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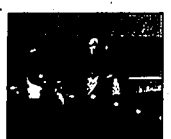
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## HEADING BACK TO THE HEAVENS

# Discovery takes off

By Guy Gugliotta  
The Washington Post

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** — With a blinding flash of light and a deep rumbling growl, space shuttle Discovery arced into the heavens Tuesday, hoping to usher in a new era in human spaceflight and move NASA beyond the tragedy of the doomed Columbia.

After a virtually trouble-free countdown, Discovery rushed off Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39B at 10:39 a.m., punched through a tiny, cotton-candy cloud and soared into crystal blue skies on its way into orbit 140 miles above the Earth.

The only shadow over the long-postponed launch came with reports that the unprecedented array of cameras trained on the shuttle had seen what may have been a 1 1/2-inch piece of thermal tile break off from an area near the forward landing gear door.



The space shuttle Discovery lifts off Tuesday from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

# DREAMS IN THE DIRT



Ashlee Finch, 12, hits a single in the bottom of the third inning during a neighborhood baseball game Tuesday in Twin Falls. Finch, along with a few friends, built the baseball diamond.

## Children practice baseball and building in vacant lot

**TWIN FALLS** — Dust sweeps across the growing, Estridge subdivision as work crews prep a foundation, apply rebar or guide huge roof trusses through the air at the end of a crane.

That construction eventually will consume the vacant, weedy lot behind the 12-year-old Ashlee Finch and her friends etched their baseball diamond in the dirt. Machines and hard hats will displace the sunnied youngsters and their webby dugout.

But for at least this one lovely summer, the kids of Estridge pitch and catch and scheme and dream.

"We just started playing one day. We got better, kind of," Ashlee told me. "We can catch good, and we can hit 'em pretty far."

Ashlee and two neighbor boys — Parker Elliott, 12, and Preston Elliott, 10 — spent an afternoon this week on ballfield improvements while I watched, a few of my questions choked by dust.

With a lawnmower from the Finch garage, Parker took a few inches off the crop of kochia in the infield — distinguishable by four spots of weed-free dirt (the bases) and a few boards nailed together and propped up (the backstop). Ashlee shoveled dirt onto the pitcher's mound, a



Ashlee Finch, left, and Preston Elliott pitch dirt around the pitcher's mound at the makeshift baseball field in their Twin Falls neighborhood.



**WEST WIND**  
Virginia S. Hutchins

modest pile that the wind threatens to erase.

She and her friends know from experience that dumping their water bottles on the pitcher's mound doesn't produce

lasting results.

"It dries up quickly, 'cause it's hot," Ashlee said.

She and Preston added a bit of board to the top of the small mound, adding more dirt around its edges. It appeared to me a precarious perch for a pitcher, but perhaps it would last through the next evening game.

The dirt of the vacant lot rises in plumes behind the lawnmower or under runners' feet. Yet, dry and hard, it resists kid-

powered shoveling. More malleable are the wood scraps that Ashlee, Parker and Preston glean from the neighborhood's construction sites.

They built a little dugout of pallets — a dandy sort of wall for holding a collection of mostly empty water bottles. Inside, a board fastened to two empty wire spools serves as the bench. Sticks erected in the outfield weeds mark the foul lines. This week, after making another

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# Draft of Iraqi constitution suggests an Islamic state

## Copy leaked to the press indicates women might have less rights than under Saddam

By Aileen J. Rubin  
Los Angeles Times

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Less than three weeks before Iraq's National Assembly is to approve a new constitution, the U.S. appears increasingly concerned about the document and its woefully trying to influence its provisions on issues such as women's rights,

federalism and the distribution of oil revenue.

Instead of staying behind the scenes like his predecessor, U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad has made clear in his first days on the job that he plans to personally help bring various ethnic and sectarian groups together to forge a compromise document.

"It's very important that the

constitution is produced through the participation of all Iraqis. And, that all Iraqis see themselves in this picture that is emerging," Khalilzad said at his residence Tuesday. "This is important for ending and defeating the insurgency, having a political compact."

A draft of the constitution published Tuesday in the daily Al Sabah newspaper gave some indication as to why the Bush administration might have reason to worry.

The document outlines an ex-

actly Islamic state with a strong Shiite identity and less progressive laws for women than existed under Saddam Hussein. It also plans to give sweeping powers and potentially considerable oil revenues to newly created federal regions to spend as they see fit. Those provisions, critics say, could deepen the country's ethnic and sectarian divides.

The draft does not represent the latest text being considered by Iraq's constitution-drafting committee; absent, for instance,

is a provision strengthening the political role of women, which was recently added after extensive lobbying by secular members of the commission.

But several people close to the process said the published version appeared to be the commission's working document of a few days ago.

"It wasn't supposed to be released ... but this is what we've heard on," said Iyad Al-Bakri, a Shiite member of the consult-

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Abundant sunshine with slightly above average temperatures. High near 90.
Tonight: Clear skies and dry conditions. Low, upper 50s to near 60.
Tomorrow: Scattered showers and hot. Highs, 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny and very warm. High near 90.
Tonight: Fair to clear skies with quiet weather conditions. Low, 50s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and hot. Highs, lower 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Very pleasant to warm temperatures and sunny skies will make for great conditions to be in the higher elevations. High pressure will be in control during this time.

BOISE Get ready for the summer heat and the summer sun. Daytime highs will be well into the 80s into the 90s. A few thunderstorms could develop Thursday and Friday.

NORTHERN UTAH Very warm summer days with lots of sun are expected through today. A few thunderstorms could develop Thursday and Friday.

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists various Idaho cities and their forecasted temperatures.

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CRISIS INVESTIGATION'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough.

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In this image taken from television, Mission Specialist Soichi Noguchi of Japan, left, poses his head in front of a video camera as Stephen Robinson, center, and Mission Commander Eileen Collins look on in the first video downlink from Space Shuttle Discovery on Tuesday.

Shuttle

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"This was an extremely clean and fast" despite the debris incidents, flight operations manager John Shannon told reporters. Two minutes into the flight, Discovery's two solid rocket boosters dropped away, and 6 1/2 minutes later the orbiter separated from the gigantic external tank and boosters for the first time ever in a spectacular color video made by a camera mounted on the tank as it began its plume mission.

Discovery, carrying Mission Commander Eileen Collins and six other astronauts, tucked into Earth's orbit over the Indian Ocean, below and behind the international space station, beginning a two-day handover to dock with the station and conduct work.

The launch marked the first shuttle mission since Columbia disintegrated during re-entry on Feb. 1, 2003, a disaster that marked a technical and emotional watershed for the U.S. space program and for NASA, which was obliged to spend 2 1/2 years redesigning much of its hardware and reexamining its approach to shuttle safety concerns.

publican Gov. Job Bush, attended the launch. Later, Bush visited the Launch Control Center to thank the team for "your hard work. You're inspiring everybody."

The launch team downed its traditional post-launch meal of beans and cornbread, reflecting on the long wait: "It was like the birth of a baby," grinned engineer Arthur Grainger. "Instead of nine months, it's been 2 1/2 years."

Three hours after liftoff, Collins paid the team the ultimate compliment, telling Mission Control that her fourth space flight had "by far the smoothest ascent yet — I know the folks back on Earth must feel pretty good right now."

Worried for weeks about having to scrub the launch because of bad weather, engineers were rewarded with a gorgeous, thunderstorm-free day. Also a no-show for the launch because of a sensor malfunction that caused engineers to scrub Discovery's launch two weeks ago.

Discovery's 13-day mission will be a welcome event as the Space Station, forced since the Columbia's breakup to subsist on shipments of staples and space-carrying aloft by small Russian cargo spacecraft. Only the shuttle can do the heavy lifting necessary to deliver major replacement equipment and the remaining components of the station itself.

Field

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round of the construction scrap piles with their plastic wheelbarrows, Ashloe and the Elliott boys added pieces of oriented strand board to the bases, scratching shallow holes to hold them.

The youngsters envision a snack shop near home plate, from which they can peddle pop and candy to their subdivisions' plentiful construction crews, to neighbors and to the baseball fans they hope to attract.

The fliers they distributed to neighbors, inviting them to a Fourth of July ballgame, didn't draw a big crowd. And the 10 or so children who played divided themselves into teams of unbalanced skill, with a less than invigorating 31-zip result.

"It was kind of unfair teams," admitted Parker, who has three years of Cal Ripken Baseball experience.

But a few drivers and pedestrians have paused to watch games at "The Sandlot" (yes, it's a name inspired by the children's baseball movie of that title), and Ashloe's previous success with chips, suckers, snow cones, gummy and the like from a kid-bulb snack shop elsewhere in the neighborhood gives the ballplayers reason to hope for profits.

Parker has drawn a few options for snack shop designs. "Some of them trip up because they're not good," he said. The others will get due consideration from his little brother and Ashloe.

The latter is the Eastlake children's central organizer of baseball and softball teams. "They all talk about it, but she's the one that's always calling everybody," said her dad, Adam Finch.

Ashloe favors building clubhouses her favorite Thing To Do.



Preston Elliott rests in a wagon as his brother Parker pushes the wagon on the way to pick up wood scraps for bases and a planned snack shop on Monday afternoon.

and patriotic symbols." But which clerics the drafters are referring to remains unclear.

There is debate about whether to specify that the clerics under discussion are the Marjalis — the grand ayatollahs who form the elite of the Shiite clergy.

Shiites are a majority in Iraq, and specific mention of the Marjalis would almost certainly be a non-starter for minority groups, particularly Sunni Arabs who do not have a similar clerical hierarchy in their sect. Kurds would also balk because they are both Sunni and largely secular.

A third provision on religion would specify that religious shrines have a special status under law and that the government must "emphasize that they are sacred and must protect and safeguard their sanctity." But because most shrines in Iraq are considered Shiite shrines, Sunnis might take exception to that article.

U.S. officials have been largely silent on the constitution's discussion of Iraq's Islamic identity. In part, that is because they do not want to be seen as anti-Islam. In addition, they recognize that the constitution needs to be seen as an Iraqi product in order for it to have legitimacy.

However, the draft constitution's provisions on women have drawn criticism from U.S. officials. In fact, a single sentence in the draft constitution of progressive Iraqi legislation protecting women's rights.

"She takes a lot of initiative on her own. Sometimes I have to rein her back because she gets a little carried away," Adam Finch said. But he's glad to see his daughter and her friends doing the sort of outdoor, imaginative things that entertained him as a child.

"They stay out of trouble," he said.

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CORRECTION

Feedlot faces \$843,000 in fines for violations
A headline in Tuesday's Times-News incorrectly stated the dollar amount of fines the Idaho State Department of Agriculture is proposing against Double C Farms, a feedlot near Oakley. The amount is \$643,000. The Times-News regrets the error.

NATION/WORLD

# Egypt identifies body of one suicide bomber

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt — Investigators identified an Egyptian as a possible suicide bomber in the weekend terror attacks at this Red Sea resort and were searching Tuesday for his suspected Islamic militant cohorts — the first break in the probe.

A relative of Mowesa Badran told The Associated Press that he disappeared after deadly attacks at two other Sinai resorts in October, and that some family members were detained afterward.

The development came as two security officials revealed that authorities received information of an imminent terror attack in Sharm el-Sheikh several days before the bombings Saturday. But they believed the attack would be targeted, so security was increased around those sites, not hotels.

The officials would not say where the tip came from but said headquarters in Cairo told security forces in Sharm to be on alert and to step up measures around key locations.

## Blair: We won't 'give one inch' to the terrorists

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair vowed Tuesday not to "give one inch" on British policies in Iraq or the Middle East, and said his government is determined to toughen laws against terrorists and their supporters in the wake of attacks on London's transit system.

Police investigating last week's failed bombings seized a car in north London and said they were examining suspicious material from an apartment linked to two suspects — an Eirean-born Briton and a Somali who both have lived in Britain since childhood.

Opposition politicians backed the government on fighting terrorism, but warned that civil liberties could be eroded by one of the anti-terrorism powers sought by police: the right to hold suspects for three months without charge.

In his monthly news conference, Blair lashed out at critics who say Britain's participation in the U.S.-led war in Iraq has made the country more of a target. Polls suggest a majority of Britons share that view — over-

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whelmingly so among Muslim residents.

### Illnesses might be linked to pesticides in schools

CHICAGO — Pesticide use in or near U.S. schools sickened more than 2,500 children and school employees over a five-year period, and though most illnesses were mild, their numbers have increased, a nationwide report found.

Sources include chemicals to kill insects and weeds on school grounds, disinfectants, and farming pesticides that drift over nearby schools, according to the report by researchers at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and their colleagues.

Lead author Dr. Walter Alarcon said one of the largest recent incidents occurred in May when about 600 students and staff members were evacuated from an Edinburg, Texas, elementary school after pesticides sprayed on a cotton field drifted into the school's air conditioning system. About 30 students and nine staffers developed mild symptoms including nausea and headaches.

The study, which appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, covered events from 1998 to 2002 — none as big as the Texas incident, Alarcon said.

### Guardman pleads guilty to homicide in Iraqi death

FORT KNOX, Ky. — An Indiana National Guard soldier charged with murder in the death of an Iraqi police officer unraveled the truth behind months of conflicting stories with a clear statement of guilt.

Col. Dustin Berg, 22, pleaded guilty Monday to a lesser charge of negligent homicide in a shooting he had previously claimed was self-defense. But during his court-martial, Berg said the November 2003 shooting was a rash judgment. He

said it was a mistake to try to cover up the incident by shooting himself in the stomach.

"If you ask me now, if I'm sorry for what I did, I don't know if sorry is the word for it. You can't explain what it does to you when you take somebody else's life," he said. "There is no punishment, there is nothing anybody can do that can take away the nightmares that come every night when I lay my head down to go to bed."

Berg of Ferdinand, Ind., will spend 18 months in prison under a plea agreement. He will also be discharged from the Army for bad conduct.

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# How did it happen?

## Tragedy tempers national Boy Scout Jamboree

BOWLING GREEN, Va. (AP) — They were deeply devoted to the Boy Scouts, traveling thousands of miles to the woods of northern Virginia for 10 fun-filled days of fishing, archery and storytelling beside the campfire. One of their first tasks: Set up a large tent.

But the task went terribly awry when they lost control of a giant tent pole and it hit some nearby power lines, killing four Scout leaders as horrified youngsters looked on, said Bill Haines, a Scout executive in Alaska.

Karl Holfeld said his 15-year-old son Taylor, witnessed the accident and was on his cell phone to his mother back home in Alaska when the electrocutions occurred.

"The boys' fall started screaming," Holfeld told the Anchorage Daily News. "He said, 'Oh my God, oh my God, the tent is on fire, they're being burned!'"

The Scouts spent Tuesday reviewing safety procedures and mourning the deaths of the four men, but said the event would begin Wednesday as planned, with an evening speech by President Bush. A memorial service will be held during the opening ceremony of the Jamboree, which draws more than 40,000 Scouting enthusiasts from around the world.

Scout adviser David Tracewell, 54, of Kansas City, said that the mood "became very somber" as word of the tragedy spread around Fort A.P. Hill — a sprawling Army base about an hour south of Washington.

"These scout leaders ... get to know these kids very well," he said. "I'm sure these kids are devastated. They're their mentors, their leaders, they become like their second dads."

The dead were identified as Michael J. Shibe, 49, Mike Lacroix, 42, and Ronald H. Bitzer, 58, all of Anchorage; and Scott Edward Powell, 57, of Perryville, Ohio. Shibe had two sons at the Jamboree and Lacroix had one; the three children all returned home to Alaska.

Three other adults suffered



A day following the deaths of four Boy Scout leaders at the National Jamboree, a Boy Scout rappels down a wall Tuesday at Fort A.P. Hill in Bowling Green, Va. Chaplains and grief counselors were on hand for Boy Scouts coming to grips with the deaths of the leaders killed on the opening day of their Jamboree.

minor injuries.

The event was closed to visitors Tuesday. Boy Scouts spokesman Gregg Shields gave few details about the accident and was unable to say how long the investigation might take.

Army officials are assisting. "Our hearts go out to the families of these dedicated Scout leaders who gave so much to their sons, their troops and their communities," Shields told reporters, his voice choked with emotion.

Scout Kenny Suggs, 17, of Baltimore said he did not hear about the accident until Tuesday morning when the scoutmaster told the troop what happened.

"It was pretty frightening," Suggs said.

The victims came from many different professions, but they had one thing in common: They were all avid Scout leaders.

This was Shibe's third national Jamboree and his four sons were all Boy Scouts, according to Meg Stapleton, who is assisting the family. The two oldest, Brent and Neal, are Eagle Scouts whom Shibe had taken to a pre-

vious Jamboree. Powell retired to Ohio about 18 months ago after living for 30 years in Alaska, where he ran a Scout camp.

He accepted an invitation to the Jamboree — the last slot for an adult — when he was back in Anchorage this month for the camp's 50th anniversary, said his sister, Anne Renfrow.

Powell taught scores of boys how to rappel, how to safely use knives and axes and how to find their way through the thick Alaskan forests using a compass. He also had a penchant for storytelling that came in handy in the glow of the campfire.

"He was the quintessential 'Boy'," said Wayne Starr, a district commissioner for the Boy Scouts in Alaska.

Bitzer was a retired attorney who worked in scouting for years and gave up his law practice to work with the organization, Starr said.

"Scouting was what he loved. He spent many, many hours working with Scouting," said troop scoutmaster Ken Schulcraft. "It was a way for him to help others."

# Afghans hurl stones at U.S. troops

## Provincial governor: 50 Taliban members were killed in operation

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Hundreds of protesters chanting "Die America!" and throwing stones tried to batter down a gate at the U.S. military's main Afghan base Tuesday, adding to anxieties in a country worried that fighting with insurgents could disrupt elections.

The riot came just hours after an overnight battle in southern Afghanistan that a provincial governor said killed at least 50 suspected Taliban rebels and two Afghan soldiers.

More than 800 people have died in a surge of insurgent attacks and government offensives since March, and U.S. and Afghan officials have warned that the violence is a threat to parliamentary elections scheduled for Sept. 18.

Police in eastern Pakitka province said a legislative candidate was killed Tuesday by a roadside bomb that blew up

next to his vehicle as he drove his sick mother to the hospital. The woman was wounded, area police chief Malik Khan said.

The clash in Bagram was unusual. The area an hour's drive north of the capital has been largely peaceful since a U.S.-led military campaign toppled the Taliban regime in late 2001 for harboring Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida terrorist camps.

Rioting broke out in a crowd of more than 1,000 people who gathered to protest the detention of eight villagers at the base, where thousands of U.S. and other foreign soldiers live behind fences and land mines left from Afghanistan's civil war.

Demonstrators hurled stones at a convoy of six U.S. military vehicles, smashing windows. As soldiers inside the cars fired handguns in the air, the vehicles sped into the base and the protesters chased behind, trying to push down a gate guarded by Afghan troops.

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NATION

# Energy bill features big tax breaks

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Congressional negotiators completed Tuesday a sweeping overhaul of energy policy that would provide billions of dollars in tax breaks to promote domestic production of oil, coal, natural gas and nuclear energy, as well as conservation efforts. The bill would extend daylight-saving time, nearly double the amount of ethanol that

must be added to the nation's gasoline supply, authorize a survey of offshore oil and gas resources and give federal regulators final say over the location of liquefied natural gas terminals.

The measure, long sought by President Bush, is expected to pass the House and Senate later this week.

Still, heated debate is likely on many of its elements, with critics finding fault with what in

the bill — and what's not.

They complained that it doesn't do enough to encourage conservation, gives tax breaks and subsidies to profitable oil and gas companies and includes measures that would roll back environmental protections to promote drilling.

Even some of the measure's supporters acknowledged that it may not significantly reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

Bush has pushed for an energy bill since 2001, but the measure gained momentum this year after gasoline prices hit a record high.

And its chances of passage improved earlier this week after House Republican leaders dropped a provision that would have shielded from lawsuits producers of MTBE — a gasoline additive that has contaminated water supplies in several states.

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## Proposed skyscraper would be tallest in U.S.

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — It would twist into the sky over Chicago's lakefront like an oversized birthday candle, surpassing Sears Tower and the planned Freedom Tower in New York as the nation's tallest building.

It might, or might not, be built. But it already is drawing fire from Donald Trump, who scaled back his plans for a record-shattering Chicago tower of comparable height after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

A far less well known developer, Christopher Carley of Chicago, will unveil his proposal Wednesday for a slender, 115-story tower with a steel spire that could soar higher than 2,000 feet.

Designed by superstar Spanish-born architect and engineer Santiago Calatrava, the skyscraper would rise next to Lake Shore Drive and near the entrance to Navy Pier. Its tapering glass facade would ripple like folds of drapery.

For Carley, the chairman of Fordham Co., the planned hotel and condo tower would be taller than the combined height of his last three previous projects: two towers of roughly 54 stories and an eight-story structure.

Financing for his latest project has not yet been arranged, and it largely depend on achieving prices rarely seen in a downtown market.

"Is this going to get done?" Carley said. "It'll be market-driven."

But the ambitious proposal, to be called Fordham Spire, would dramatically shift the focus of Chicago's skyline, and it likely faces community opposition and the challenge of obtaining financing in what some are calling an overheated real estate market.

In addition, some contend, it must confront the specter of terrorism.

"In this climate," said Trump, whose tower might compete with the new skyscraper for luxury condominium buyers, "I would not want to build that building. Nor would I want to live in that building."

"Any bank that would put up money to build a building like that would be insane," he said. Carley shot back that Trump's Chicago tower is playing in the same supertall league because it will be 1,360 feet tall, just 90 feet less than Sears.

"I wonder where the insanity limit is. It must be just over 1,360 feet," he said.

## Dems sift first of Roberts' papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated Senate Democrats struggled to unearth Supreme Court nominee John Roberts' elusive views on abortion, civil rights and other controversial issues Tuesday, digging through newly released government documents while criticizing the White House for refusing access to thousands more.

"It's more than what they need," President Bush's spokesman said of the material being turned over.

The disagreement over access to decades-old government records flared as Attorney General Alberto Gonzales suggested that, if confirmed, Roberts would not be bound by an earlier statement that the landmark 1973 ruling that established a woman's right to an abortion was settled law.

Gonzales told The Associated Press in an interview that "a Supreme Court justice is not obliged to follow precedent if you believe it's wrong."

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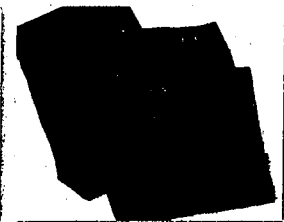


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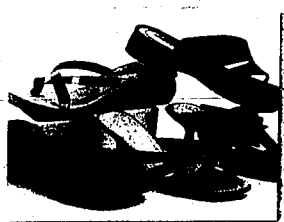
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OPINION

# Rehnquist surrenders golden years to court

WASHINGTON - Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist left the hospital July 14 and issued a firm statement: "I want to put to rest the speculation and unfounded rumors of my imminent retirement."

The next morning, he climbed into his wheelchair and, with considerable assistance, made his way to his Supreme Court office.

At 80, Rehnquist is undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer. He has trouble walking and talking. Like all cancer patients, Rehnquist has the right to look forward to a full recovery. At the same time, he should acknowledge that almost anyone else his age, suffering from his disabilities, would be retired.

The Constitution gives Supreme Court justices life tenure to insulate them from political pressure, not to ensure that they stay in office until extreme old age. The first generation of justices tended to opt for shorter tenures, sometimes quitting long before retirement age to take other government jobs. But later generations have taken the lifetime appointment as a challenge to stay as long as possible, as if they were popes or kings.

In recent decades, Supreme Court retirements have played out like lab experiments, testing whether people in powerful jobs would retire if they did not have to. The answer, in most cases, has been no.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. remains the role model for all modern justices in legal think-

PETER S. CANELLOS

Like all cancer patients, Rehnquist has the right to look forward to a full recovery. At the same time, he should acknowledge that almost anyone else his age, suffering from his disabilities, would be retired.

ing. Alas, he may also be the role model for never acknowledging the need to retire. Historians still recount how Holmes, at 91, slept through arguments using a stack of law books as a pillow.

Justice William O. Douglas, a passionate liberal, suffered a severe stroke in 1974, his 35th year on the court. But Douglas was determined not to give President Ford, a Republican who had led an attempt to impeach Douglas, the satisfaction of choosing his replacement. According to "The Brethren: Inside the Supreme Court," by

Bob Woodward and Scott Armstrong, Douglas allowed himself to be wheeled to the bench in a state of near-total incapacity, while aides struggled to mask the smell of his incontinence bag.

After Douglas was finally pressured into retirement, Ford appointed a more conservative replacement. But in a sign of how much the court has changed politically, but how little it has changed in regard to retirement, Douglas's replacement, John Paul Stevens, is now the court's reigning liberal. And, at 85, Stevens himself admits to no plans to give up his seat.

Since most of the court's work takes place behind closed doors, and each justice has a team of clerks, the public rarely sees the full effects of a justice's infirmities. But when the curtain accidentally slides away, the revelations can be shocking.

In 1990, after President George H.W. Bush nominated David H. Souter to replace the liberal William Brennan, 82-year-old Justice Thurgood Marshall uninvitedly granted a TV interview to vent his spleen.

"And the first thing I called my wife said, 'Have I ever heard of this man?' She said, 'No, I haven't either,'" Marshall said of Souter. Asked his views of the new President Bush, Marshall gumbled: "It's said that if you can't say something good about a dead person, don't say it. I consider him dead."

The shaky performance on television left many people worried about his mental state.

But he stayed another year before retiring.

Marshall and Douglas considered themselves heroes for serving so long rather than have a conservative replace them. But each had a chance to leave gracefully, at a normal retirement age, and have a Democratic president appoint his successor. Instead, they opted to keep hearing cases into their old age.

Rehnquist, too, could retire and have a president of his party appoint a like-minded successor. But he has been on the court so long, he probably doubts it could function without him.

Sandra Day O'Connor had no such hesitations. The first woman on the court was also the first in a long time to retire with some good years left in her. At 75, she is hanging up her robe at a younger age than any of her last five colleagues to leave the court.

Last week, after President George W. Bush nominated John G. Roberts Jr. to replace her, reporters found O'Connor fly-fishing in Idaho, looking every inch the hearty Westerner with her fly vest and casting rod.

Roberts, who is 50, might well take note of her example. After 15 or 20 years on the court, he would probably owe himself a new chapter in his life - something the chief justice has already given up.

Peter S. Canellos is the Boston Globe's Washington bureau chief.

## LETTER

### U.S. should withdraw from United Nations

You cannot reform a deadly disease. The United Nations, like a cancerous tumor, is a malignant growth that cannot be reformed. You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. The only solution is the total withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations.

The United Nations was

founded by socialists and communists like Alger Hiss and world government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations members and has been a nest of enemy spies from the beginning.

The United Nations is a terrorist organization, not a peace organization, by its actions and should be removed from U.S. soil. Diplomatic Immunity should stop and all delegates

subjected to thorough searches.

The United Nations was built on a foundation full of lies and falsehoods and cannot be reformed. We are told that we joined the United Nations by a treaty, but the United Nations is not a sovereign state and a treaty is between two or more sovereign states. Also treaty law does not supersede the Constitution, according to

James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson. If it did, then we have no Constitution.

Americans who love freedom should urge Congress to pass HR-1146, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act, which would end U.S. membership in the cancerous, terrorist United Nations.

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
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### Ryan Edward Lewis

**IDAHO FALLS** — Ryan Edward Lewis, 23, of Idaho Falls, died July 25, 2005, at his home. He was born July 29, 1981, in Idaho Falls. He grew up and attended schools in Idaho Falls, graduating from Idaho Falls High School with the class of 2000. He attended University Place and Eastern Idaho Technical College and was last employed by the Idaho Falls Public Library. He is survived by parents, Marilyn and Ted Lewis, Idaho Falls; brothers, Roman Lewis, Boise, Idaho, and Ivan Lewis, San Diego, Calif.; and grandmother, Helen Arnold, Twin Falls, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Helen and Ted Lewis, and Edward Arnold. Private funeral arrangements are pending under the direction of Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402, phone: 208-522-2751, fax: 208-522-5413. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations, in memory of Ryan, to Idaho Falls Public Library, 467 Broadway, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, or the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization, Utah/Idaho Chapter, R.O. Box 610546, Salt Lake City, UT 84151.



## SERVICES

**Helen Porterfield** of Twin Falls, service at 10:30 a.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls.

**James E. "Jim" McArthur** of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl.

**Robert Edward Nelson** of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

**Alfred "Tex" Woolstenhulme** of Declo and formerly of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St. Friends may call from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

**James Allen Benson** of Wendell, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel, 164 E. Main.

**Sasha Sri Andersen**, infant daughter of Benjamin and Robble Holman Andersen of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Declo Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

**Clarence L. Anderson** of Hazelton, funeral at 1:30 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

**Georgia Corrine Dandridge Black** of Eden, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Harold B. Roberts** of Idaho Falls, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home, 825 N. 17th St., in Idaho Falls. Friends may visit with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

**Joseph Z. Walker Jr.** of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

**Paul Albert Burtrum** of Kimberly, graveside service at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

**Rae Mitchell Anderson** of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Chapel).

**Manuelita Harbaugh** of Gooding, recitation of the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church (Demaray Funeral Chapel).

**Arthur Marion Hurst** of Bellevue, graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Bellevue Cemetery (Wood River Chapel of Holy).

## DEATH NOTICES

**Ronald D. Goertzson** of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at Bridgeview Retirement Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho.

**Steven James Henry BUHL** — Steven James Henry, 50, of Buhl, died July 25, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

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### Francisco Javier Rojas Ramos and Julian Rojas

**SHOSHONE** — Francisco Javier Rojas Ramos and son Julian of Shoshone, Idaho, passed away Saturday, July 23, 2005, as a result of an automobile accident.



Francisco was born Dec. 14, 1971, in La Labor, Calhoun, Agassiz, Oregon. He is the son of Epigenio Rojas and Juana Ramos. He left behind a wife, Dolores Velasco Rojas, two young children, Javier, Fabian, Francisco Jr. and Elizabeth. Francisco worked in the Wood River Valley since 1987; he first worked for Espinosa Flooring, where he became a master of the trade he practiced the rest of his life. At the time of his death he was employed by Roger and Suzie Bergdahl.

He will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Francisco believed in God and was a faithful member of the Catholic church.

A "Francisco Rojas Family Benefit Fund" has been established at any Wells Fargo Bank to help cover those unexpected and unanticipated expenses for his young family.

Francisco is also survived by his father, mother and many brothers and sisters, Alfonso and family of California, Elias (Fratello), Juana, Maria, Carmen, Elena, Dolores "Lola" (Hermilio Sandova), Efrain (Carmen), Epigenio (Gaudelano), Belen (Diego Moya) and Joel (Lorena) all of the Wood River Valley.

Julian, young son of Francisco and Lola, was born April 5, 1996, and attended Bellevue Elementary. Francisco was blessed with a smile and a kindness that everyone that met him will never forget. A loving father and husband, he was an example to his children that they

### James 'Jim' B. Tyler

**TWIN FALLS** — James "Jim" B. Tyler died in a motorcycle accident on July 23, 2005, in Owyhee County. Jim was born to Henry and Marlon (Madison) Tyler in Williamsburg, Va., on Aug. 17, 1957. He served in the United States Army for three and one-half years from 1979 to 1982. He married Diana Perez and they were later divorced. There were three children born to this union. Jim married Sheri Olander on Feb. 18, 2000. They resided in Twin Falls and the owners of 1 & 5 Homesetters, which entailed placing manufactured homes.



Marian C. Davis and husband, Wilbert nephews, Larry D. Rogers and Ryan Tyler and nieces, Stephanie T. Rogers, Jasmine L. Tyler and Raven Tyler. In lieu of Jim's in-laws, from both marriages, thought of him as a very close family member. Jim left behind many, many close friends, too numerous to be printed on this page. Jim loved golfing, motorcycle riding, camping, fishing and he truly enjoyed his friends and family.

Jim's parents preceded him in death. Survivors are his wife, Sheri; three sons, James B. Tyler Jr. and his wife, Italy, Italy Zachary A. Tyler, and his wife, Mitchell Osterhoudt, San Diego; two daughters, Justina

Ms Tyler and mate, Tony Navarrete, and Micki Story and husband, James, of Twin Falls; grandsons, Riley and one-granddaughter; on the way, Quiana Navarrete; brothers, Henry B. Tyler Jr., Anthony L. Tyler, Fredrick Tyler and Carlton B. Tyler; sisters, Alice T. Rogers and

### Sandra Haxby Faraday

**SALMON** — A funeral for Sandra Haxby Faraday will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 28, 2005, from the First Presbyterian Church of Salmon, Idaho, at the site of Stan DeLong, Coke McClure and Pastor Heidi Smith officiating. Interment will follow in the Salmon Cemetery under the auspices of the Anna Rebekah Lodge #14. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at the Jones & Casey Funeral Home.

Sandra Faraday was born on Nov. 18, 1941, in Declo, Idaho, the third of eight children born to Wilbur and Hildagard (Peters) Haxby and passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2005, in Salmon, Idaho, at the age of 63 years. Her eight months and six days. She grew up in Heyburn, Idaho, and graduated from Minnoka High School with the class of 1960. While in high school Sandy was the best debater on the High School Debate Team. Sandra attended college in Pocatello, Idaho, for a year and then was united in marriage to Charles B. Faraday III on Feb. 2, 1962, in Ellettsville, Ind. Four children were born to this union, Shellee, Tracy, Brenda and Scott. They lived in Paul, Idaho; Twin Falls, Idaho and finally to Salmon in 1969.

four towns for four children. Sandra said she was not moving again. She went to work at the VI gas station in 1971 with Scott by her side. She continued there until 2003 when they got the gas station part of VI. Sandy worked many years at the Stage Coach Motel and later at Motel DeLong, Sensations Salon and at the Lemhi After School Program. In 1977 Sandra joined the Anna Rebekah's Lodge #14, served as their president 11 terms and progressed through the ranks to be the current life women of the Anna Rebekah's Lodge. When the kids were young she was a Jayceet, serving as president and enjoyed the many events planned with family and friends. As a softball coach, Sandy always had a champion team. The kids didn't like it they had to win. Sandy just made it fun. She was proud to be a Salmon Booster for the youth in this community; anytime it involved children she was a part of it. The winter months were spent at the bowling alley on the ice women's league. Sandy played until her elbow gave up. Had she been able to replace her arm she may still be out there.

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State potato farmers warned of leaf fungus

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but we're keeping our eyes open," Nolte said. "With the thunderstorms we had on Saturday, if that moved something around, we might expect something in a week or so."

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"There's nothing yet, but we're keeping our eyes open... we might expect something in a week or so."

— Phil Nolte, University of Idaho, potato-disease expert

Washington governor gives green light to wind farm

Some residents are opposed to losing their scenic views

ELLENSBURG, Wash. (AP) — Gov. Christine Gregoire on Tuesday approved the first large-scale wind power project for central Washington's Kittitas County, where some farmers and economic development officials have been at odds with residents worried about losing their scenic mountain views.

The project itself is going to be clean power. It's going to be jobs. It's going to be an opportunity for this community to showcase itself in a renewable market," Gregoire said.

from Zilkha, which was purchased by the Goldman Sachs earlier this year. The project's permit allows for enough turbines to generate 300 megawatts of power. PSE plans to install about 127 turbines and construct 230 megawatts initially, leaving the door open for future expansion.

part-time jobs once the project is completed. Gregoire said she specifically considered questions about the proximity of homes, visual impacts and the effect on wildlife, economic benefits and anti-turbine laws in the community.

and have begun reviewing opportunities for investment in the area. "I do believe this project is important for Kittitas County. It's important for your economy, and it affords you a lot of cost energy," Garrett said.

Appeals court upholds Washington, Oregon dam spills

By David Kravets Associated Press writer SAN FRANCISCO — A Tuesday appeals court upheld a federal court's ruling that the government should water through the Northwest hydroelectric dams to help young salmon migrating to the Pacific.

electricity generated by the dams, estimated spilling the water rather than running it through turbines will cost \$67 million in lost revenue, which could be saddled on utility customers in Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington.

through all the dams' hydroelectric turbines. The government argued that it has salmon recovery plan in place that is jeopardized by Redden's ruling. For more than a decade, the government has been diverting fish captured in holding tanks at the dams, where they are then trucked or barged to the Columbia River in Oregon.

and Willamette river in the Northwest are protected by the Endangered Species Act and reiterated Redden's finding that they are not evidence signs of recovery." Brian Gorman, a spokesman for the National Marine Fisheries Service, said the government was "obviously disappointed" with the decision.

of about \$32 per megawatt. That would typically amount to an increase of about 2 percent in the rates paid by residential customers, the BPA said.

Sen. Craig's father dies

PAVETTE, Idaho (AP) — Evrin Craig, the father of Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has died at a hospice here.

Boise near the Oregon border. He spent 17 years as president of Fruitvale and Indian Mountain cattle associations.

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# Statistics show slowdown in Mormon church growth

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The 12-million member Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints more than doubled the number of people on its membership rolls in the last 25 years and has long been described as the fastest-growing religious faith in the world with its global missionary work.

But since 1990, denominations such as the Seventh-day Adventists, Assemblies of God and Pentecostal groups have grown much faster.

Perhaps even more telling, the number of Mormons who are considered active members is only about a third of the total or about 4 million people, The Salt Lake Tribune reported in Tuesday editions.

According to LDS-published statistics, the annual number of converts declined from a high of 321,305 in 1996 to 241,229 in 2004. In the 1990s, the church's growth rate went from 5 percent a year to 3 percent.

In comparison, the Seventh-day Adventist Church reports it has added more than 900,000 adult converts each year since 2000 for an average growth rate of about 5 percent, bringing the total membership to 14.3 million.

Assemblies of God now claims more than 50 million members worldwide, adding 10,000 new members every day. When the Growth Center at the City University of New York conducted an American Religious Identification Survey in 2001, it found that about the same number of people said they had joined the LDS church as said they had left it. The CNN survey reported the church's net growth at 0 percent.

In contrast, the study showed both Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh-day Adventists with an increase of 1.1 percent.

"Because membership statistics are prepared and reported differently by various religious groups, the LDS church does not publish comparisons of total membership to other faiths," LDS church spokesman Dale Bills told The Tribune. In the Encyclopedia of Mormonism, Brigham Young University demographer Tim Heaton noted that attendance at weekly sacrament meetings in the early 1990s was between 40 percent and 50 percent in Canada, the South Pacific and the United States. In Europe and Africa, the average was 35 percent. Attendance in Asia and Latin America was about 25 percent.

Using those numbers, researcher David G. Stewart Jr. estimated worldwide activity at about 35 percent, which would give the church about 4 million active members.

Stewart, a Mormon who served a mission to Russia in the early 1990s, has been conducting research on LDS missionary work in 20 countries for 13 years, examining census figures and analyzing published data. In Brazil's 2000 census, 193,645 residents identified themselves as Latter-day Saints, while the church listed 743,182 people there on its rolls.

There may be any number of reasons for the discrepancy including personal preferences of some citizens regarding disclosure of their religious affiliation," Bills said.

Stewart said Mormons need to be aware of the statistics to be more effective missionaries. To that end, he is publishing his research along with a description of what he calls "tested principles to improve growth and retention." In a forthcoming book, "The Law of the Harvest: Practical Principles of Effective Missionary Work."

It is a matter of grave concern that the areas with the most rapid numerical membership increase, Latin America and the Philippines, are also the areas with extremely low convert retention," said Stewart, a California physician. "Many other groups, including the Assemblies of God and Jehovah's Witnesses, have consistently achieved excellent convert retention rates in those cultures and societies. Latter-day Saints lose 70 to 80 percent of their converts, while Adventists retain 70 to 80 percent of theirs."

Perhaps the best measure of LDS church growth is the rate of new church units, such as wards (congregations) and stakes (similar to a diocese). Because they are staffed by volunteers, such units cannot function without adequate active members.

In 1980, The Ensign, the LDS church's official magazine, predicted that membership would grow from 4.6 million members then to 11.1 million members in 2000, and from 1,190 stakes to 3,600 in 2000. While the number of members came very close to the projections, there were 2,602 stakes worldwide at the end of 2002.

"You can use these trends to say that the percentage is slowing, the numbers have leveled off or they are dropping. They tell us what is happening right now," Heaton said. "But to try

and tell us about the future is risky business. What if all of our children or grandchildren (and the missionary) work takes off?"

In 1984, University of Washington sociologist Rodney Stark discovered that the LDS church's growth rate from 1940 through 1980 was 53 percent. He estimated that if it continued to grow at a more modest 30 percent, there would be 60 million Mormons by the year 2000; if 50 percent, the figure would explode to 265 million.

He famously predicted that the LDS church "will soon achieve a worldwide following comparable to that of Islam, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and the other dominant world faiths."

Latter-day Saints were on the threshold of becoming "the first major faith to appear on earth since the Prophet Mohammed rode out of the desert," Stark wrote.

Many people, especially Mormons, eagerly embraced Stark's assessment. In recent years, though, some scholars have challenged his assumptions.

True Pure Land Buddhism, Soka Gokai, Bahai, and Sufism are all of comparable or greater size and have arisen since Islam in the 7th century, said Gerald McDermott, a religious studies professor at Virginia's Roanoke College who presented a paper at a Library of Congress symposium on Mormonism in 2001.

One key to Mormonism becoming a world religion, McDermott said, is how well it can transcend its founding culture to become universal. Catholicism, for example, began in Jerusalem but found a home in many other places, where it assimilated into local cultures.

# Utah town signs onto coal plant plan

LEHI, Utah — The city of Lehi has joined the consortium of cities that plans to build a 900-megawatt coal-fired power plant at Delta.

"This will give the city of Lehi additional ownership in a power company and help to stabilize power rates," said Jackie Coombs, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems representative.

The City Council approved the Intermountain Power Plant Project Unit 3 agreement on

July 12, the same day Utah Power reported a record demand for electricity — 5,048 megawatts during peak hours.

Several cities in Utah, California and Nevada are members of the consortium.

"The Intermountain project, in coordination with the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems and the Intermountain Power Agency, already has

two generators at the Delta site. Lehi will pay \$240,000 to

ward the \$3 million project. The construction costs will be additional and completion of the project is expected in 2011.

The original design for the project called for four generators, but only two were built in the 1980s. The power plant currently supplies 1,700 megawatts of electricity to 23 Utah cities.

Hot summer temperatures have created high demand for electricity in Lehi, said Ron Foggini, city finance director.

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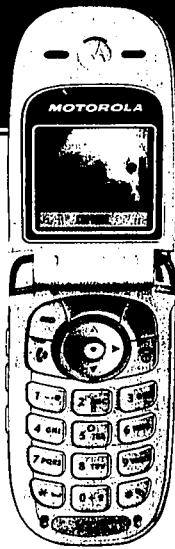
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# Gang member involved in shoot-out gets seven years

CALDWELL (AP) — A gang member has been sentenced to at least seven years in prison for his role in a shoot-out between rival gangs nearly four years ago.

Third District Judge Dennis Goff sentenced Jose Pedraza, 27, to a total of 15 years in prison for the shooting death of 21-year-old Rene Guzman Jr. of Caldwell.

"We just don't tolerate, as a community, people who go by and shoot at homes and cars," Goff said. "We don't even toler-

ate that with our police officers." Police characterized the 2001 shooting in a neighborhood near downtown Caldwell as a war-zone, with an ongoing gun battle between rival gangs. The 21-year-old Guzman was found dead from a gunshot wound to the back in an alley near 2nd Avenue and Freepot.

Pedraza was first charged with second-degree murder following the shooting, but a local judge dismissed the charge citing a lack of evidence. Canyon County deputy prosecutors refiled the murder charge after investigators found additional witnesses.

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# Man accused of Smart's kidnapping found incompetent

By Paul Foy  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Both people accused in the kidnapping of Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart have now been declared mentally incompetent to stand trial.

A decision Tuesday by 3rd District Court Judge Judith Atherton will send Brian David Mitchell to a state hospital until he is deemed fit to stand trial. Last year the judge ruled Mitchell's wife, Wanda Barzee, wasn't competent to stand trial either.

Mitchell was accused of snatching Elizabeth from her bedroom in 2002, and Barzee of helping keep her on a nine-month journey from homeless camps in the foothills behind the Smart family's upscale Salt Lake City house to southern California.

Atherton issued her decision by e-mail Tuesday after six days of hearings over the past seven months. Mitchell repeatedly shouted Biblical admonitions and sang hymns during the hearings, prosecutors said he was removed from court several times.

The judge's decision covered the sweep of Mitchell's life in a family that testimony showed had a history of mental disorder. Mitchell was the third of six children and a "loner" in a "highly dysfunctional" family, the judge wrote.

"It is the court's conclusion that the preoccupation, distress and impaired social functioning exhibited by the defendant are symptoms of a delusional disorder," the judge wrote.

The judge dismissed the prosecution argument that Mitchell was just a narcissist with an extreme set of religious beliefs. She found that his be-



Brian David Mitchell

liefs were based on psychotic delusions and that he was incapable of making rational decisions or assisting in his defense.

Under Utah law, Mitchell will be back in court after three months for proceedings to determine whether his mental state has changed, prosecutor Bob Stott said.

"We're disappointed but we respect the judge's decision. She's given a lot of time and energy to the matter, and we'll follow the decision," Stott said.

"Criminal charges are still pending. It just means we can't go forward until he regains his competency."

District Attorney David Yocom said. "We anticipate there will be a trial someday, and Elizabeth will testify and he will be convicted."

Mitchell's chief public defender, Vernice S. Drase, didn't respond to phone messages by The Associated Press.

Mitchell, 51, is accused of kidnapping then 14-year-old Elizabeth from her bedroom in 2002, sexually assaulting her and keeping her as his second wife.

Elizabeth's father, Ed Smart, said he was resigned to the judge's decision and satisfied that Mitchell will stay locked up indefinitely.

Smart characterized his one-time handyman as calculating. "I don't think there's any question he knows what's going on," said Smart, who added, "he's already chosen to be the way he's been."

"My satisfaction will be seeing him behind bars, not back

out on the street to hurt anyone again," Smart said. "If he wants to be the way he is so be it, and let him waste away in a mental hospital."

Mitchell and Barzee, 59, were charged with kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, aggravated burglary and attempted kidnapping. Mitchell also is charged in the attempted abduction of Elizabeth's cousin.

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# Pocatello police investigation nears end

An officer is accused of sexually assaulting a woman while on duty

POCATELLO (AP) — Police Chief Ed Guthrie has turned over to prosecutors preliminary findings of an investigation into a woman's allegations that an on-duty police officer sexually assaulted her in her home.

Guthrie said the criminal investigation is 90 percent complete and he's sent the results to Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Hiedeman. Guthrie will decide whether charges are brought against the officer.

"I'm waiting for the rest of the report," Hiedeman said Monday.

"I don't want to make a decision this important before I

have all the information."

Hiedeman expects to make a decision within a few days. The case could be forwarded to a grand jury or the state attorney general's office for review outside of Bannock County.

The officer's name will not be made public unless Hiedeman charges him with a crime, Guthrie said.

Besides the criminal investigation, Guthrie is conducting an administrative inquiry into the officer's actions. A disciplinary hearing is scheduled for Wednesday to determine whether the officer should continue to work for the police force.

After the disciplinary hearing, a civil service commission made up of three citizens will review the evidence to decide what, if any, punishment is deserved.

The citizens' commission has five days to complete its review and issue a decision.

The woman told police the attack occurred at her home Thursday evening. The officer had been sent to the woman's house previously responding to calls of an undisciplined nature, but he had no official business there Thursday evening, Guthrie said.

Less than 24 hours after the allegation of sexual assault was received, Guthrie suspended the officer and confiscated his badge, gun and police identification.

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# Doctor facing homicide charge will be extradited

REXBURG — A doctor facing homicide and drug charges in Montana will be extradited to Idaho to stand trial on gun robbery charges after his first trial, the governors of Idaho and Montana have agreed.

In Montana, prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for James Stephen Bischoff's alleged role in the death of an 85-year-old patient. Bischoff is accused of supplying Kathryn Dvarzhshkis with the drugs that apparently caused her fatal heart attack. He is also charged with two counts of drug distribution and another charge of writing bad checks.

Bischoff has pleaded innocent to all the Montana charges.

In Idaho, he's accused of robbing a US Bank in Rexburg. He will be extradited to Idaho after his first trial, set for Sept. 19 in Montana, is complete, said Trey Boman, chief deputy with the Madison County Prosecutor's Office in Idaho.

Prosecutors claim that while Bischoff was released on bail after Dvarzhshkis' death last March, he drove to Rexburg to rob the bank.

He was arrested on March 17 at his home in Ennis, Mont. after Rexburg police found a piece of luggage near the bank with the doctor's late wife's name and address on the labels. Bischoff is now being held in Montana's Madison County jail without bail. His original jury trial was set for May 16 in Virginia City, Mont., but the trial was pushed back at the request of Bischoff's attorney and moved to another venue because of local publicity.

Idaho in brief

**Wildfire east of Challis grows to 600 acres**

SALMON — A fire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest has grown to 600 acres, but rain and cooler weather were helping firefighters.

The Falls Creek Fire east of Challis, which started late last week, was about 10 percent contained Tuesday.

Since the blaze was touched off by lightning, firefighters had been hampered in efforts to fight it because it is rugged, steep country with few safety zones. As a result, National Forest officials opted to let the fire burn within distinct boundaries to limit danger to firefighters.

They hoped to confine the fire south and west of the Lemhi Valley and north of the main Pahsimet Valley, according to a Salmon-Challis National Forest statement.

Officials said there was a chance the wildfire would be contained this week, although much still depends on the weather.

No homes or private property were threatened, though the fire was located 4 miles south of the Morse Creek Campground. As a result of the blaze, one Forest Service road and three trails were closed: the Morse Creek Road, including the campground, the Patterson Creek Trail, the Morse Creek Trail, and the Carol Creek Trail.

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By Bo Carl  
Special to The Times-News

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This is the season when the salmon begin their long migration (sometimes as many as 2,000 miles) en route to the original riverbeds where they were born. This time they are completing the cycle, making the trip to spawn, laying up to 20,000 eggs before perishing. It's the ultimate sacrifice.

Think about it. These noble animals, draped in resplendent colors, journey through thousands of miles, forging against driving currents, overcoming thundering falls and towering dams, eluding numerous predators — all with the understanding that once they reach their destination, they will die anyway. They don't even stop to eat during this ordeal.

This is also the time of year when you start seeing fresh wild salmon in your local restaurants and supermarkets. Most of the year, all fresh or frozen salmon is farmed from the Northern Atlantic, but for a short time, you can get true wild salmon — and you're in for a real treat.

There are differing opinions over which is better, but most connoisseurs opt for

wild salmon — not only for its flavor, but also for its richer, darker flesh and its firmer texture. Best of all is the incomparable sensory allure of wild salmon. Being darker red or orange in color, it is higher in fat and richer in flavor and aroma.

Many cooks go into great detail about how to properly choose fresh salmon, but I follow only two rules when choosing any seafood:

1. Trust your nose.
2. Trust your butcher.

Basically salmon should smell like fresh salt air. If it smells odd or foul, pass it by. As for the second rule, it's only common sense that you should shop at a butcher or fishmonger who takes pride in his product and values his customers. You don't have to be an expert. That's his job.

If you are in the market for fresh salmon, try to purchase sockeye or king if available. Whether you are buying a whole fish, steaks or filets, these two varieties will give you the best eating experience and are definitely the best value for your buck.

Now you have a basic idea of what you're looking for when choosing fresh salmon, but that's not enough. You also need a good recipe or two.

With the wrong recipe, it's like using a racehorse to plow the farm. It will get the job done you will be missing out on its true zip. Just by coincidence, I happen to have

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## Regardless of the situation, sangria is a hit drink

Cox News Service

**ATLANTA** — For a food writer, the pressure is never greater than at the first neighborhood potluck. There's a fine line between being too flashy and not wanting to disappoint.

When the invite came shortly after moving into a new home last year, I considered my options. I decided on something that was familiar, but not ordinary.

Something that would make a statement, but not be in direct competition with other offerings. I chose sangria, and man, did I choose right.

I have always been a fan of this wine cocktail from Spain, which was made popular in the United States at the 1964 World's Fair in New York. There is something communal in the

enjoyment of this pitcher drink, which casts a warming glow on any event, unlike individual mixed drinks or bottled wine. It's best made ahead, which adds to its appeal, making it convenient for entertaining.

The name "sangria," which means blood in Spanish, refers to the deep red color of the wine originally used.

Unlike a lot of red wine which is served at room temperature, sangria is served chilled and on ice, making it a perfect warm-weather drink.

Slightly sweetened and fortified with brandy and other liquors, its greatest distinction is the macerated fruits that garnish the drink.

Sangria enthusiast Nancy Rogers of Atlanta thinks of sangria "like a liquid casserole." Rogers loves to improvise when

making her signature party drink. "You just layer different flavors until you get something you like and find the balance between fruit, alcohol, liqueurs, sugar and something bubbly for a little fizz. It's not like baking where you need precise measurements and ingredients. If you make a mistake, it's pretty easy to fix."

Rogers starts by choosing fruit. "I try to buy seasonally. In the summer, I like to include pineapple, mango or papaya." In the winter, when the pickings are slimmer, she chooses more citrus and will even throw in a can of mandarin oranges or frozen peaches.

While sangria is often served as a prelude to a meal, Hector Santiago, chef-owner of Pura Vida in Atlanta, says it easily makes the transition to being

enjoyed with a meal.

"Sangria can be very food friendly if it's not too sweet," Santiago says. "Because most patrons order it by the pitcher, they start drinking it as a cocktail," but continue throughout their meal."

Matt Coggins, general manager of Sala — Sabor de Mexico in Atlanta, seconds Santiago's sentiments, adding, "On Thursdays, when we have a sangria special, it's one of our busiest nights."

While red wine is more typical as the base, summer lends itself to sangria blanca, made from white wine. As refreshing as the red, but lighter, it's also worth trying.

**POTLUCK SANGRIA**  
Serves 8  
1 orange, sliced

1 lime, sliced  
1 lemon, sliced  
1 1/2 cups simple syrup  
3/4 cup fresh orange juice  
1/2 cup fresh lime juice  
1 bottle dry red wine  
1 cup brandy  
Sliced fruit, optional

In a large pitcher, combine orange, lime and lemon slices and simple syrup.

Press firmly with a large muddler or wooden spoon to mash the fruit and extract the juices.

Add the orange and lime juices and muddle again.

Add the wine and brandy and stir well for 15 seconds.

Cover and refrigerate for 3 to 24 hours.

Before serving stir well to combine, then pour over ice.

Garnish with fresh fruit, if desired.

### SALA (Mexican white sangria)

10 servings (10 servings)  
2 bottles dry white wine  
3/4 cup triple sec  
1/2 cup peach schnapps  
1/2 cup simple syrup  
3/4 cup apple juice  
3/4 cup pineapple juice  
2 red apples, cored and sliced  
Soda water  
1 cup red and green grapes  
10 cherries

In a large pitcher, combine wine, triple sec, schnapps, simple syrup and apple and pineapple juices. Add apple slices, and stir well for 15 seconds. Cover and refrigerate for 3 to 24 hours.

Before serving, stir well to combine, then pour over ice. Top with a splash of soda water. Garnish with grapes and a cherry.

FOOD & HOME

Don't be afraid to replace puny plants

The season is just too dang short to hose around. This time of year the garden is supposed to be glorious and we expect to be sitting on the porch, sipping iced tea. But there's always one plant that either looks puny or just up and died.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS Cathy Walworth

Thanks for your help. Signed, Cathy Walworth. Dear Rhubarb: Mmmmm Rhubarb! Betty Course, rhubarb is pretty enough to grow all year if you don't enjoy the luscious red stalks. Rhubarb needs to be divided so that each division has at least one bud. Do that in late winter or early spring, says Sunset's Western Garden Book. Set the pots of the divisions at the soil line and space them three or four feet apart. Be sure to let it grow unmolested for the first two seasons. In the third season, you can harvest stalks (remember that the leaves and

all other parts are poisonous) for four or five weeks in spring. Older plants will tolerate harvest for at least two or so years. To harvest those tasty leafstalks, grab them near the base, pull sideways and out. Don't use the stalks for anything but a stew that will rot and never remove all the leaves from one plant.

After harvest, feed and water well. Lilies and all other spring and summer-blooming shrubs need what bloomed this year. Cut back as far as you can. That keeps them from becoming a sparsely blooming bramble. It's easy to tell which branches to cut now because they should still show the remains of old blooms. Be sure to cut ruthlessly — especially on forsythias. Next year you'll be glad you did. Thanks for writing.

Dear Cathy: Enjoy your column. Helped me feel better about my lawn. My question is:

have clover in my lawn that is starting to expand and take over the yard.

When is the best time of the year to spray for clover and what do you recommend? Signed, Clover All Over. Happy to help. Clover in a lawn is no fun — especially if you're allergic to being stung.

The best time to kill clover is when you see it. OK when it is actively growing. The only thing I've ever found to kill clover is Thimble.

Sometimes you can find it in spray form, but most often it is included in very good formulations of weed and feed products. Read and follow the label directions.

Repeat in a couple of weeks. You will win, I promise. What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: cwalworth@aol.com.

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By Michael Dresser The Baltimore Sun

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Plants have moisture preferences

Albany Times Union

Every plant has a preference when it comes to soil moisture. They will tell you the plant prefers "silt" soil, or a "well-drained" soil, some even a "dry" soil, but how do you know what moist is and how is moisture measured?

Beat the heat

Here are a few other plant survival tips for the summer heat: • Wilting plants in containers should be immersed in a bucket of water until air bubbles stop rising. Other pots become too hot/so dry to absorb water so you need to do this every 2-3 days.

quickly, thus sand is noted as a poor moisture-holding capacity.

Clay, with its very tiny soil particles, is able to hold the irrigation water for a longer period of time than sand, but when it dries out it is rock-hard. Organic matter also known as decomposing plant and animal debris, such as straw, grass clippings, peat moss, leaves, compost and manure are able to hold 20 times their weight in water.

By adding organic matter to our soils, we not only add nutrients but help the soil retain moisture. Over time, if we add organic matter on an annual basis, we will begin to notice the quick drain of sandy soil beginning to slow and the fine particles of clay soils beginning to mix with the larger pieces of decomposing matter. Soils high in organic matter are known as loam.

When it comes to hanging baskets, professional growers use a potting mix formulated for basket retention. This is an example we should follow when filling our window boxes and planters. But because these planters and baskets are kept to the sun's drying rays, exposing them is most like a chore.

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But what doesn't vary is the plant's dependence on this moisture; not only do the roots take up water, but important minerals which have become dissolved in the water.

Thus the plant uses soil moisture as a means of transporting necessary minerals into and throughout its vascular system. We know water is critical for photosynthesis, the plants' food-making process. We also know moisture affects seed germination. Some seeds require moisture to help break down the seed coat so germination can occur. Some seeds must be soaked in water for 24 hours prior to planting. Others require moisture for immediate germination, such as the spores of a fern. Think about the environment your seeds are thriving in; it's continually moist.

How does your soil rate when it comes to holding moisture? Soil labs often determine the moisture capacity of a sample by weighing it, heating it until the moisture has evaporated and then re-weighing the sample. The difference is calculated as the percent of soil moisture. For homeowners, a

simply technique known as the "big squeeze" works well. Dig into the soil about 6 inches, grab a handful and squeeze.

If it remains in a "ball" and a wet outline of water appears in your hand. But because these planters and baskets are kept to the sun's drying rays, exposing them is most like a chore. A dry soil, depending on the soil type, will either flow through your fingers or hold together in an hourglass or be rock-hard and difficult to chip out of the ground.

As mentioned above, many other factors contribute to a soil's moisture-holding capacity, but one thing we as gardeners can do to help our soil is add organic matter and lots of it. Sandy soil is made up of larger soil particles than a clay soil. As a result, when rain falls, it leaches or drains through the sand very

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Parents Should Set the Ground Rules for Mowing: NO KIDS!

(MS) - With warmer days come longer grass and children playing in the yard and, of course, lawn mowers. But, parents should remember, when it's time for mowing and trimming, children and outdoor power equipment don't mix.

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**Fish**

Continued from C1  
have a few salmon recipes on hand. Give them a try and see why the experts call salmon "king."

**HERBED SALMON CAKES**

**Serves 4**  
2 large eggs  
1 can (about 15 oz.) red or pink salmon, drained, skin removed  
1/2 cup finely chopped pears  
1/4 cup chopped cherries  
1/4 cup fine dried bread crumbs  
1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions  
2 tbs. mayonnaise  
1/2 tsp. dill weed  
1/2 tsp. paprika  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1 tbs. vegetable oil  
**Lemon-herb aioli:**  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 tsp. rosemary  
1/4 tsp. thyme  
1/7 tsp. garlic puree  
1 tsp. grated lemon peel  
1 tbs. lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. paprika  
Beat eggs with a fork. Add salmon and break up. Stir in pears, cherries, bread crumbs, onions, mayonnaise, dill, paprika, and pepper. Shape into four cakes (3/4 in. thick); place on a piece of plastic wrap.  
Set a 12-inch nonstick frying pan over medium heat.  
When hot, add oil, then salmon cakes. Cook until well browned on the bottom, 5 to 7 minutes. Turn cakes over and cook until browned on the other side, 3 to 5 minutes longer.  
In a bowl, combine all aioli ingredients.  
Serve cakes with aioli.  
Calories 345; Carbs 65.6g  
Total Fat 3.9g

**SALMON CHEESECAKE**

**Serves 12**  
**Crust:**  
1 cup rye breadcrumbs  
1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs  
1/2 tsp. celery salt  
1/3 cup melted butter  
**Filling:**  
6 oz. smoked salmon  
3 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese  
1 tbs. sugar

There are eight types of salmon in the world. Five are native to the Pacific Northwest, two to the Asian Pacific and one to the North Atlantic. Following is a listing of each and their respective qualities:

- **Anasago salmon** — Native to southern Japan, this is the smallest species in the salmon family, measuring only 5 to 8 inches. They have neither the deep red color, nor the rich flavor of other salmon.
- **Atlantis salmon** — Only a distant relative of its Pacific cousins, this is the only salmon with the ability to spawn more than once, returning to spawn after each mating. These make up about 70 percent of all farmed salmon and possess a mild flavor and pinkish-orange flesh. They average 20-24 inches long and 8-10 pounds in weight.
- **Cherry salmon** — Also known

- 1/2 tsp. dill weed  
1 tsp. lime zest  
4 eggs  
2 tbs. heavy cream  
1/2 tsp. paprika  
1 tsp. flour  
1/2 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and cubed  
1 lime thinly sliced (for garnish)  
2 oz. jar red Blackfish roe (for garnish)  
2 cups salad shrimp (for garnish)  
1 tsp. paprika (for garnish)  
**Crust:** In a bowl, combine crumbs, celery salt and butter. Press into bottom and up sides of a 9-inch spring form pan. Set aside.  
In a mixer bowl, combine salmon and cream cheese and blend until smooth. Add sugar, dill and lime and blend thoroughly. Add eggs, one at a time, blending well each time. Blend in cream.  
In a food processor, combine flour, cucumber and paprika and process until smooth. Blend into cheese mixture and pour into crust.  
Place a baking pan on lower rack of an oven, preheated to 400 degrees, and fill pan half full of boiling water.  
Place cheesecake in water and bake for 55-60 minutes, until top starts pulling away

**Know your salmon**

as Masu salmon, this fish is native to the coastal waters and rivers of eastern Asia. Averaging 18-24 inches and weighing up to 30 pounds, they have an orange flesh and moderately rich taste.  
• **Chinook salmon** — Also called king salmon, this is the world's largest salmon, weighing up to 100 pounds, though most average around 25-30 pounds. Because of its immense size and pleasant orange flesh, this is the variety used most often for smoking.  
• **Chum salmon** — Also called the dog salmon, this fish has the palest flesh of the family, owing to its low-fat content. Subsequently, it has the mildest taste, almost like that of a trout. They average about 20 inches in length and up to 10 pounds.  
• **Coho salmon** — Also called the silver or toutsong salmon, these fish have a dark reddish orange

flesh, yet have less fat than the king and sockeye, thus having fine flavor, but not on the same scale as its two cousins. It averages 18-20 inches long and about 7-10 pounds.  
• **Pink salmon** — Also known as the humpback, this is the smallest of the five members of the Pacific Northwest salmon. Pinks are the most abundant of the species and one of the most commercially harvested, yet its faint pink flesh and low fat content give it little more than a mild flavor, similar to processed tuna. They average 16-18 inches long and 3-7 pounds.  
• **Sockeye salmon** — Also called red salmon, these highly prized fish have an intense reddish-orange flesh. Highest in fat content and rich in flavor, sockeyes are considered the tastiest of the species. They average 24 inches long and 8-10 pounds.

**ROAST SALMON WITH HERBED TOMATOES**

**Serves 4**  
4 (6-oz.) salmon fillets (about 1 1/2 inches thick)  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. black pepper  
1 1/2 cups chopped seeded peeled tomato (about 1 lb.)

from sides.  
Cool in refrigerator for 4 hours to over night.  
Garnish with a ring of lime slices surrounding roe in center of cake.  
Fan the shrimp around the outer rim and sprinkle with paprika.  
Calories: 438, Carbs: 21.6 g

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2 tsp. soy sauce  
3/4 tsp. lemon zest  
3/4 tsp. dried tarragon  
1/2 tsp. rosemary  
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper  
1/4 tsp. thyme  
2 tsp. Dijon mustard  
Tarragon sprigs (optional)  
Sprinkle salmon fillets with salt and pepper.  
Place the fillets, skin sides up, in a large skillet or small roasting pan.  
Spoon chopped tomato around fillets, and drizzle fillets with soy sauce. Wrap handle of skillet with foil, and bake the fil-

lets at 425° for 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.  
Remove skin from fillets, and discard skin. Remove fillets from pan, and keep warm. Add the chopped herbs and mustard to tomato, stirring well. Spoon tomato mixture over fillets.  
Garnish with tarragon sprigs, if desired.  
Calories 345; Carbs 4.6g; Total Fat 12.6g  
*Bo Carl is a chef who lives in Burley.*



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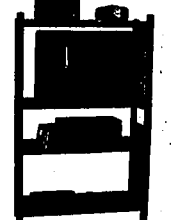
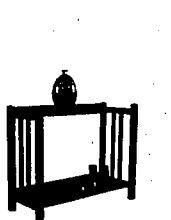


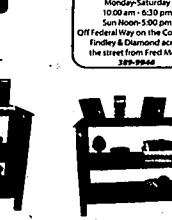
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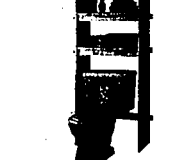
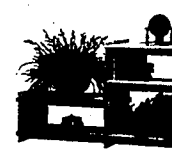
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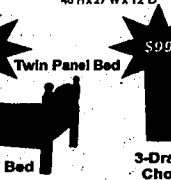
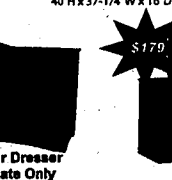
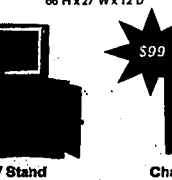
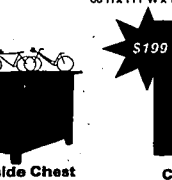

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FOOD & HOME

# Branell ideal for a vacation home

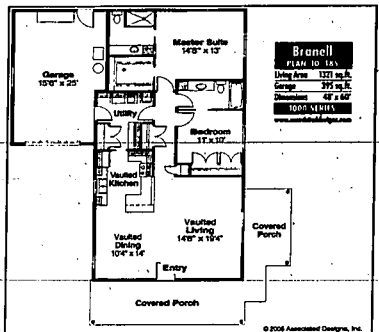
Multipaned windows sparkle across the front of the Branell, a single-level, ranch-style home that makes an inviting beach house or vacation cabin. But there's no need to limit it to those uses. This plan has everything a single person or small family needs for year-round living.

Shingle siding accents the front gable, and custom-trimmed, square columns support a wide front porch that spans the entire front facade. It would be fun to hang an old-fashioned wooden swing at one end or the other, or outfit the porch with patio furniture for relaxing in the shade on warm, sunny days.



Vaulted ceilings add to the sense of spaciousness in the family living area. Plenty of natural light washes in through windows on the front and sides, plus two large skylights.

An eating bar bounds the kitchen, which is otherwise open to the dining and living rooms. Cupboards and counters are in generous supply. Counters wrap around four sides of the kitchen, while among counter and cabinets are right across the hallway from a roomy step-in pantry.



Linked to the garage, this area doubles as a mud room or pet sleeping area. It comes complete with a deep sink, handy for washing up after working in the garden or garage. Attic space over the garage is accessible via a pull-down ladder.

The laundry room, along with a skylit bathroom, is accessible from the bedroom hallway as well as the kitchen and garage.

Spanning the rear, the Branell's master suite boasts a huge walk-in closet, plus a bathroom with an oversized shower. The second bedroom also has plenty of closet space.

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# Stick to good ol' fried and true

By Carole Korkin  
Knight Ridder News Service

People love fried food. Studies have shown that heating and touch, along with other more obvious senses like taste and smell, come into play when we eat.

We find crunchy sounds and crispy textures irresistible, and Southern fried chicken is one of our all-time favorites.

When you do succumb to temptation, the fried chicken you eat should be wonderful. Done correctly at home, deep-frying creates a delectable crisp coating and a juicy interior that can't be duplicated by the Colonel.

Cooking in hot oil is really no more complicated than frying in boiling water except that the fat is heated to as much as double the boiling point of water. Frying not only cooks food rapidly, it seals the surface that keeps the natural moisture in and creates a golden, crispy crust.

And dusting with flour protects the moisture of the food from the hot oil like sunscreen protects skin.

There are interpretations and heated debates, especially in the South, that involve almost every aspect of this seemingly uncomplicated dish, beginning with the seasoning and ending with the coating and best pan to use.

Try it my way, then do your own thing if you wish: add a dash of Tabasco to the buttermilk; bacon drippings to the oil for flavoring and use cracker crumbs, crushed cornflakes or bread crumbs instead of seasoned flour.

A soak in buttermilk produces the best color, texture and flavor.

The thick buttermilk clings to the chicken, allowing more flour to adhere to the parts.

The original coating of Southern fried chicken was probably flour seasoned with salt, pepper, and perhaps cayenne pepper. It's still the preferred coating.

Lard and bacon drippings were probably the original frying fats, but vegetable shortening or peanut oil is the choice today. Always use clean oil.

Most commercial fried chicken is deep-fried (the pieces totally immersed in fat), but better results are achieved if only half of each piece is immersed in the fat at a time.

Old-fashioned cast-iron frying pans (either black or enameled) maintain a more constant temperature than other pans.

Never fill a pan more than half-full with oil, and heat it over medium heat to minimize splattering.

Most foods should be fried at 350-375 degrees. If the oil is too cool, it creates pale, greasy food. If oil is too hot, it burns the outside of food before the inside is cooked. To take the guesswork out of knowing when the fat is hot enough, a candy/deep-fat thermometer in your frying pan is essential. Adjust the heat up and down as needed.

Don't crowd your pan; if the chicken pieces touch each other, they won't brown at all.

Turn chicken with tongs, never with a fork which may pierce the food, allowing moisture to escape.

If you are cooking chicken in batches, keep the finished pieces warm in a 200-degree oven.

# Consider the whole-house fan option

DEAR JIM: I thought about installing a whole-house fan so I can run my air conditioner less. The prices and sizes vary quite a lot.

How do I pick the best one for my home, and will one really save much electricity?

ELLEN D.



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DEAR ELLEN: Running a whole-house fan will reduce your monthly electric bills during the summer. Even the most powerful models still use only a fraction of the electricity consumed by a typical central air conditioner.

People are sometimes confused about what a whole-house fan actually is. It's a large exhaust fan which is usually mounted in the ceiling below the attic.

It draws cool air in through windows and exhausts hot air into the attic.

The cooling comfort comes from the hot indoor air being exchanged with cooler, fresh outdoor air and the gentle breeze it creates indoors.

An additional energy-saving and comfort-improving benefit of running a whole-house fan is the attic stays cooler down during the day after being heated by the sun all day.

With the attic and roof cooler, less heat is radiated down through the rooms ceilings into your family's living area.

General fan sizing charts are available, but the proper size (cubic feet per minute of air flow) of a whole-house fan depends upon factors specific to your home and climate. It would be wise to invest in a two- or variable-speed fan as large as your budget will allow. Use high speed when you first start it to rapidly cool the house and then switch it to a lower speed.

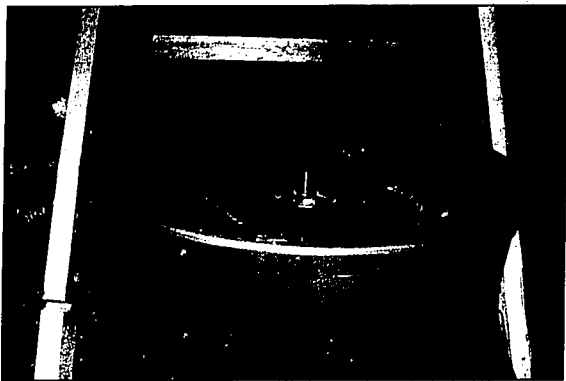
Another option is to install two smaller single-speed whole-house fans in different areas of the ceiling.

This will allow you to have more control over the path of the air flow throughout your home for the optimum comfort and reduced noise levels.

One of the most efficient fan designs, but also one of the most expensive, uses insulating (R-23) reflective foam covers over the top of small, dual fan blades or one larger blade (chose model).

Small motors swing the covers up and open when the fan is running. When the fan is not running the covers close to insulate, seal the opening and reflect heat.

In general, more expensive fans will operate more quietly. They use internal rubber mounts and shrouds made of



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The sound-absorbing material. The shrouds smooth the air flow and reduce resistance. When looking at fans, you will be able to identify the models with shrouds.

Belt-drive models have the motor mounted off in one corner as opposed to less expensive direct-drive models with the motor over the center of the fan blade. By using a belt with a small pulley on the motor shaft, the blade will rotate slower.

A highly pitched blade rotating slower can move more air with less noise. The following companies offer whole-house fans: Broan, (800) 558-1711,

www.broan.com; Butler Engineering, (800) 433-1626, www.butler.com; Nutone, (888) 338-3948, www.nutone.com; R.E. Williams, (888) 845-6597, www.wholehousefan.com; and Triangle Engineering, (800) 255-9014, www.trianglefans.com. Send inquiries to James Dulley, Times-News, 6305 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit [www.dulley.com](http://www.dulley.com).

DEAR JIM: We had an unusual hail storm this spring and it damaged many fans in the conditioner.

One contractor said they could be straightened with a

comb and another said they could not. Can they be fixed?

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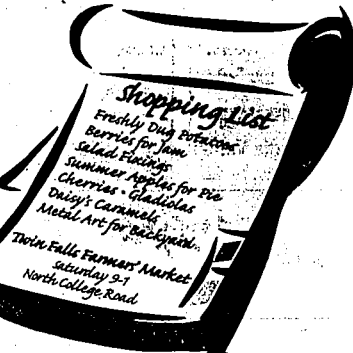
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# TAKING THE CAKE

## Ice cream creations increasingly take top billing

The Washington Post

When 7-year-old Tessa Reagan's birthday rolls around each year, she and her mother, Lisa Agopljak, head to the local Baskin-Robbins store where Tessa gets to pick out an ice cream cake. "She's not a kid that likes a regular cake with lots of frosting," says Agopljak. "She'll just scrape it off."

Ice cream cakes are one of the most popular ways to celebrate birthdays, especially in summer. Parents are busting these days. And the ice cream cakes are not only easy to pick up and convenient, but they're the novel alternative to a standard sheet cake," says Deborah Benke, publisher of Washington Parent magazine. Their popularity seems to be growing. At Carvel Corp., one of the nation's leading makers of such cakes, sales are up 8.2 percent in the last year in the 465 supermarkets in the Washington-Baltimore area that carry its products, according to company spokeswoman Jennifer McLaughlin.

The Washington Post Food section sampled some of the best-selling ice cream cakes made by chain ice cream

stores. We asked Jewel Zimmer, pastry chef at the three-star Citizen restaurant in the Mandarin Oriental hotel in Washington, to help us judge them in a blind test.

After cutting into each one, we discovered a few surprises: Not all ice cream cakes even have cake inside. Some have a layer of cookie crumbs, and others are solid ice cream.

Some cakes are difficult to cut and serve. A Maggie Moo's cake, for example, holds its shape on a hot afternoon better than one from Cold Stone Creamery. But there can be a notable trade-off in flavor.

Our advice: Always call ahead for availability; order 48 hours in advance. Also, prices can vary widely for the same cake at different locations of a franchise store. And keep in mind that ice cream cakes are dense and serve more people than you might expect.



Carvel's playful Cookie Puss ice cream cake.

## Use your smarts when warehouse shopping

Warehouse shopping may help save money, but when you buy in bulk, take care to look after your health, advises the American Dietetic Association. Here are some tips:

- Bring a cooler.

Shopping at a warehouse can mean checking out DVDs in the electronics department and possibly a long trip home.

Be sure to keep perishable foods properly chilled along the way.

- Check your refrigerator temperature.
- If you plan on storing your bulk foods in a second refrigerator or freezer, make sure your freezer is set at or below zero degrees and your refrigerator is set below 40 degrees.
- Use caution when refreezing and thawing.

To avoid risks, repackage

bulk items into smaller packages before freezing, so that future use won't involve unnecessary defrosting.

- Wash all fresh produce, soda cans, milk bottles, jars and canned goods before eating or opening them.

For more food-safety tips, visit [www.homefoodsafety.org](http://www.homefoodsafety.org).

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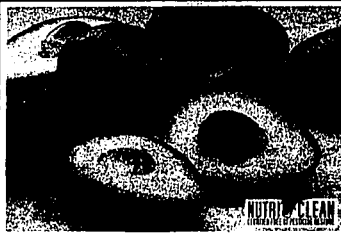
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  - 1 large tomato, diced
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  - 1 jar of salsa
  - 1 1/2 cup of sour cream
  - 1 bag blue corn tortilla chips
1. Heat a tablespoon of oil in large saute pan over medium-high heat. Add onions and saute 2 minutes. Add ground beef and brown. Add a package of taco seasoning.
  2. Place equal amounts of tortilla chips on four plates and top with equal amounts of Fresh Express Green and Crisp Salad.
  3. Sprinkle with equal amounts of ground beef mixture.
  4. Top with equal amounts of cheese, tomatoes, avocados, jalapeños, salsa and a spoonful of sour cream.

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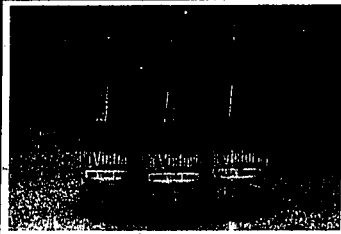
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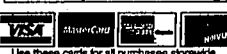
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# Flowers in full glory

## Height of summer brings out the best of them

By Joel M. Lerner  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Now that we are in the height of summer, here's what we can expect to find waiting for us in the garden. There is still planting, watering, dividing, pinching—but there's also time every so often to lie in the shade, and take in the world around us.

More plants than I can identify are in their July glory. Flowers that opened in June are overlapping with those just beginning to make their show, and annuals are at the top of their game.

This week, I have observed abelia, rose, crapo myrtle, goldenrain tree, coreopsis, echinacea (purple coneflower), black-eyed-Susan, day lily, iris, dahila, liatris, gallardia, lily, lavender, gossack loosestrife (Lysimachia clethroides), hibiscus, canna lily, waterlily, lotus and many annuals.

Continue fertilizing annuals, vegetables and container plants through summer with a water-soluble, balanced fertilizer, such as Peters All Purpose Plant Food or Miracle-Gro.

This will increase flower and fruit yield. Fertilize every other watering.

Butterflies are emerging and actively seeking nectar and mates. They will wow you from now until fall.

If you failed to plant any butterfly-attracting plants this year, find mature ones at garden centers, such as already blooming hanging baskets or large container-grown specimens.

Keep them watered, fertilized and in the sun. Look for verbena, purple coneflower, French marigold, lantana, asclepias, velvet sage (Salvia leucantha) or any other salvia that's in bloom, butterfly bush, black-eyed-Susan, coreopsis, cosmos, globe flower (Scabiosa) zinnia and other long-blooming plants that will provide nectar for butterflies. These "biking flowers" will feed well into fall.

You should be noticing hydrangeas in bloom now. Some, such as Pee Gee hydrangeas (paniculata) and tree or wild hydrangea (H. arborescens) are flowering on this year's growth and can be cut to the ground in winter to start before growth begins. On the other hand, florist hydrangea (Hydrangea macrophylla) blooms on wood formed last year. The shrub has large leaves and grows about four feet high and wide at maturity. If you want them to flower, don't prune them. Blooms can be a different color each season.

The color of a florist hydrangea is dramatically affected by soil pH—acidity or alkalinity—and now is the time to see that, while they are in bloom. Blue means that the soil is acidic, perhaps as low as 4.5. Pink indicates that the soil is only slightly acidic, a pH of about 6. Leave the current flowers on the plants through winter to protect the bud below. The next lower bud on the stem that bore this year's flower will bear next year's blossoms. "Key" the pH, and you can change the color. If you want to make it flower "pink," sprinkle a half to one pound of pulverized horticultural limestone around the base of the shrub in the beginning of September. Water it well. To go "blue," add iron sulfate around the base of the plant in late August and again in September. Water well.

Bearded iris, probably one of the most popular perennially blue-flowering plants, performs best when divided this month, right after flowering. This gives it a head start on next year's growth. Overcrowded bearded irises won't flower well. They should be divided every four to five years. They have distinctive fans of leaves that grow from fleshy, rhizomatous roots.



July means abundant blossoms. Purple coneflower, left, attracts butterflies. The Stella d'Oro daylily can be seen blooming throughout the month.

Regular removal of old rhizomes controls iris borers and soft rot that are common to bearded iris. With regular attention, as rhizomes mature, they will be free of borers and soft rot.

Iris grow and bloom from shallow, fleshy roots. When you dig them, the soil usually falls off, and they divide rather easily. Keep only one-year rhizomes (roots) that are attached to a fan of leaves. Dispose of all older root pieces and any showing signs of soft mushy plant parts.

The rhizome for transplanting should be about three to four inches long and must have at least one large fan of leaves attached. It's all right if there are a couple of smaller fans as well. Cut the fans in half to about six inches in length, and transplant to a new location in sun. Make sure that the eye or bud on the rhizome is at or within half an inch of the soil surface, or it won't flower. Use a generous amount of compost.

Remember to pinch the top one to two inches of growth on your chrysanthemums, and fertilize with a 5-10-5 nutrient one more time before the end of July. Following this last pinching and fertilizing is when your mums begin to form the buds that will become flowers in the fall.

Now move to the weeds in your garden. Pull them as they sprout and before they go to seed. Grounds maintenance, especially weed control, is an ongoing process and the key to

landscape design. Without it, a garden is lost in weeds.

Weeds will go to seed from now till fall. Go outside and weed now to keep your garden low-maintenance. Pull weeds when small, before they multiply. Every time you pass the beds, pluck a few. Do it while they're young, and they will never self-sow to become a major problem. If hundreds of weed seeds sprout, use a cultivator to uproot and turn the seedlings into the soil.

If a quick spray control is preferred, a non-selective herbicide that kills weeds in hours is Super Fast Weed and Grass Killer by Safer. It's a potassium salt that doesn't really harm the environment but turns the foliage brown immediately. Vinegar in a plastic spray bottle is another quick knockdown for weeds. Be careful. A gust of wind while you're spraying could blow it onto and kill ornamental plants and turfgrass.

Don't fertilize your lawn until fall, but control weeds in cool-season turfgrass, such as fescue, bluegrass and rye, as soon as possible. A couple of selective herbicides are Ortho Weed-B-Gon Weed Killer for Lawns and Dragon Lawn Weed Killer. Lawn weed killers won't hurt established turfgrass, but they will kill shrubs, perennials and summer annuals if they get on the foliage. Don't apply over the entire lawn unless you feel it's absolutely necessary. Always use herbicide according to labeled

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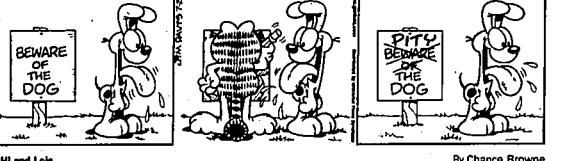
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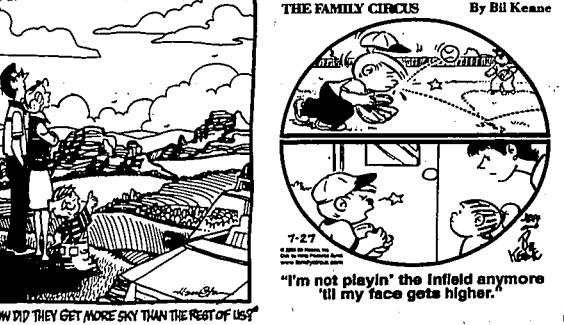
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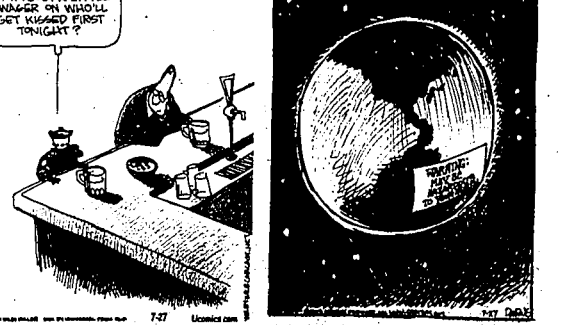
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# Troops practice removing Israeli settlers

**ZELILIM MILITARY BASE, Israel (AP)** — Israeli troops practiced the forcible removal of Jewish settlers from their homes Tuesday in the largest dress rehearsal yet for next month's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

The training ground, at a desert military base, was a mock Arab village initially built to train Israeli security forces in urban warfare against Palestinian militants.

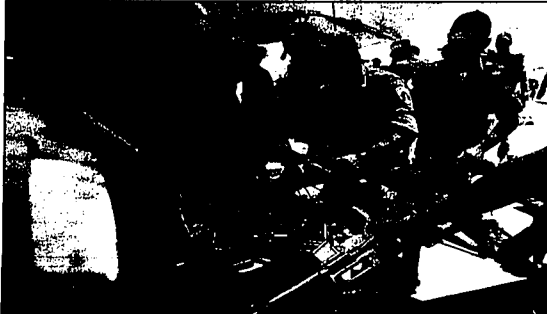
Some of the 5,000 or so police and soldiers played the role of settlers who were carried out of homes, each by a team of four. The "settlers" were put on a bus parked nearby, while other troops formed a cordon around houses being evacuated to prevent protesters from slipping back in.

When the real task arrives, now scheduled to begin Aug. 17, about 50,000 police and soldiers will remove 9,000 settlers from Gaza and four small settlements in the northern West Bank, commanders said Tuesday.

Security forces will be deployed in seven circles, with about 14,000 police and soldiers directly involved in the removal of settlers and the remainder protecting nearby police forces from possible Palestinian fire.

Each settler family will be evacuated by a 17-member force of police and soldiers. The operation, Haggal Dotan, said at the start of Tuesday's drill. "We will come early in the mornings to introduce ourselves, but not say why we are there, but rather how we are going to carry out the evacuation," he said.

Army spokeswoman Yael Hartmann said the troops re-



**AP Photo**  
Israeli border police reach for their weapons at the end of an exercise at Zeelim military base in southern Israel on Tuesday. Some 9,000 Israeli troops practiced the forcible removal of Jewish settlers from their homes, carrying away pretend resistors in preparation for next month's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

moving the settlers will not carry guns but will have non-lethal weapons such as water cannons.

It remains unclear whether settlers will voluntarily hand over their weapons, many of them army-issued, before the withdrawal, or whether they will be disarmed by the security forces. Each unit will have several female officers to remove settler women, many of whom are religious and observe a strict separation of the sexes.

Settlers who climb onto rooftops to evade the security forces will be dragged into containers dangling from cranes, military officials said.

Once a house has been evacuated, the settlers' belongings will be packed into boxes and removed by private companies.

"This is very sensitive for us, and a very different mission from what we have previously trained for," said Maj. Gen. Yiftah Rontal, the commander of the army's ground forces.

Settler leaders initially said there would be large-scale resistance to the withdrawal. However, government officials have said nearly half of the settler families have in the meantime sought compensation, suggesting a growing number would leave voluntarily.

"We estimate that most of the population will leave voluntarily," said Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofez, who watched Tuesday's drill.

Security officials are most concerned about hundreds of withdrawal opponents, including extremists who have sneaked into the Gaza Strip recently to reinforce the settlers. Settle leaders were quoted Tuesday as saying they would stage protest marches in Israel next week to tie up security forces.

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# Philippines seeks several suspected suicide bombers

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — Philippine security forces are hunting 10 would-be suicide bombers and have foiled a plot for a major attack, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's national security adviser said Tuesday.

Norberto Gonzales said he was worried about possible attacks in Manila following the terror bombings in London and Egypt.

From intelligence information we have gathered from our neighbors, we know that there are suicide bombers now in the Philippines, at least 10 of them, preparing for a terrorist attack," he told ABC television as he pushed for passage of an anti-terrorism law.

He said one intelligence unit has been "solely dedicated to pursuing the terrorists." He did not identify the alleged terrorists or name any groups.

Gonzales also said Philippine security forces foiled a "huge plot" to bomb unspecified targets by seizing 1,320 pounds of explosives this year.

Police said earlier that bombings, planned by the al-Qaida-linked Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf group were pre-empted while the arrest of a suspected militant whose information led to a cache of explosives. The military said the explosives were intended for terror attacks in Manila during the Easter holidays.

Terror bombings have hit the capital and other parts of the country in recent years. On Valentine's Day, three simultaneous attacks in Manila and the southern Philippines killed four people and wounded 63.

Several anti-terrorism bills are pending in Congress. Some would set up a controversial national ID system or allow electronic surveillance and arrests without warrants.

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# Man says he wanted to kill Bush

**TBILISI, Georgia (AP)** — A man who admitted throwing a live grenade at President Bush during a rally in Georgia's capital said he hoped to kill him because he believed the U.S. leader was "interfering in Georgia's internal affairs," his lawyer said Tuesday.

Authorities charged Vladimir Arutyunyan with terrorism on Tuesday, said Arutyunyan's lawyer, Guliko Dzhrindzhindze. "Arutyunyan doesn't deny that he wanted to kill U.S. President George Bush. He explained the reason. My client believes that Bush is interfering in Georgia's internal affairs," she told The Associated Press.

"He maintains that this attempt on Bush's life should not be punished by law," she said. Both Bush and Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili were behind a bulletproof barrier addressing a rally of thousands in Tbilisi when the grenade landed about 100 feet away. It did not explode; investigators said it apparently malfunctioned.

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# U.S. holds more talks with North Korea

BEIJING (AP) — Six-party nuclear disarmament talks opened Tuesday after a 13-month boycott by North Korea, and the communist nation's envoy said his country was ready to work on eliminating atomic weapons from the Korean Peninsula.

The United States, in turn, reassured the North that it has no intention of invading to end the standoff.

Washington and Beijing gave positive reviews to the initial talks, saying progress was being made toward more in-depth discussions.

"The fundamental thing is to make real progress in realizing the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula," North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Gwan said at the opening session of the talks in Beijing.

"This requires very firm political will and a strategic decision of the parties concerned that have interests in ending the threat of nuclear war," he said. "We are ready and prepared for that."

Russia's Interfax news agency said serious disagreement remained between Washington and Pyongyang after a one-on-one meeting Monday. The agency cited a North Korean official who did not identify himself as saying, "The process of denuclearization should take place simultaneously in the North and in the South."

The official apparently was referring to previous demands by Pyongyang that the United States remove its alleged nuclear arsenal from South Korea, Washington and Seoul have denied the presence of any such weapons.

The talks Tuesday are the fourth such six-nation negotiations, which also include China, Japan, Russia, South Korea and the United States. The North had boycotted the talks because of what it called "hostile" U.S. policies.

North Korea agreed to return to the talks following a meeting earlier this month between Kim and the main U.S. envoy, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, who assured the North that Washington recognized its sovereignty.

On Tuesday, Hill repeated those pledges. "We view (North Korea's) sovereignty as a matter of fact. The United States has absolutely no intention to invade or attack



North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Gwan, right, smiles at U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill during a photo session with other negotiators Tuesday in Beijing.

North Korea, Hill said in his opening remarks. Unlike the previous rounds, which were scheduled for several days, no end date has been set for this week's resumed negotiations.

"I would say that we had good discussions," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said in Washington. "It was a good start."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang agreed, saying, "This is a solid foundation for us to usher our talks into a stage of more in-depth discussion and make important

progress. We need to show faith, confidence, resolve and patience."

Hill said Tuesday his delegation would remain in Beijing "so long as we are making progress in these talks." He has said he does not expect this round of talks to be the last.

"We do not have the option of walking away from this problem," he said. Hill also said the United States would address the North's security and energy concerns after the nuclear issue is resolved.

"Nuclear weapons will not make (North Korea) more se-

## Back to the bargaining table

**THE DISPUTE:** The United States says North Korea has a nuclear weapons program in violation of a 1994 agreement. The North seeks economic aid, a peace treaty and diplomatic recognition from Washington.

**THE HISTORY:** Three rounds of talks — the last in 2004 — produced no breakthroughs. The North agreed to more talks after South Korea offered electricity.

**STUMBLING BLOCKS:** North Korea wants aid in stages for first freezing and then dismantling its nuclear program. Washington refuses to provide concessions until the nuclear program is dismantled.



Lebanese anti-Syrian Christian warlord Samir Geagea, 53, right, embraces his wife, legislator Setrinda Geagea, at Rafik Hariri airport Tuesday in Beirut. Geagea was released after 21 years in prison, the latest reconciliatory step in civil war-scattered Lebanon.

# Christian warlord released from prison

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A notorious anti-Syrian Christian warlord was released Tuesday after 11 years in prison, the latest reconciliatory step in civil war-scattered Lebanon after the recent collapse of Syria's military dominance.

Before flying to France for a medical checkup, Samir Geagea, who had been serving three life sentences for murdering several people including a former pro-Syrian premier, urged Lebanese in a nationally televised speech that was also broadcast throughout the Middle East to put the country's 1975-90 civil war era behind them.

"You have come out of the big prison which you had been put in, and you have taken me out with the same act from the small prison which I have been put in," said Samir Geagea, in reference to April's Syrian military withdrawal, during his first public address since being imprisoned in 1994.

"They were long, dark, black years," he said during an emotional speech at Beirut's international airport attended by several hundred applauding politicians, clergymen, supporters and journalists.

Geagea, 53, left his Defense Ministry cell in Beirut and soldiers escorted him straight to the airport where he met with supporters of his disbanded militia, the Christian Lebanese Forces. Outside, scores more supporters cheered, danced

and waved Lebanese flags in celebration.

In his northern Lebanese mountain hometown of Bechara, fireworks erupted while supporters danced in the streets, some to the beat of drums.

Wearing a blue shirt and jacket, the balding Geagea with slightly graying hair and mustache appeared thin but spoke with a strong, clear voice. He later left for Paris on an Air France commercial flight for a medical checkup and a period of rest in an undisclosed European location. His wife who accompanied him, had said they will return within a month.

Geagea was the only prominent former warlord from Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war era to remain jailed for opposing Syrian dominance after being sentenced to life behind bars for killing several people. These included former Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami, who died in a 1987 bombing of a military helicopter, and Danny Chamoun, a prominent Christian politician.

But this year's political revolution in Lebanon paved the way for his release. The Feb. 14 assassination of former premier Rafik Hariri was the catalyst, with many Lebanese blaming Syria for his death. Syria was forced under intense U.S.-led pressure to withdraw all its forces from Lebanon, which were deployed during the early stages of the civil war.

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Section E

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Former Qwest exec settles allegations

**DENVER** — Federal regulators said Tuesday a former executive of Qwest Communications International Inc. has agreed to pay \$21 million to settle civil charges that he participated in a fraud conspiracy that forced the telecommunications company to restate billions in revenue.

Gregory M. Casey also agreed to a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission's investigation into accounting irregularities at the Denver-based company, which covers Idaho and 13 other, mostly Western, states. He did not admit any wrongdoing.

The agreement prohibits Casey from acting as an officer or director of a public company for five years.

"This is an important settlement and this will move our case forward," said Mary Brady, assistant SEC regional director for enforcement. "We view him as an important witness."

Casey's attorney did not immediately return a telephone message.

Casey and federal regulators reached a tentative settlement in May. Details were withheld until Tuesday.

Casey was one of seven former Qwest executives, including former CEO Joseph Nacchio, charged in a civil lawsuit, alleging accounting schemes that later forced the company to erase revenue. Nacchio has denied wrongdoing. His case is still pending.

Casey was accused of backdating contracts to allow Qwest to immediately recognize revenue it was to receive later.

### 7-Eleven Q2 profit jumps 22 percent

**DALLAS** — 7-Eleven Inc., the world's largest convenience store operator, said Tuesday that its second-quarter profit jumped 22 percent as a result of higher sales and cost control.

The company earned \$372 million, or 45 cents per share, in the three months ended June 30, up from \$47 million, or 38 cents per share, a year ago. Its said its core earnings — which exclude a number of non-operating items — totaled \$55.3 million, or 44 cents per share, up from \$48.1 million, or 38 cents per share, a year ago. Excluding only an accounting adjustment, 7-Eleven said it would have earned 46 cents per share.

The results beat analysts' expectations for profit of 43 cents per share.

Revenue rose 9 percent to \$3.43 billion, as higher gas prices boosted pump revenue. 7-Eleven operates, licenses or franchises about 20,000 stores in 18 countries.

### Hearst will launch new women's weekly

The Hearst Corp., publisher of Cosmopolitan, Esquire and other monthly magazines, is preparing to launch its first weekly in the United States.

The new periodical, *Quick & Simple*, will target women and hit only newsstands next week for \$1.49. Manhattan-based Time Inc. is also publishing a new magazine that rivals such as *Time Inc.* and *Bauer*, publishing pushing newsstand-only titles for women priced at less than \$2.

### Kentucky firm will build plant in Utah

**BIGHAM CITY, Utah** — Kentucky-based Tarter Gate, which makes farm gates and animal management equipment, plans to build at the Box Elder County-owned Agricultural Agency. The plant will rival such as *Time Inc.* and *Bauer*, publishing pushing newsstand-only titles for women priced at less than \$2.

### Mars talks up potential of cocoa in medicine

The Washington Post reports Mars Inc. said it is holding "serious discussions with large pharmaceutical companies about the development of a line of cocoa-based prescription drugs that could help treat diabetes, some forms of dementia and other ailments."

The McLean, Va. candy and food conglomerate for more than a decade has pursued research on the possible health benefits of cocoa flavanols, compounds found in one of the basic ingredients of chocolate.

As of August 2005, researchers gathered in Lucerne, Switzerland, to discuss their latest findings, the company announced that it foresees a...

## Home sales encourage M-C leaders

By Terry Smith  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** — After several years of stagnant sales, the Mini-Cassia housing market is showing signs of life.

Sales were up 10 percent in the first half of this year compared with the same period in 2004. The average price per sale also increased.

Housing market and economic development leaders say the sales increase is another positive indicator that the economy is improving in Minidoka and Cassia counties.

"There are some positive things going on with real estate that people should know about," said Clint Crane, a sales associate with Century 21 RiverSide Realty in Burley. "The value of property has

been quite low, and it's just now that we've seen an increase in values," said Crane, who is 2006 president-elect of the Mini-Cassia Association of Realtors.

According to the Multiple Listing Service database, in the first six months of this year there were 184 residential property sales in the two counties, with an average sale price of \$84,500.

That's up from the same period in 2004 when there were 167 residential property sales with an average price of \$80,950.

Crane said that was the first significant increase in housing sales in the past seven years.

"That's the good news," said Marvin Brice, a broker and co-owner of Advantage 1 Realty. "The bad news is the inventory's down. We don't have as

many houses on the market as we need."

As of Monday, the Mini-Cassia area had 173 active residential property listings — down from an average of about 300 listings for the past several years, said Brice, a board member of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

"The market is very active," he said. "We just need more property to sell."

Crane and Brice attribute increased sales to growing demand from out-of-state buyers moving into the area — some for jobs and others for retirement.

Burley City Administrator Mark Milton said housing sales have also benefited from large construction projects in the area, primarily the \$3 million Burley wastewater treatment fac-

cility and the Gosner Foods cheese factory in Hyblum.

"I think another reason is that homes are very reasonably priced," Milton said. "People can afford to work in Twin Falls and live here because the prices are lower."

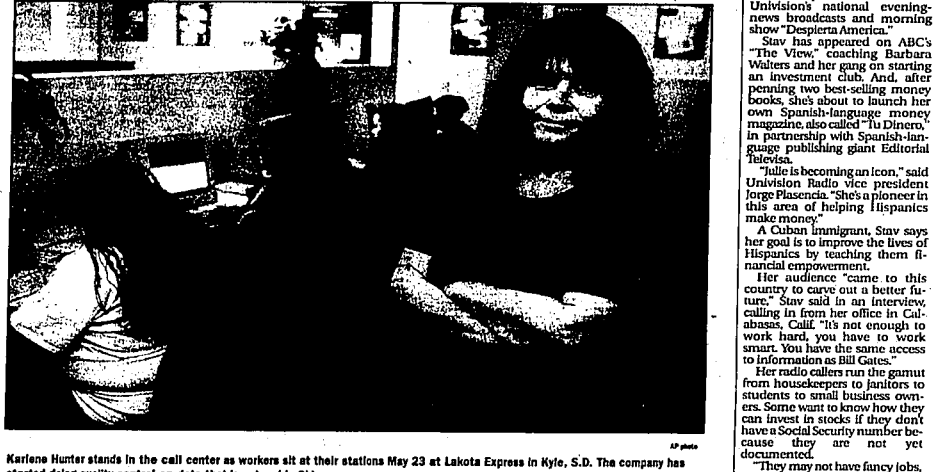
In addition to the improved housing market, building lots are selling better, and new housing construction has increased, leaders said.

"Milton said those factors indicate an economic turnaround in Mini-Cassia, and he's cautiously hopeful the trend will continue."

"It is encouraging," he said.

Times-News correspondent Terry Smith covers the Burley-Rupert area. He can be reached by e-mail at [tsmith@timesnews.com](mailto:tsmith@timesnews.com).

## OUTSOURCING AS A BENEFIT



Karlene Hunter stands in the call center as workers sit at their stations May 23 at Lakota Express in Kyle, S.D. The company has started doing quality control on data it entered in China.

### American Indians see opportunity in Chinese-U.S. venture

**The Associated Press**

**KYLE, S.D.** — The Oglala Lakota Sioux were among the last tribes to battle the U.S. cavalry and their vast Pine Ridge reservation was ground zero in the American Indian Movement's 1970s clashes with federal agents.

But proud resistance to outsiders hasn't been good for business. Here in the Badlands, economic opportunity has been as barren as the flora-thin hills. Unemployment is near 80 percent. Substance abuse is rampant.

Tradition-bound, the Lakota Sioux want to be close to family and resist leaving the reservation. Tribal and business leaders are hoping that

an increasingly globalized economy, where information-processing work can be done nearly anywhere, they won't need to.

The tribal leaders bet outsourcing. Their first big client: A Chinese-U.S. joint venture.

Increasingly, American Indians are looking to outsourcing as a way of boosting economic opportunity without having to stray from their lands.

On the Pine Ridge reservation, a local Indian-owned marketing and Web design startup, Lakota Express, can thank sloppy handwriting for its winning fortunes.

"We're people that have really been left out of the opportunities of the industrial

Revolution and now are being welcomed into the world economy in the Information Revolution," said Mark Tilsen, a Lakota Express executive.

Eight Lakota Express employees vet the accuracy of electronic documents that are transcribed in China by workers who, while understanding English, often have difficulty deciphering Americans' handwriting.

The work amounts to reverse outsourcing (performed as if for a foreign company that has itself in the employ of a U.S. business). And experts expect plenty more of such work to become available.

"There's nothing better than watching a reservation

community thrive. You're seeing newer cars in the parking lot. They're buying homes. And I've watched that happen," said Carey Weld, a consultant who held set up tribally owned companies on Northern Utah reservations in Utah.

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### Mars talks up potential of cocoa in medicine Beware of gimmicks: Homeowners cautioned to steer clear of option ARMs

**The Baltimore Sun**

Mortgage lenders in recent years have come up with all sorts of strategies to finance home purchases as prices have soared — no-down-payment programs, piggyback loans and most recently, interest-only loans.

But there's concern among consumer advocates and some mortgage experts about an even edgier type of loan that is rapidly gaining popularity: known as an option ARM. This adjustable-rate mortgage lets borrowers pick the method by which their monthly payments are calculated, including a "minimum payment" option where the loan balance actually grows.

"It's part of this whole mix of riskier mortgages that concern us," said Allen Felshted, director of housing and credit policy for the Consumer Federation of America. "We think at least some portion of consumers (who) are turning to them are doing it out of desperation rather than financial planning."

Firm figures aren't available, but the Mortgage Bankers Association estimates that option ARMs account for nearly 10 percent of mortgage loans.

Option ARMs, which also go by names such as "pick-a-payment" or "cash-flow ARM," are complicated and the rules vary among lenders. Basically, borrowers can decide each month to make their payments under one of several methods. They can pay principal and interest based on a 15- or 30-year term. They can pay interest only. Or, they can make a minimum payment that isn't enough to cover the interest.

This last option — the most troubling — is also called "negative amortization." It works like this: The monthly payment is calculated as if the interest rate were 1 percent or so, even though the loan's rate may be 5 percent. Any unpaid interest is tacked onto the principal, and the balance grows.

"Every month, you owe more than you did in the first place," said Paul Haverman, vice president of HSH Associates, a provider of mortgage information based in New Jersey.

Generally, each year the monthly minimum payment can go up, often no more than 7.5 percent. So, a \$1,000 monthly payment one year might increase to \$1,075 the next.

Of course, at some point the principal and interest must be paid down. That's where payment shock comes in.

Borrowers often are required to begin paying off principal and interest immediately once their balance reaches 110 percent to 120 percent of the original loan. Even if that trigger isn't reached, payments usually rise after five years as pay off the outstanding balance over the remaining 25 years of the loan at the prevailing interest rate.

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### Money tips

Radio talk show host Julie Slavin is on a mission to help Americans who have money. Here are some of her most important pieces of advice:

- Stop being invisible.** "Open a checking account. Stop paying the check cashing place," she says.
- Take the money out of the mattress and invest it.** "If you have a Social Security number, you can get an IRA (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number), which will allow you to open a bank account.
- Learn to use the credit system works.** Get a credit card, but use it judiciously.
- Write a budget.** Once you have what you think you need for the next two years, start to think about investing. You can endure the risks, consider stocks, mutual funds offer more conservative approach.
- Don't rely on the government to support you in your old age.**

— compiled from wire reports

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MONEY

Employees put on pounds with new jobs

The Associated Press

You work hard, hoping to improve your professional skills, career outlook and income. But work also is apparently helping an expansion of our waistlines — with nearly half

(47 percent) of 1,600 workers polled in May by the Web site CareerBuilder.com saying they've gained weight since they began their current jobs.

Today's busy workers have trouble finding the time to cook healthy meals and exercise regularly, and their waistlines are suffering, said Rosemary Haefner, vice president of human resources at CareerBuilder, a Chicago-based job search site owned by three major newspaper publishing companies.

A tip from Haefner for workplace weight management: Keep a bottle of water at the desk. Instead of reaching for a snack when tired or bored, grab the water. It's good for you and will help you feel full, not to mention hydrated.

Cocoa

Continued from E1 possible line of pharmaceuticals growing out of the work and that it was being pursued by drug companies interested in the medical applications of cocoa.

"We now know we have some intellectual property that pharmaceutical companies are interested in," said Marlene M. Machut, a spokeswoman for Mars.

She offered few details beyond that fact. "We're not ready to say who we're in discussions with. They are not small companies. They are large pharmaceutical firms," Machut said.

A company press release said the discussions included possible licensing and joint-venture agreements for drugs based on

cocoa flavanol molecules that can be synthesized in a lab. Whether M&Ms have more in common with aspirin than their shape remains a matter of dispute. Some nutrition experts dismiss out of hand Mars' claim that the flavanols found in cocoa are as beneficial as the company contends.

This is about selling chocolate. Mars is only doing this because it wants people to eat more and more M&Ms," said Marion Nestle, a New York University professor of nutrition, food studies and public health, who dismissed the idea of cocoa-based medicines. She has no relation to the European chocolate maker of the same name.

But the possibilities have been enough for Mars, a privately held firm that makes

candy bars such as Snickers and Milky Way, as well as Uncle Ben's rice and pet foods, to spend millions of dollars each year on flavanol research and to develop new snack foods based around flavanol content.

The two-day Lacerne conference included Mars-funded researchers from academic institutions such as Harvard and the University of California at Davis, as well as European universities, who presented papers on the relationship between consumption of cocoa flavanols and things such as increased blood flow to the brain.

The company said cocoa flavanols had an "aspirin-like effect" that might aid in staving off blood clotting and lead to the prevention of strokes and other vascular ailments.

cardiovascular said that increased blood flow from ingesting cocoa flavanols might also help fight diseases such as diabetes and dementia.

Tuesday's agenda included the discussion, "The Potential Use of Cocoa Flavonols in Preventing Cardiac and Renal Disease; Targeting the Individual Susceptible to Disease."

"The mounting scientific evidence on cocoa flavanols is extraordinary. This is a scientific breakthrough that could lead to a medical breakthrough," said Dr. Norman K. Hollenberg, a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, whose research on cocoa flavanols has been largely funded by Mars. Hollenberg's comment was included in a company press release.

Outsource

Continued from E1 continued period of business development.

Wold said the business, SubOutsourcing Technologies, expects to generate some \$40 million in revenues this year. Jobs include data entry, call center, help desk and info-tech work, Wold said.

U.S. companies are increasingly looking to Indian reservations as an alternative to going abroad for outsourced

labor, said Doug Brown and Scott Wilson, authors of "The Black Book of Outsourcing." They said the industry is trying to draw outsourcing work to the Navajo, he said, while corporations including Ford Motor Co. and Intel are Capital One are all interested in working with Native American tribes instead of sending work to such countries as India, Ireland and the Philippines. Mary Underbuggage, 40, is

one beneficiary. The college-educated Lakota Express employee, whose six children range in age from 12 to 21, grew up on the Pine Ridge reservation and lives on her family land.

"Our life is comfortable because I can pay my taxes, compared to a lot of other families around here," said the soft-spoken Underbuggage.

On the reservation, most jobs are in the public sector — either through the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the tribe. Private sector jobs are limited mostly to the tribe's casino and tourism-related businesses.

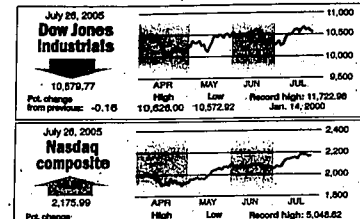
Karlene Hunter, Lakota Express' founder and CEO, said her employees make an above-average income that starts at \$7 an hour and increasing to \$12/hour as skills increase.

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Stocks mixed as investors weigh oil profits

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended an erratic session mixed Tuesday as investors weighed slightly higher oil prices against strong earnings from companies, including Verizon Communications Inc. and Texas Instruments Inc.

The major indexes wavered throughout the day as investors tracked fluctuations in crude oil futures, which settled at \$59.12 a barrel up 20 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Rising oil prices, which could lead to lower consumer spending and declining corporate earnings, have shadowed stocks for months and distracted investors' attention from the current crop of upbeat earnings reports.

Wall Street also reacted strongly to any company news that strayed from expectations. Investors punished chemical makers, because of disappointing sales fell below forecasts, but bid up Lockheed Martin Corp., the nation's biggest defense contractor, whose forecast for the year was above expectations. "The markets' being very selective about who they reward

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

WHEAT

Table of wheat futures prices, including hard red winter wheat and soft red winter wheat contracts.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock futures prices, including hog, cattle, and feeder cattle contracts.

NEW YORK (AP) -

Table of New York market prices for commodities like aluminum, copper, and nickel.

Senate committee OKs tougher pension rules

WASHINGTON Post - The Finance Committee Tuesday approved a bill that would toughen rules for companies generally but grant special relief to airlines. The bill, approved on a voice vote, would make it easier in the future for employers to convert traditional pensions into 'hybrid' cash-balance plans...

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices, including soybean meal and soybean oil.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices, including cheddar and mozzarella.

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Table of metals and money market prices, including gold, silver, and various currencies.

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Table of fossil fuel futures prices, including oil, natural gas, and heating oil.

Loans

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GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices, including corn, soybeans, and wheat.

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Table of sugar futures prices, including raw sugar and refined sugar.

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Table of mutual fund prices, including various equity and bond funds.

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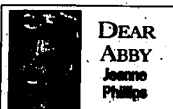


# Woman gets yelled at for her concern Work, career may be challenging, Scorpio

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend, "Arnold," and I have lived together four years. During the four years that we've known each other, we have had only five or six really bad, screaming, floor-slammings, crying, fights about relatively important subjects like children and money.

Arnold told me yesterday morning that he would be playing soccer with friends after work, and to expect him home a little later than usual. Well, when he wasn't home by 10:30 p.m., I panicked because he's usually home from games by 7. His cell phone was turned off, so I called a co-worker to try to locate him. Ten minutes later Arnold walked in the door. When he heard I had called a co-worker trying to locate him, he got very angry. He raised his voice, called me "psycho," and said I had no right to know where he was every minute.

Abby, we live in a bad neighborhood where innocent people getting shot, run over and killed isn't unusual. I am



**DEAR ABBY**  
Joanne Phillips

not show up or call, and ask him why he reacted the way he did. Suggest that, in the future, he give you a call when he's going to be more than an hour late.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 13 and just finished the seventh grade. I recently got my belly button pierced, and everything was fine until about a week ago. This sounds weird, but a red bump showed up at the top of my piercing, and it seems to keep swelling. I've had my belly button pierced for only a month, so I'm sure I started changing my jewelry too soon. I'm worried this bump will stay on my navel forever.

Do you have any idea what it is, and how I can get rid of it? I love my piercing and don't want to take it out. Any information would help.

**DEAR PIERCED IN MONTANA:** You may have an infection at the site of your piercing, or be allergic to the metal in some of your navel jewelry. My advice is to ask your mother to schedule a doc-

tor's appointment for you so the problem can be diagnosed and treated. The doctor can determine whether or not you will have to "take it out." Keep your fingers crossed and hold a good thought.

**DEAR ABBY:** You have asked readers to share their pet peeves with you. Well, here's mine. Please help me get the message out. When an elevator door opens, please allow the passengers who are getting off to get out of the elevator before you get on. I don't understand why people must push their way into an elevator while folks are trying to get off.

**—ELIZABETH IN MEDFORD, ORE.**  
**DEAR ELIZABETH:** Neither do I, unless they're so determined to be first on the elevator that they have forgotten their manners. It's only common sense that the elevator be allowed to empty before passengers begin to enter — otherwise they're jostling each other at the door.

very upset because I have no idea why he got so angry. We have since made up, but I'm still hurting and feel his reaction was undesired. Did I overreact? Is this a bad sign for our future?

**—LOVES ARNOLD IN OKLAHOMA**  
**DEAR LOVES ARNOLD:** Your boyfriend may have been embarrassed because his co-worker was called, or he may have been angry because he's somewhere other than a soccer game. I don't know him, so I can't read his motivation.

However, now that you both have cooled down, it's time to explain to Arnold again how worried you were when he did-

## Nixon had bad day this day in 1974

This day in history: On July 27, 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27 to 11 to recommend the impeachment of president Richard Nixon for obstruction of justice.

Building the Fort Knox Bullion Repository required 1,420 tons of steel, 540,200 cubic feet of concrete, and 16,000 cubic feet of granite. In 1936, it cost more \$560,000 (about \$7.7 million in today's money).

**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

If you prefer a black and white world, you may suffer from chromatophobia. It's the fear of colors.

In the 19th century, if you had a 2-cent stamp but needed two 1-cent stamps, you could legally cut the stamp in half and use it on two envelopes.

Raincoast Press, the Canadian publisher of the latest Harry Potter book, used 100 percent recycled paper. This simple act reportedly saved 29,221 trees.

The ollaleberry, developed in 1949 at Oregon State University, is about two-thirds blackberry and one-third raspberry. It got its name from Ollalie, a Native American word meaning "berry," so its name means "berry berry."

A round window is called an oculus (Latin for "eye").

The Bible mentions two nuts by name: the pistachio and the almond.

Even though King Tut and Queen Cleopatra each ruled Egypt, they were not related. Tutankhamen was a native Egyptian king; Cleopatra was part of an interloper family installed on the throne from Macedonia by Alexander the Great's army. Cleopatra the last of her family's line that spanned nearly 300 years, was the first of her lineage to actually learn the Egyptian language.

## COOL TIMES



Joelias/James, 9, of Brimberton, Wash., sprays himself with a garden hose to cool down on Monday.

**IF JULY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** In all areas of life, remember that practice makes perfect. Increased responsibilities may mean that your ambitions in the coming 12 months. If you meet challenges head on, you will feel more capable — and confidence in your abilities will grow. Be organized and precise to succeed in whatever area piques your interest, especially in August, October and next spring. Although from January through March, a romantic partnership might become increasingly important, this will be a poor time to pledge your heart or make a change in career.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Following through might be difficult in the next few days if distracted by small emotional ups and downs. Others will tolerate your eccentricities.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Make up and make better. You are the soul of generosity and others will overlook minor transgressions, so this is a good time to get relationships back on track or tender apologies.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your heart is big enough for two. Be one of the beautiful people by pampering yourself with an extravagant treat. Be poised to accept an apology or a generous gesture from someone close.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't dwell on the past or expect too much. Pushing too hard will only result in frustration. Keep a steady hand on the helm and avoid emotional ups and downs for the next few days.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** With the sun passing through your area of the zodiac, it is time to roar like a lion and take some time out for fun. Seek the best of everything and don't settle for economy if first class is available.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Work and career will face challenges. Past mistakes could be repeated during the next several days unless you remain vigilant. Seek solid advice from a trusted partner to avoid further errors.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You can never be too rich or too thin, as the saying goes. Your happy-go-lucky outlook attracts others and makes everyone feel good. Be sure to pay outstanding bills right away.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't spend yourself too thin. Be sure to take on many Capricorns and adding extra responsibilities right now put you into a state of overwhelm. Slide-step arguments over money.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Avoid rehabbing the past and let bygones be bygones. Standing up for yourself can drive a wedge between you and others. Breaking up an impasse can cause problems to snowball.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Get into your groove by moving from someone close. Be sure all the bills are paid, but don't take on more debt at this time. If money is burning a hole in your pocket, change your pants.

## Denmark starts to look like Christmas

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark** — It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas over here.

More than 100 Santa Clauses and their little helpers danced and belted hoes at the annual World Santa Claus Congress.

Despite a sprinkle of rain and trees in full Nordic summer bloom, the St. Nicks from 10 countries were in a jolly spirit Monday as they kicked off a three-day convention in Denmark, including a Santa parade and a chimney-climbing competition.

To the strains of "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," the bearded Santas dressed in red and white gathered in a northern Copenhagen amusement park as dozens of children watched in astonishment.

"I didn't know that there were that many Santas," said Cecilia Bergqvist, an 8-year-old Swedish girl.

To qualify as Santa, candidates must sport a white beard and don a red suit. They must not smoke tobacco and refrain from drinking alcohol before addressing children.

Later this week, the Santas were scheduled to parade in Copenhagen, visit hospitalized children and take a dip in the sea.

### Odds and ends

They also were expected to have a few good laughs as they draft proposals to improve their working conditions.

Demands include standardizing chimney visits in the 25-country European Union and holding Christmas twice a year to lessen the burden on Santas, whom most currently rush around the world to distribute presents in just one day.

### 82-year-old climber scales Mt. Rainier again

**PARADISE, Wash.** — William Painter's record as the oldest man to reach the top of Mount Rainier has been broken — by William Painter.

By making it to the 14,411-foot summit at age 82, the retired plutonium worker from the Hanford nuclear reservation beat the mark he set more than a year earlier.

Lost on the way down was his treasured old Army hat laden with memorabilia he began collecting after he started climbing seven years ago. A gust of wind blew the hat into a crevasse as he was descending.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2005 - 2006 CITY OF MURTAUGH, IDAHO

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Murtaugh, Idaho...

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

The following is an estimate set forth in said proposed budget of the total proposed expenditures and accruing indebtedness of the City of Murtaugh, Idaho...

Table with columns: FY Actual, FY 2005, FY 2006, FY Proposed. Rows include General Fund, Police Protection, Adm. & Office Expense, Insurance, Street & Park Maint., Water & Sewer Fund, TOTAL ALL FUNDS.

ESTIMATED REVENUE

The estimated revenue for the City of Murtaugh, Idaho, for the fiscal period October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006, is as follows:

Table with columns: FY Actual, FY 2005, FY 2006, FY Proposed. Rows include General Fund, Sales Tax, Revenue Sharing, Highway User Revenue, State User, City Streets, City Licenses, Intermountain Gas, Building Permits, Community Center & Park Rev, Water & Sewer Fund, TOTAL ALL FUND RECEIPTS.

J. Jeannine Bennett, Clerk of the City of Murtaugh, Idaho, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the proposed expenditures and estimated revenues for Fiscal Year 2005-2006...

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Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Murtaugh Highway District, Murtaugh, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal period October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006...

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LOST Men's wedding rings, East of Cascade, OR, 7/23/06

LOST SHIH-TZU female, white with brown markings, needs hair cut...

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FOUND set of keys on corner of Eastland and 1st, Call 208-324-4038

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LOST hearing aids in black case near LERIE-Motel or Falls on 7/15 or 16, Call John 253-841-3761

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**July 21st-31st**

Located at the Magic Valley Mall

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- Suzuki
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Drawing 8:00am - 10:00am

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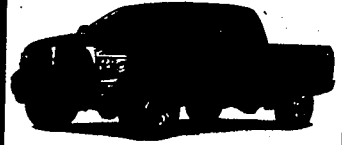
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'05 JEEP WRANGLER  
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'05 JEEP GRAND  
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**EMPLOYEE PRICING PLUS \$12971**

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'05 DODGE 1500  
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 DEALER COST \$24876  
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STOCK #5T290 COLOR: SILVER

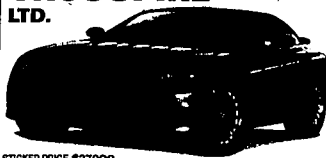
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STICKER PRICE \$17191  
 DEALER COST \$14573  
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