FONDI DEFACE
Answer: What the weatherman gave the luteners - THE 'COLD' FACTS

ACROSS

- 1 High peaks
- 5 Discard
- 9 Fowl choice
- 15 Musical pulse
- 14 Rolling in dough
- 16 Custom
- 17 Andrus people
- 18 vera
- 19 Climb
- 20 Counted calories
- 22 Wobbled
- 24 Tolerates
- 26 Blueprint
- 27 Becomes weary
- 29 Painter, perhaps
- 33 Primp
- 36 Rectify
- 38 Stretch the truth
- 39 Supports for glasses
- 40 Tire feature
- 41 Work on nails
- 42 Uncle Tom's

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

A	L	E	U	P	O	N	A	R	T	I	S	T	
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K	E	B	A	B	A	L	A	M	E	D	A	L	
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40 Tire feature

- 41 Work on nails
- 42 Uncle Tom's
- 43 Tablelands
- 44 Gauges
- 45 Reduce
- 46 Played over
- 49 Bridge position
- 51 Sniffs out
- 55 Some lures
- 59 City on the Merrimack
- 60 Wear away
- 61 Hooper
- 63 Stays idle
- 64 Carries the burden
- 65 Dispatched the dragon
- 66 God of love
- 67 Intelligent
- 68 "Bonanza" character
- 69 Chipper

DOWN

- 1 Tolerate
- 2 Russian revolutionary
- 3 Took measured steps
- 4 Established laws
- 5 Merchant
- 6 Slick liquid
- 7 Nae-sayer
- 8 Meadow grazers
- 9 Pie filler
- 10 Way up
- 11 Jack of talk shows
- 12 Get an eyeful of
- 13 Requite
- 14 ...go bragh!
- 21 African antelope
- 25 Scorches
- 28 Blotch
- 30 Pelvic bones
- 31 Window part
- 32 Prepares to drive
- 33 Outer banana
- 34 Speak incoherently
- 35 Time periods
- 37 Palliated
- 40 Edgy
- 41 Subtle moves
- 43 Most omezy
- 44 Brent Spiner character
- 46 Transmitter
- 48 Maintains one's subscription
- 50 Rubbish
- 52 Bird sound
- 53 Personal coach
- 54 Smart-alecky
- 55 Tennis divisions
- 56 Class dance
- 57 Very small amount
- 58 Farm outbuilding
- 62 ... Moines, IA

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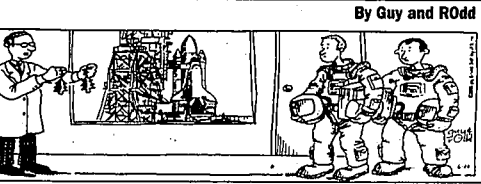
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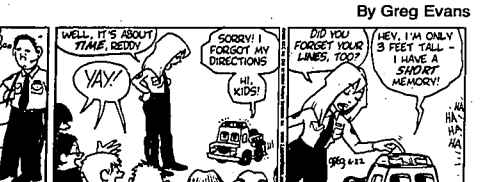
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<p>NORTH 06-22-A</p> <p>♠ 13</p> <p>♥ A K 10 9 8 2</p> <p>♦ 6</p> <p>♣ A J 10 9</p>	<p>EAST</p> <p>♠ 8 4</p> <p>♥ Q</p> <p>♦ J 8 7 3</p> <p>♣ 8 7 5 3 2</p>	<p>SOUTH</p> <p>♠ A K 10 5 3 2</p> <p>♥ Q 5</p> <p>♦ Q 6 4</p>
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In the 2000 Cavendish in Las Vegas, Guido Ferraro played the normal four spades on a top diamond lead. That looks comfortable enough, does it not, just looking at the North-South cards? Eddie Wold led the diamond ace, then shifted to the club king. Ferraro won and quite reasonably took the spade finesse, since playing spades from the top would have left him with two trump losers if the suit splits 4-1. Now Wold won and carefully led a small diamond, which left declarer with nine winning options — he could have discarded anything at all from dummy so long as he did not trump the trick! But since Ferraro did not know who had the remaining top diamond, he decided to ruff in dummy.

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Diamond ace

BID WITH THE ACES 06-22-B

South holds:

♠ Q 7 6	♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ A K 10 4 2	♣ K

South West North East

1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

ANSWER: Pass, rather than overcalling two diamonds. You only have a five-card suit (you need either a six-card suit or a decent hand with better intermediates than this), and your spade length suggests that you might be putting your neck on the block. Facing a passed hand, you are heading for trouble if you bid now. Doubling with a singleton club is unthinkable.

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