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# Bush voices concerns

## President worries over energy, medical costs

The Associated Press

CRAWFORD — President Bush voiced concern over soaring energy and health care costs on Tuesday, while the Federal Reserve hiked short-term interest rates to the highest level in nearly four years to guard against inflation.

It was the Fed's 10th interest rate hike in 14 months to tighten credit and pushed the federal funds rate by one-quarter percentage point to 3.50 percent. But Bush said rising interest rates were not his chief economic worry.

More on the interest rate hike.

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"I think we're more concerned about energy prices and health care prices," said the president, who was meeting at his ranch with economic advisers. Those two areas will have a greater effect on the economy's future health, he said.

Polls show a majority of Americans disapprove of Bush's handling of the economy. A recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll found Bush's economic ap-

proval rating at just 41 percent, the lowest level since the survey was started in December 2003.

Bush readily acknowledged that Americans' pocketbooks are taking a hit from rising costs for health care and for gasoline.

The Energy Department reported Monday that the average U.S. retail price of gasoline rose to a new high last week of \$2.37 a gallon, and it is heading higher. Oil prices also jumped to a new high above \$64 a barrel Tuesday before easing off.

"None of us are comfortable paying \$2.50 per gallon when Please see BUSH, Page A2



President George W. Bush

# Shuttle lands; questions remain

The Associated Press

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Late. Safe. But facing an uncertain future.

Slightly chattered with two thunderous sonic booms, the space shuttle Discovery hurtled out of a black desert sky to a smooth touchdown Tuesday after scrapping four landing attempts at its Florida base because of rain and lightning. The landing at a backup site was met with cheers and palpable relief after a tense two-week mission that raised fears of a Columbia-like disaster.

"Congratulations on a truly spectacular test flight," Mission Control said after Discovery came to a stop on the concrete runway at 5:11 p.m. EDT, "welcome home, friends."

The mission exposed how vulnerable the shuttle fleet remains, despite the tremendous amount of money and effort invested in the first U.S. manned space mission in the 2 1/2 years since the Columbia disaster. Shortly after liftoff July 26, a 1-pound chunk of foam insulation fell from the fuel tank — the very thing that doomed Columbia — but it missed Discovery. Still, NASA grounded all shuttle flights until engineers fixed the problem.

"We're going to try as hard as we can to get back in space this year," NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said at a post-landing news conference. "But we're not going to go until we're ready to go."

Shuttle managers freely acknowledged the foam mishap, while stressing that the inspection, photography and other shuttle data-gathering systems put in place since the last flight worked well. What's more, NASA officials said no severe damage was detected on Discovery while it was in orbit.

"I hope this is the people that we're coming back. NASA spaceflight chief Bill Readdy said from Cape Canaveral, Fla. "We've got some more work to do. We know what we need to do and we'll do it."

Unlike previous Edwards landings, which drew throngs of spectators gathered for a shuttle return, the public was barred from viewing Discovery due to increased security after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

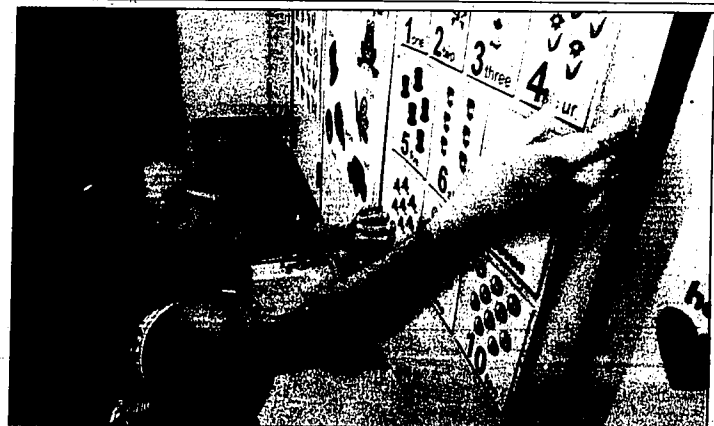
The 17,000-mph plunge from orbit took Discovery through a passage of a major kind of intense heating that exposed the mortal wound in Columbia's wing. The shuttle soared across the Pacific and over Southern California, passing just north of Los Angeles on its way to Edwards as it completed a journey that spanned 54 million miles and 29 orbits of Earth.

NASA adjusted the flight path in order to skirt Los Angeles because of new safety considerations in the wake of the Columbia disaster, which rained debris onto Texas and Louisiana. During Discovery's approach, Dr. Jon Clark, a NASA biologist and husband of Columbia astronaut Laurel Clark, said he quietly remembered his wife and closely compared the two missions.

"I thought, 'This is the time light went on.'" Clark said

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# EXTRA MONEY, FOR A PRICE



Lincoln Elementary School kindergarten teacher Al Remaley hangs posters on the walls of her classroom Monday in preparation for the start of the school year. Remaley will be teaching a full-day kindergarten course, which is new this year and funded by a grant.

# School district employees pursue grant funds

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Searching for a slice of cash in the grant money is becoming more important for many cash-strapped school districts, but some see the search for grant money as too much effort for the return.

Most grants ask schools to apply for money to pay for specific programs. Many come with strings attached — once a district gets a grant, it may have a lot of work to prove it's following through with its promises.

"When the grant is the easy part," said LaVonne Peterson, Twin Falls curriculum director.

The Twin Falls School District has had success with a variety of grants, Peterson said. It has received money for reading textbooks and training after-school programs, improving the junior high schools, improving math instruction and creating smaller communities within the high school.

The grants add up to about \$658,000 for the next school year, Peterson said. Twin Falls has more than \$1 million in multiple-year grants that it might take a break from

## What's in a grant?

Grant writing is sort of a misnomer. It's a short name for a long process of applying for grant money. Greg Rogers, CSI's grant development coordinator, said there's four basic parts to any grant application:

- what the need is
- how your program will address the need
- an online form
- a budget

applying for new ones for a while.

## Why grants?

Patti Fredericksen, an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Boise State University, said grants are a key way federal and state policies get carried out. School districts in need of money can get co-opted into new programs.

"It kind of echoes whatever happens politically," Fredericksen said. "We teach grant writing for graduate students and writes grants for the university."

## Grants help CSI growth

TWIN FALLS — Grants helped build and continue to sustain the College of Southern Idaho.

President Jerry Beck said grants have helped the college expand into new areas since its early days. For instance, the first three off-campus centers in Gooding, Burley and Halley were started with grants, and grants provided the seeds for the microwave system that delivers courses to remote locations.

Greg Rogers, CSI's grant development coordinator, said CSI has about \$4.2 million in grants that support programs

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# Tunnel-digging thieves pull off \$67M heist

The Associated Press

SÃO PAULO, Brazil — Thieves spent three months tunneling under a busy city boulevard in northeastern Brazil to break into a Central Bank vault and pull off the biggest robbery ever in South America's largest country.

The crime that netted \$67.8 million was remarkably similar to a tunnel heist last year in which more than \$1 million was stolen from a Sao Paulo company that transports money for banks. The suspected thief and of that paper reportedly had escaped from prison three years earlier — by

digging a tunnel. The vault in the city of Fortaleza, about 1,550 miles north-east of the capital, was plundered over the weekend by a group of highly sophisticated thieves," said Sabrina Albuquerque, a federal police spokeswoman.

No single shot was fired, she said, adding that while no one has been arrested, at least eight suspects have been identified. She did not know if more thieves were involved.

The Central Bank has begun its own internal investigation. "We are looking into several aspects of the crime, including why the cameras and motion

detectors inside the vault did not function and if the thieves had any inside help," said bank spokeswoman Beatriz Dornelles.

The heist took place sometime between 6 p.m. Friday, when the vault closes for the weekend, and 8 a.m. Monday when it reopens.

The thieves broke into five containers filled with used Brazilian real notes worth about \$22 each that had been collected from local banks for inspection by Central Bank auditors. Notes in good condition were to be returned to circulation, while worn notes were destined to be burned.



Police and reporters look at the tunnel on Monday where highly sophisticated thieves spent three months digging under a busy city avenue to break into a Brazilian Central Bank in Fortaleza, Brazil.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and hot. Highs in the low 90s. Tonight: A few lingering clouds. Lows in the low 60s. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies. Highs, low 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies and continued hot. Highs in the low 90s. Tonight: A few lingering clouds. Lows in the mid 50s. Tomorrow: Fair skies and warm temperatures. Highs in the upper 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms will be a possibility today. Thunderstorm chances will continue to decrease tomorrow and through the remainder of the week.

BOISE

Mostly sunny and hot conditions are expected through the rest of the week. Temperatures will cool slightly the weekend, however, dry conditions will persist.

NORTHERN UTAH Partly cloudy skies and warm temperatures will continue. Each day will see slight chances for afternoon thunderstorms to develop.

Weather map of Idaho showing temperature and precipitation forecasts for various cities like Boise, Twin Falls, and Burley.

Weather forecast for Canada including cities like Vancouver, Calgary, and Toronto.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for August 10, 11, 12, 13.

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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for August 10, 11, 12, 13.

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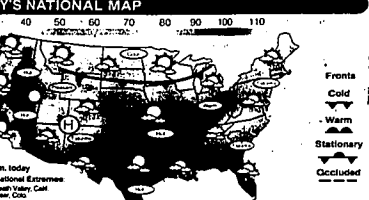
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Fighting erupts in Afghanistan; U.S. soldier dies

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Fighting sparked by an insurgent attack on a patroling coalition force in southern Afghanistan killed one U.S. service member and at least 16

suspected Taliban rebels, amid spiraling violence ahead of key legislative elections, the military said Tuesday.

The American — the fourth U.S. casualty in less than a week — was killed when militants opened fire with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades on Afghan and U.S. forces Monday in a rural province's Day Chopan district.

Grants

Continued from A1 Frederickson said the research involved in grant applications is a big hurdle for some school districts.

High Schools That Work model. "Grants are wonderful," Gibson said. "But they can also be a beast."

schools to funding an after-school program. "It's kind of reached the point where you really have to take a long look at them," Garner said.

In the Magic Valley, there's a wide variety of grants to public schools.

Spending money to make money In Kimberly, Superintendent John Garner said the district has a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant that was \$100,000 in its first year.

Changing focus. Castleford School Superintendent Kelly Murphy said his district used to do well in grants, bringing in as much as \$1 million over five years.

The Gooding School District was able to send 28 teachers and administrators at the middle and high school levels to the High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference.

The big problem for us is that most grants require some sort of a match and we don't have any money to match it," Garner said.

Bliss, Superintendent Kevin Lancaster said his district doesn't have any grants at the moment. "We can't apply for grants," he said.

"It does create a lot more work, but it answers a need," Gibson said.

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Rogers said he spends as much time searching for money as he does writing applications for grants.

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Iranian president says country will submit new nuclear plan

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran's president said Tuesday he will submit new proposals in negotiations over his country's nuclear program but denounced a European offer of aid as an "insult."

recently produced 4,000 centrifuges capable of enriching uranium to weapons grade. Alireza Jafarzadeh, who helped uncover details of Iran's program in 2002, that fueled U.S. suspicions the country was trying to build a nuclear bomb.

Bush

Continued from A1 we go to fill up our cars with gas," said Allan Hubbard, director of the National Economic Council.

Hubbard said. "Obviously, that causes a lot of unease." Bush raised oil employment statistics to support his view that the economy is thriving — 200,000 jobs added in July, nearly 4 million since May 2003 and an unemployment rate at 5.6 percent.

Shuttle

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CORRECTION

Kidnapping victim's name misspelled

Chester Standlee was the man kidnapped Thursday and later rescued. His name was misspelled in the Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday editions of the paper.

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NATION

# Panel to look into Atta claim

Lawmaker says officials identified hijacker as possible terrorist in 1999

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Sept. 11 commission will investigate a claim that U.S. defense intelligence officials identified ringleader Mohammed Atta and three other hijackers as a likely part of an al-Qaida cell more than a year before the hijackings but didn't forward the information to law enforcement.

Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa. and vice chairman of the House Armed Services and Homeland Security committees, said Tuesday the men were identified in 1999 by a classified military intelligence unit known as "Able Danger." If true, that's an earlier link to al-Qaida than any previous

disclosed intelligence about Atta.

Sept. 11 commission co-chairman Lee Hamilton said Tuesday that Weldon's information, which the congressman said came from multiple intelligence sources, warrants a review. He said he hoped the panel could issue a statement on its findings by the end of the week.

"The 9/11 commission did not learn of any U.S. government knowledge prior to 9/11 of surveillance of Mohammed Atta or of his cell," said Hamilton, a former Democratic congressman from Indiana. "Had we learned of it obviously

it would've been a major focus of our investigation."

The Sept. 11 commission's final report, issued last year, recounted numerous government mistakes that allowed the hijackers to succeed. Among them was a failure to share intelligence within and among agencies.

According to Weldon, Able Danger identified Atta, Marwan al-Shehri, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi as members of a cell the unit code-named "Brooklyn" because of some loose connections to New York City.

Weldon said that in September 2000, Able Danger recommended that its information on the hijackers be given to the FBI "so they could bring that cell in and take out the terrorists." However, Weldon said Pentagon lawyers rejected the recommendation because they said Atta and the others were in the country legally so information on them could not be shared with law enforcement.

Weldon did not provide details on how the intelligence officials identified the future hijackers and determined they might be part of a cell.


Defense Department documents shown to an Associated Press reporter Tuesday said the Able Danger team was set up in 1999 to identify potential al-Qaida operatives for U.S. Special Operations Command.

At some point, information provided to the team by the Army's Information Dominance Center pointed to a possible al-Qaida cell in Brooklyn, the documents said.

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## Video depicts attacks on U.S. troops

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A purported al-Qaida made video shows militants in Afghanistan — including Europeans, Arabs and others — preparing to attack U.S. troops and showing off what they said was a U.S. military laptop.

The video, parts of which have been shown by al-Arabia, alerted Tuesday, features interviews with a masked man yelling "As you bomb us, you will be bombed" and shows a group of men packing explosives into bombs.

The authenticity of the video-tape could not be confirmed. Air Force Capt. Lennea Montandon, a spokeswoman for U.S. Central Command in Qatar, said the military would not comment because it had not seen the broadcast.

If authentic, the program would be the latest attempt by the al-Qaida network to use the broadcast media and Internet to promote its cause.

The three-part video, titled "The War of the Oppressed People," depicts what appears to be a few months in the lives of a group of fighters in wilderness camps in the Afghan mountains.

The men cook tea over campfires and kneel in prayer under the open skies, then duck into a makeshift classroom where an instructor outlines the coming "Operation to Defeat the Crucifix" against U.S. and allied forces.

In one scene, the tape claims al-Qaida was responsible for shooting down a U.S. Chinook helicopter, killing all 16 American troops on board.

The tape features an appearance by top-ranking al-Qaida member Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi, as well as shots of a U.S. Air Force A-10 jet making bombing runs on a mountainside, and a close-up of a U.S. soldier quivering face down on the ground.

Al-Iraqi, speaking with a scarf hiding his face, says the U.S.-led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have created "two fronts" for recruiting terrorists to the cause of Osama bin Laden and Taliban leader Mullah Omar.

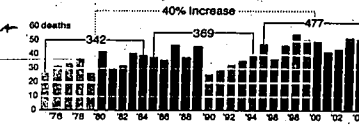
"Now all the world is united behind Mullah Omar and Sheik Osama," he says.

## DEADLY ROADS

Traffic accidents pose biggest threat to the police

In the past three decades, the number of police who have died on the job because of an auto accident has risen 39.5 percent.

Police deaths caused by auto accidents, 1975-2004



SOURCE: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officer David Scott was in hot pursuit of a robbery suspect when he was swerved to avoid a car trying to get out of his way. His police cruiser crossed into oncoming traffic and was slammed by a pickup truck.

Scott and his rookie partner in the Clarksville, Tenn., police department, Yamil Baez-Santiago, were killed. The truck driver suffered minor injuries.

The incident is part of a worrisome trend in law enforcement — more officers are being killed in traffic accidents. Twice in recent years — 1999 and 2003 — car crashes topped guns as the No. 1 cause of on-duty officers.

While year-to-year variations are common, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, which tracks fatalities, said the trend becomes apparent when the numbers are spread over many years. For example, in the decade ending last year, 477 officers died in auto accidents. That was up 29 percent from the 369 of the previous

decade and 40 percent from the 342 killed the decade before that.

There's no single reason for the increase. Some die to more police cars on the roads — 52 per 100 county and city officers in 2003 compared with 49 in 1997, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. There also are more deaths from high-speed chases.

Advocacy groups say there are other reasons too. Suzie Sawyer, executive director of Concerns of Police Survivors Inc., believes criminals are using their vehicles to run down officers, though she has only anecdotal evidence. Her group provides emotional support for relatives

of police officers killed in the line of duty.

Memorial Fund spokesman Bruce Mendelsohn points to more drivers using cell phones and other devices that can distract them from the road and make them oblivious to police cars.

But he also said officers and their departments may share some of the blame. Nearly all law enforcement officers receive driver training. But the standards vary and refresher courses are rarely mandated. Mendelsohn said that leaves some officers ill-prepared for the dangerous driving situations they face. His organization is pushing for more training.

## Police: Inmate escapes after wife kills guard

KINGSTON, Tenn. (AP) — An inmate considered to be "extremely violent" escaped Tuesday after his wife gunned down and killed a guard who was escorting the shackled prisoner outside a courthouse, authorities said.

The bloody escape set off an extensive search for George and Jennifer Hyatte. Helicopters circled over this eastern Tennessee town and schools — open for student registration — were locked down.

The Ford Explorer in which the couple fled was later found abandoned with blood on the driver's side, and officers think the wife may have been wounded during the attack. Police Chief Jim Washam said. Authorities believe the pair later switched from the SUV to a van.

George Hyatte, serving a 33-year sentence on robbery and assault convictions, "is extremely violent, and he has no care or concern on what he does to anyone," said Sheriff's Department spokesman Jeff Knight.

Jennifer Hyatte is a nurse who had been fired from her job at a prison in Tiptonville because of her relationship with George Hyatte, Corrections Department spokeswoman Amanda Sluss said.

Washam said authorities were preparing murder charges against the couple.

"We do have leads coming in on possible whereabouts, possibly some family members that may be hiding them out. We're trying our best to coordinate those," Washam said.



George Hyatte



Jennifer Hyatte

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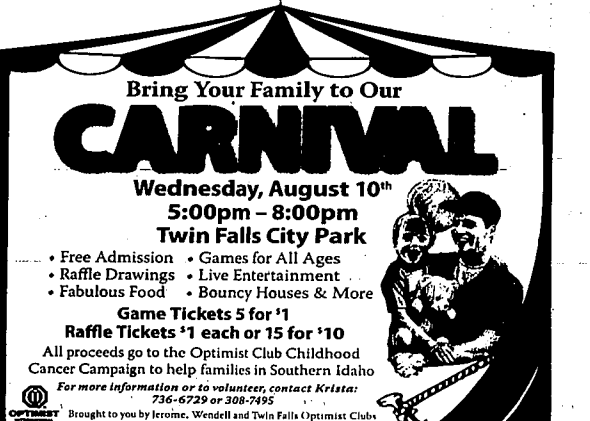
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WORLD/MORNING BREAK

# Baghdad bombing kills seven

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide car bomber struck a U.S. convoy heading to an intersection Tuesday in Baghdad, killing seven people — including one American soldier — and wounding more than 90. More than a dozen others died in scattered attacks across the capital.

Also, a U.S. Marine assigned to the 2nd Marine Division was killed Monday by small-arms fire in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, the U.S. military said. The deaths brought the number of U.S. service members killed in Iraq this month to at least 32.

Violence raged as Iraqi political leaders showed little sign of compromise less than a week before a deadline for approving a new constitution. Faction leaders conferred for about four hours Tuesday night hoping to overcome their differences and produce a charter by Monday. Participants said the talks focused on Kurdish demands for a federal state and although some progress was made, there was no final agreement on the issue. More talks were set for Wednesday.

The American convoy was stopped at a busy intersection when a driver detonated a vehicle packed with explosives, the U.S. Army said. Six Iraqi civilians also were killed: scores of Iraqis and two U.S. soldiers were wounded.

At least 1,836 members of the U.S. military have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The United States hopes progress on the political front, including adoption of a democratic constitution, will help deflate the Sunni Arab-led rebellion and enable the Americans and their partners to begin withdrawing troops next year.

"It's important that they stay with their timetable" on the constitution, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday. "This will be a critical step in persuading the majority of the Iraqis that the new Iraq is worth fighting for, that they have a stake in it."

Rumsfeld told Pentagon reporters that the constitution "could well turn out to be one of the most powerful weapons to be deployed against the terrorists" and the insurgents "determined to stop the constitutional process through terror and intimidation."

# Britain may set up secret courts

LONDON (AP) — Britain is considering setting up secretive courts to make it easier to prosecute terror suspects — and to hold them without charge for longer than the current 14 days — as part of the crackdown following the deadly London bombings, officials said Tuesday.

The Home Office said it was weighing changing the pretrial process to deal with particularly sensitive terror cases, with the aim of "securing more prosecutions." Currently, terror suspects can be held for two weeks without charge; after they are charged, police can no longer question them. Police have asked the government to extend this period to three months.

The anti-terror courts — run by judges with high-level security clearance — would meet behind closed doors to study the merits of the case against terror suspects, rule on highly sensitive evidence and decide how long the suspect could be held. The Guardian newspaper reported Tuesday, citing unidentified Home Office officials.

A spokeswoman for the Home Office, who spoke on condition of anonymity because government policy bars her from being quoted by name, confirmed a new pretrial procedure is under consideration, but couldn't provide any other details.

"I want to emphasize: There is no question of secret trials, there is no question of jury-less trials, there is no question of any sort of internment," Britain's chief legal official, Lord Chancellor Charles Falconer, told the British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "What is being suggested is ... just a sensible period to detain suspects while a sensible investigation is going on."

# Not just a toy: Hunters used yo-yos to capture animals

Hunters in the Philippines once used yo-yos to snare an animal's legs and bring it down for the kill. The name "yo-yo" in Tagalog means "come back" (literally "come-come").

This day in history: On Aug. 10, 1985, Michael Jackson outbid the surviving Beatles for ownership to their songs. Buying ATV Music, which owned the Fab Four's publishing rights, cost him \$47 million.

Inspiration comes from many

**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS**  
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sources: L. Frank Baum claimed to have gotten the name for his imaginary "Land of Oz" from a filing cabinet marked "O-Z."

Sit down and appreciate an unsung hero: Although the idea didn't go over well at the time, American Joseph Gayetty invented the modern roll of toilet paper in 1857.

The oldest known beer recipe was found on a Sumerian clay tablet dating from about 1800 B.C. It describes mixing bread with malt, water and honey, then allowing it to ferment in a big bowl.

Can you perform chant-

pleure? It means "to sing and weep simultaneously" — a talent much prized in opera and 1950s pop songs.

"We sit at the table to eat, not to cut up carcasses," goes an old Chinese proverb. It's this bite-sized philosophy that led the way to chopsticks.

Perhaps you've heard of toy ounces. An e-mail conversation with reader Bob Youngblood about obscure measurements led us to question our mental

assumption that they came from the ancient Greece city of Troy. It turns out that we were right to question: the name came from a system of weights used in Troyes, France, in the 14th century.

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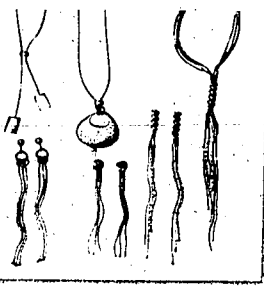
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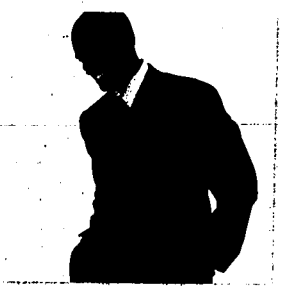
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MORNING BREAK

# Ex-husband must deal with HIV status

**DEAR ABBY:** My ex-husband, Roy, learned he was HIV-positive last year. The only people who know are his doctors, his preacher, me and my current husband. Roy doesn't want our two grown daughters to find out because he doesn't want to be confronted with "questions." There are things about my ex and his lifestyle that I don't want our girls to know about.

However, I know that they love their daddy and would not dwell on how he got the virus but would act as his No. 1 support group.

If and when Roy's condition could progress into AIDS, I feel his daughters need to be there supporting him, not left out of the loop. I can't even begin to imagine how I could keep something like that a secret. What can I do?

**CAN'T DECIDE**  
**IN TEXAS**  
**DEAR CAN'T DECIDE:** If and when his condition progresses into AIDS, revisit the



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

question with him. At that time, I agree with you that your daughters should be told — and he should be the one to do it. However, it is your husband's life and your husband's death, and his wishes should prevail.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend I love dearly, but she does something that is driving a wedge between us. She copies everything about me — from my perfume to my hairstyle to my jewelry.

I have always tried to have my own style, something that sets me apart from others, and to have my best friend copy me makes me furious.

When we go to trade shows we look like Tweedledum and Tweedledum, and it's embar-

assing. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I don't like it. People are starting to make fun of her behind her back. How can I communicate to her that she needs to find her own sense of self?

**CARBON-COPIED**  
**IN SANTA MARIA**

**DEAR CARBON-COPIED:** I have received questions on the subject before. What your friend is doing can be very annoying, and friendships have ended over it. So speak up before it escalates.

Schedule a get-together with her someplace where you can talk privately and frankly. Tell her you realize that imitation is a form of flattery, but that she's making you uncomfortable, and people are beginning to notice and comment. Then cross your fingers and hope she copes well because there is no guarantee she will.

**DEAR ABBY:** My brother "Ralph" recently became engaged. He relied on my mother to tell the rest of us (this sib-

lings) his good news. Ralph was wondering why nobody called to congratulate him the minute we heard. I say he should have been the one making the phone calls and telling us himself instead of Mother. It isn't like we have a lot of siblings. There are only four of us, including Ralph. Because we disagree on the proper etiquette, I told him I'd write you to find out what that is.

**UPSET SISTER,**  
**BRIDGEWATER, MASS.**

**DEAR UPSET SISTER:** Let me guess what has been going on in your family for years: your mother has been the family message center. If I'm right, then when Ralph told Mama, he expected her to spread the news.

A message to all of you: Mama isn't going to be here forever.

So open the lines of communication and start speaking up for yourselves now. Not only will it bring you closer, it will prevent misunderstandings in the future.

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# Birthday today? It's time to build nest egg

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**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeralaine Saunders

The latest fad might give you edge with work or career. You can use it as a sponge, so use this time to pick up a helpful skill. Don't indulge your taste for luxury items.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** If you remain sincere and open, all will work out. One-on-one relationships might remain tense for another day, so don't push important issues or tempt fate by trying to come to an agreement.

**TALIBIS (April 20-May 20):** Your social instincts might not be completely on target, so hold off on important meetings and agreements. Keep your money in your wallet for another day if tempted to make luxury purchases.

**GENIUS (May 21-June 20):** Brainstorming sessions can result in advancement, as you are likely to receive attention for your ideas. Take into consideration however that some people may hide their opposition.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Maintain a steady pace while uplifting the inspirations raise your spirits. Stay focused on long range plans for your funds, especially joint holdings. This might be a good time to ask for favors.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Ignore petty squabbles and do your best to throw a blanket of calm over smoldering passions. Aim for the best and highest and keep your focus on making permanent improvements.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Forgiveness and tolerance are better attitudes to wear than suspicion and spite. Let your head guide you rather than emotions. Numerous cross-currents make this a poor day to strike a bargain.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Keep long-term goals firmly in mind and don't be lured by a passing fancy. Too much socializing can interfere with work. Find ways to gently escape from unwanted attention.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** An exhilarating mood can brighten your prospects. Maintain a positive vision for the future and don't be worried. Helpful companions can provide ideas to improve finances.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Choose the right words. Try to be a straight shooter and face up to the opposition. Spend time with your favorite special someone or make up with a friend who has gone astray.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Remain calm and serene even when buffeted by desires and needs. Faith in the future is your magic wand. Overcome petty problems by knowing that the outcome will be advantageous.

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## EDITORIAL

### PC runs amok with new ban on college mascots

**P**olitical correctness took a bold new step into the college sports arena last week as the NCAA banned sports arena mascots from college athletics.

But in striking what it calls "hostile and abusive" nicknames from college athletics, the NCAA picked up a name of its own: Hypocrites.

**Our view:** The campaign to eliminate Native American college mascots is as inconsistent as it is irrational.

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

names — outside the Native American realm — that could have been pulled from the scenes of "Blazing Saddles."

Hence, if Fighting Sioux, Utes and Seminoles are verboten, perhaps Fighting Irish, Aztecs and Sun Devils shouldn't frolic on the sideline either.

Instead, the organization embraces rationale that numbs the brain. The San Diego State Aztecs don't qualify for the ban, that school said, because Aztecs were not a "North American culture, but a culture based in what is now Mexico."

Most fans will applaud schools moving away from racially demeaning nicknames such as Redskins, Redmen, and Savages. But the NCAA's blanket approach also ignores how some schools, such as Florida State University and the University of Utah, work closely with tribes to honor native American heritage. Doing so in fact brings these tribes, contrary to NCAA belief, a sense of respect.

"A non-Indian organization should not be the one to make the decision," said Irene Cuch, a tribal leader at the Unintah and Ouray Indian Reservation, to the Salt Lake Tribune about the school's name. "As long as it's not abusive or disrespectful, I think it's a good thing."

Of course, nobody can really argue this issue with the NCAA, which issued this policy from its offices in Indiana — a state whose name literally means "land of Indians."

## Roberts' ideology plot thickens

**R**ecent news that Supreme Court nominee John G. Roberts Jr. once worked with pay activists on a landmark and discriminatory case has all sides scurrying, with amusing results.



KATHLEEN PARKER

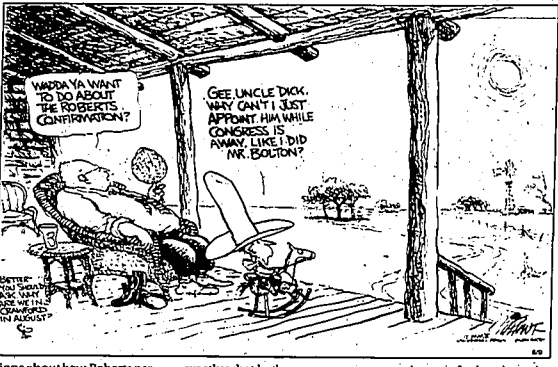
Let's just say everyone's petard is getting a workout. Conservatives hoping for someone who would rule in their favor on social issues find out that Roberts has helped the opposing team. Liberals hoping to unseat someone contrary with which to oppose Roberts discover that his worst sin to date is his failure to mention in his pre-confirmation questionnaire that he's worked pro bono for gays.

Bad Roberts! No, Good Roberts! Finally, we have a quagmire. This time those looking for a fight may have to surrender to irony.

It is, after all, awkward for the left wing of liberal thinkers to say about a conservative nominee is that he did something they like. It is likewise awkward for the right when its dream nominee — the one who is supposed to help reweave Western civilization's fraying tapestry — has been tugging on the one of the threads.

In the middle, of course, is the truth of the matter, which is that Roberts may be just what the country needs and what President George W. Bush has said he seeks in a Supreme Court nominee — a jurist. Someone who will engage issues on their legal merits and interpret them according to the Constitution's original intent.

In the gay rights case, Roberts was advising on strategy and reportedly spent only a few hours on the case. Thus, there's probably not enough from which to draw conclusions.



exactly what both conservatives and liberals say they want. Even if they don't really mean it.

Conservatives who condemn Roberts for having worked on a case they find objectionable are confused, perhaps. Because at the core of their complaint is a presumption of prejudice (Roberts) and a lack of faith in a system predicated on the assumption of impartiality.

Here's what I mean: Our legal system is based on the notion that both judges and jurors can be objective. Our faith in that system is frequently reaffirmed as we rediscover that jurors consistently rise to the occasion.

The vote dire portion of trials — during which lawyers question potential jurors to determine their history, experience and possible biases — is based upon the theory that most people most of the time can be relied upon to tell the truth and to honestly appraise their own prejudices.

For reasons best left to psychologists, people are usually better at this than we expect. When asked to judge their peers, ordinary Americans become fair-minded arbiters and

executors of a duty they take seriously.

Obviously, we expect at least as much of our judges and especially of those who rise to the level of the highest court. And yet, we question these men and women as though they were incapable of the minimal standards we expect from people with no legal training or judicial temperament.

Roberts' work on the gay anti-discrimination case suggests that he is capable of thinking impartially — even when it may not suit him personally — and that he pledges his allegiance to principle rather than to politics. That seems a fair description of what we might hope for in a Supreme Court justice, no matter what his other political persuasion.

Despite protestations to the contrary, the most strident voices on both left and right really seek a jurist who will actively promote their agenda. They don't want an ideologue, in other words, unless he's their ideologue.

Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, welcomes comments via e-mail at [kparker@kparker.com](mailto:kparker@kparker.com).

## The Times-News

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## LETTERS

**PETA protest hardly a human interest story**  
I just had to write and say how ridiculous it was for KVMV television to interview an animal lover from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

**Homes next to factories struggle on market**  
There are several homes for sale out here in our area. They are not moving like they should because of the sugar factory odors and the Independent Meat company odors.

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**Save your appetite, don't eat dogs**  
Save man's best friend. Don't eat dogs, eat a politician. MIKE SIMMONS Blair

**Bush flees in shadow of Marine deaths**  
Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005 — A grotesque day that will live in infamy: 14 more Marines blown up. More tragic and unnecessary bereavement. On this same day, Bush gave his arrogant little smile with the stupid thumbs-up sign as he waved towards his helicopter to begin his five-week vacation in Crawford. All's well in "Bushworld!" He is a vacuous moron.

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**Merum from blood could help save lives**  
It was interesting to read about the "bleeding barn" in the Aug. 3 edition. Why? Because I have multiple sclerosis and the David International Pharmaceutical Research Co. in the United Kingdom is doing an MS trial with a drug called Ainspro.

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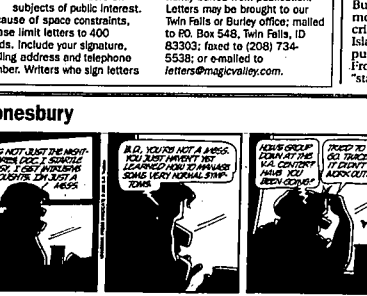
**Pay closer attention to Spudman next year**  
I could not agree more with the letter written by R.C. Stone of Blair in the Sunday edition of *The Times-News*.

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## Doonesbury



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## Mallard Fillmore



## By Bruce Tinsley



# Fingering the finger-waggers like Palmeiro

**R**afael Palmeiro wagged his finger at us just like Bill Clinton did when he said "I did not have sexual relations with that woman." Palmeiro's words were as unequivocal as Clinton's too. "Let me start by telling you this," the Baltimore Orioles star told members of a congressional committee investigating steroid use in baseball. "I have never used steroids. Period. I don't know how to say it any more clearly than that. Never."

**ROBERT FRIEDMAN**

As a result of his seemingly candid testimony last March, Palmeiro was the only baseball player or executive involved in the hearings who came away with his reputation intact. Mark McGwire was a blubbering, unresponsive, shrunken wretch. Manny Sosa suddenly lost the ability to communicate in English. Commissioner Bud Selig and representatives of the players' union behaved like clueless triumps. Jose Canseco, whose self-serving book alleging rampant steroid abuse in baseball helped to provoke the hearings, was treated like a criminal.

Only Palmeiro walked away from the hearings with his head held high. Until then, he was best known as the first celebrity pitchman for Viagra. But in a neat image switch, his performance at the hearings turned him into the culture's most powerful voice against performance-enhancing drugs. And when he got



his 3,000th career hit in July, reaching a milestone that traditionally leads to the Hall of Fame, he seemed ready to end his career in glory.

But now Palmeiro is sitting out a 10-day suspension for violating baseball's steroid policy. And that "period" in his stirring congressional testimony has turned into an adverb. "I have never intentionally used steroids," Palmeiro said after the suspension was announced.

From the start, that watered-down claim sounded as lame as control-freak Barry Bonds' protestations that he had no idea that the "cream" and "clear" he regularly used might include some "illegal ingredient." When Bonds' trainer Greg Anderson said it was doped oil, I just said, "Whatever." Bonds told a grand jury, according to the San Francisco Chronicle, "I had no doubt what he was giving me,

because we were friends." Palmeiro's new spin became even less credible after it was reported that he had specifically tested positive for stanozolol, a powerful steroid that can't be accidentally ingested through some nutritional supplement.

Such linguistic backflips are all too common in public life. Bill Clinton lapsed from his absolute denial of sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky into Jesuitical explications of "what the meaning of 'is' is" and whether oral sex counts as sex.

In the aftermath of the Lewinsky scandal, George W. Bush ran for president as the anti-Clinton, promising in 2000 to "uphold the honor and dignity of the office" not just the narrow letter of the law.

But President Bush, not for the first time, sounded positive. Clintonians in the end. Months ago, he vowed to fire

any member of his staff who was involved in leaking the name of CIA officer Valerie Plame, whose husband, former U.S. ambassador Joseph Wilson, had undergone the Bush administration's prewar claims that Iraq had sought to purchase uranium from Niger. But once top Bush adviser Karl Rove was implicated in the leak, the president lowered his standard. Now he promises only to fire anyone who "committed a crime." Dishonorable and undignified apparently are tolerable now.

And speaking of what the definition of "is" is, the Bush administration also tried to concoct an inventive way to help the president weasel out of his promise to maintain a moratorium on oil and gas drilling off Florida's Gulf Coast. They've simply changed the definition of what Florida is.

During last month's devious dealings over a new energy bill, the White House and congressional leaders cooked up legislation that simply took away a slice of the gulf that had belonged to Florida and gave it to Louisiana. The scheme was rejected by Congress at the last minute.

I was surprised the administration took this position so aggressively. U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., normally a dependable White House supporter, told the St. Petersburg Times, "I know the president has been aggressive about preventing drilling off Florida. The question is how you really define Florida."

Robert Friedman is a columnist for the St. Petersburg Times.

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## Insurance reform nothing new to Democrats

**I**n a recent editorial, *The Times-News* described how Idaho House Speaker Bruce Newcomb intends to question whether Wal-Mart is looking to taxpayers to subsidize its employees' health care.

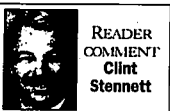
*The Times-News* rightfully credits Newcomb for making "a good start." However, not mentioned was how Democratic lawmakers have long been working to boost health-care coverage and curb taxpayer costs throughout many legislative sessions. In Idaho and nationally, the Democrats have taken the lead in seeking the broadest, most innovative solutions to the health insurance crisis.

It was Idaho Democrats who introduced a bill in February 2004 that would have ensured that state contractors could refer to companies that provide health-care insurance to at least 80 percent of its full- and part-time employees for companies with 25 or more employees. The legislation was bottled up in a GOP-dominated committee, even though it would have generated savings for the state's catastrophic health-care fund, Medicaid expenditures and health insurance rates.

In 2004, I sponsored that legislation because the cost of health care for individuals without health insurance coverage is passed on to the taxpayers and businesses that do not provide health insurance coverage have a competitive advantage over those who do. Companies of all sizes are feeling the strain of insuring their employees, none more so than the 125,000 small businesses that live in the economy, and even industry giants, like Boise-based Albertsons.

The editorial headline reads "Newcomb's Wal-Mart bill could save the state money." The fact is, Idaho Democrats frequently try to team with moderate Republicans to achieve progress on health care, but the legislative system's overwhelming GOP tilt often stifles these efforts. During the 2005 session, Republican Sen. Shawn Knough and Democratic Rep. Margaret Henbest introduced a bill that would have earned Idaho an enhanced match — \$3 federal dollars for every state dollar spent — on family planning services for low-income women and children. Congress currently pays for about 38 percent of all births in Idaho, many of them resulting from unplanned pregnancies.

Although the measure would



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**Clint Stennett**

have required about \$512,000 in start-up costs over two years, it would have saved Idaho taxpayers an estimated \$4.8 million over the next three years due to a decrease in unpaid pregnancies. The bill passed the Senate 18-17, with every Democrat and 11 Republicans voting for it (all the opposing lawmakers are Republicans). The measure was killed in the House Health and Welfare Committee.

Our state has made some progress on health-care issues. A bipartisan task force is meeting this summer to hear the views of organizations petitioning for relief on health-care and insurance costs. Also, the Legislature did pass the Access to Health Care Program, although it will only cover about 1,000 of an estimated 250,000 uninsured. (Contrast this to a Democratic-

initiated plan passed by the 2005 Montana Legislature that will both provide coverage to an estimated 7,000 to 8,000 Montanians and offer prescription drug relief to an estimated 200,000 elderly, low-income and disabled people.)

Idaho can do better. In the 2006 session, Democratic lawmakers will resume our drive to address health-care cost and access issues. Look for bills to contain costs, extend benefits and emphasize preventative health, and urge your senators and representatives to support these efforts. Saving the state dollars while finding ways to keep Idahoans insured is not just Newcomb's battle, but everyone's battle — one the Democrats are very familiar with.

Working together, we can start reining in health-care costs and improve coverage for all Idahoans.

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchikan, serves District 25 (Blaine, Coeur d'Alene, Lemhi and Gooding counties). He is the Senate Minority Leader and serves on the Agricultural Affairs, Resources and Environment, and State Affairs committees.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Less waist, more confidence

Partisan politics
The aisle at Capitol Hill is getting wider, Crapo says

T.F. woman faces murder charges

By Candace Balts-Smylie
Times-News correspondent



Megan Garner and her husband, Jed 'Red' Garner of Twin Falls are both attending the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's adult weight-loss class.

HAILEY - The Blaine County prosecutor's office has upgraded charges against a 24-year-old Twin Falls woman who authorities say deliberately caused a fatal collision July 23, killing Francisco and Julian Rojas-Ramos, both of Shoshone.

TWIN FALLS - Megan Garner began changing her life earlier this year when she signed up for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's adult weight-loss class. After losing more than 20 pounds in 10 weeks, she's signed up to take the class again. But this time, she's brought along her husband.

Prosecutors allege that Wise intentionally piloted her sport utility vehicle into Rojas-Ramos' vehicle, trying to re-create the accident that killed Francisco Gereau three days earlier, a man with whom she was romantically involved. That incident, according to prosecutor Jim Thomas, represents a "malicious heart," leading to upgraded charges.

Impressed by his wife's increasing confidence and increasing weight, Red asked what he could do to support her as she works to lose nearly 100 pounds. She said he could join the class, too.

Jerome woman faces child abuse charges

One of the ways Megan says she's been able to lose weight is by changing her portions.

JEROME - A Jerome woman was charged Tuesday with felony injury to a child after police said a less than 1-year-old baby girl died in her care on Sunday.

They call it portion distortion, she said. They just remind us what a serving actually looks like. Over time our servings have gotten larger but we don't really need that much.

Verini Yulliana Lira Juarez, 23, of Jerome was taking care of the infant while the mother was out of town, said Jerome Police Cmdr. Dean Larsen.

So now having both husband and wife in the class and watching portions will help with meals at home, Megan said.

The infant died from a skull fracture that was too severe to have resulted from a fall, according to the affidavit.

Two weeks into the class, the students have been asked to increase their water intake to 64 ounces a day and add exercise to their daily routine.

Juarez said she left the baby with a bottle of milk in her bed, then came back after five minutes and found that she was unresponsive and wasn't breathing, according to the affidavit. She then took the infant to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, where emergency room staff attempted to resuscitate her to no avail.

I normally drink that much anyway. I'm a fish," he said. And contrary to the saying, this fish does need a bicycle, and plans to use it a lot for exercise. "Now I've got my bike fixed up, aired up the tires and we're working on that."

Police are still investigating the incident, Larsen said. Administrators at St. Benedict's would not confirm or deny that an infant girl was a patient there on Sunday.

Students also were given a personalized meal plan, based on their current weight and what a healthy ideal weight would be. The daily calorie requirements range from 1,200 to 2,100, depending on the person. But it's important not to eat too little for what your body needs, said April Bruns, the class instructor and a registered dietitian.

Juarez has a preliminary hearing scheduled for 3 p.m. Aug. 19. She is in Jerome County jail and has a \$250,000 bond.

But have they started losing weight already? According to Bruns, they shouldn't know. She advises the students not to weigh-in until halfway through the class.

Castleford will hear water system status

"By that point, if we've done everything we've said, their

CASTLEFORD - Improvements to the water system will be discussed at the City Council agenda at 6 p.m. today.

But Bruns said, "If someone needs 1,800 and they're only eating 1,200, they will lose weight at first," Bruns said. "But after a little while their metabolism will slow down and their body will store the calories as fat, so they won't be losing weight."

Also during the meeting, the council will be wrapping up last-minute details of this week's car show. The "Castleford Classic." The city is putting on the show in conjunction with the local Bunch Car Club.

Starting at 7 p.m., the council will conduct its yearly budget hearing. The council will be meeting at 8 p.m. at 300 W. Main Street. For more information, call 537-6544.

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Walking group strides at CSI on Saturday

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TWIN FALLS - Walk Twin Falls, a group of walking enthusiasts, will hike the Collette of the Sun Idaho Fitness Trail on Saturday.

James Robert Cisco, 29, of Gooding and Kara Ruth Scott, 23, of Jerome were arrested Friday in connection with the case. They have been charged with possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia.

Walk Twin Falls was formed last year by Janet Keegan, a local fitness instructor and Bob Slickers, an employee health coach at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Along with support from the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department, the group leads walks on the second Saturday of each month to introduce and promote walking and a healthier lifestyle. Joining the hikes is always free.

Standlee told police Burns first confronted him about the \$1,000 debt while he was in Twin Falls, according to the affidavit.

Saturday's walk begins at 9 a.m. at the Expo Center Parking lot. Participants can walk as much or as little as they like. Walkers are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes and to bring water and sunscreen.

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Young children and those who require cars are encouraged to use strollers as much as they are able. Those who bring dogs are asked to keep their pets on a leash and to bring clean-up bags.

Burns is being held in the Twin Falls County Jail on a \$100,000 bond. He will have a preliminary hearing at 9 a.m. Aug. 19.

For more information, contact Keegan at janetkeegan@msn.com.

Compiled from staff reports

Week 1 & 2 of MVRMC's Adult Weight Loss Class

Students are drinking 64 ounces of water daily. Exercising daily. Dieting with individualized meal plans based on their current size and what they should be.

State looks to make high school more rigorous

Students say they aren't afraid to work harder. The recommendations come from a task force the board created in 2004 to strengthen high school curriculum and prepare students to enter college or the work force.

Advertisement for MVRMC's Adult Weight Loss Class. Includes details about the class, meal plans, and contact information for Candace Balts-Smylie.

Third suspect formally charged with kidnapping

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A third suspect was formally charged with first-degree kidnapping Tuesday in connection with last week's abduction of Chester Standlee.

COEUR D'ALENE - Idaho high schools and middle schools could become more academically challenging if the State Board of Education approves a new set of education requirements.

State Board of Education approves a new set of education requirements. The recommendations include: College readiness exam by the end of the junior year. Senior project. Requiring middle-schoolers to earn a cumulative "C" average in math, science, language arts and social studies. Having every school offer advanced courses such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and dual college enrollment. Requiring students to complete the Magic Valley Regional MVRMC's Adult Weight Loss Class.

Jarrod John Burns, 38, with no permanent address, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia.

In Twin Falls, they met up with Scott and Cisco, who went to retrieve Standlee's vehicle, a Ford Escape on loan from a dealership, according to the affidavit. They also did more driving around and picked up their later left-Standlee's girlfriend.

Requiring students to start high school plans as sixth-graders. Seven career-focused credits in high school that relate to

ple pre-algebra before ninth grade. The recommendations come from a task force the board created in 2004 to strengthen high school curriculum and prepare students to enter college or the work force.

Standlee, 27, of Twin Falls, was North on Friday at the U.S. Forest Service's Silver Street. North, Police said his abductors took him there to withdraw money.

Standlee told his captors he had checks at his home near Hazelton, so Cisco drove there and gave him five minutes to find the checks, according to the affidavit. Instead, Standlee called his sister and said he was kidnapped, but returned to the vehicle with Scott and Cisco.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Lawmakers propose property-rights legislation to counter high court ruling

CALDWELL (AP) — Idaho is the latest state to allow lawmakers to introduce legislation in 2006 to bolster private-property rights following a U.S. Supreme Court decision that allows Connecticut city to bulldoze homes to make way for a private development.

A proposal planned by Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell, would bolster existing Idaho property laws by forbidding city and county governments from using the power of eminent domain to take property for retail, office or residential development.

Governors and state legislators in a number of states have pledged to sponsor similar measures amid populist concerns that the Supreme Court ruling could extend far from the New London, Conn., neighbor-

hood immediately affected by the June ruling.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court said local governments could pass prohibitions against using eminent domain to benefit private interests. "I think Idaho should take advantage of the opportunity given us by the high court to affirm private property rights," McGee said.

In Kelo v. New London, the justices ruled 5-4 that city officials were allowed to clear people's homes to make way for shopping malls or other private developments. The ruling gave local governments broad power to seize private property to generate tax revenue.

Local and state governments have used the authority for decades to obtain land for roads

and other public works. But the Supreme Court expanded that power to include private developments thought to benefit the common good.

According to existing Idaho law, local governments have the authority in some instances to "acquire, by the exercise of the power of eminent domain, any real property which it may deem necessary for public uses such as roads."

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**Marjorie Jean Skinner** — Marjorie Jean Skinner, 72, of Buhl, passed away after a short illness, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, at Burleighview Estates, in Twin Falls with her family by her side.



Marjorie (Marge) was born in Twin Falls, Jan. 18, 1933. Mildred and John Paxton. Marjorie attended the Park Lane School southwest of Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School with the class of 1950.

She worked as a bookkeeper at the Bean Grovers Warehouse Association in Twin Falls for 16 years.

After this period, she and her husband, Lloyd, managed, purchased and operated the Arctic Circle Restaurant in Buhl. They also later became partners in Arctic Circle franchise in Blackfoot, Idaho, Kallispell, Mont., and associate partners in Grand Junction, Colo.

Marge is survived by her husband, Jack Skinner of Buhl; two sons, Tom (Dawn) Adamson of Twin Falls and Mike (Betty) Adamson of Boise; two stepdaughters, Sandy (Wayne) Hoag of Truck-

ee, Calif., and Sue Skinner of Pocatello, Idaho; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; a sister, George (Alma) Paxton of Twin Falls; three aunts, Dorothy Burke of Twin Falls, Marie Brooks of Hobequot, and Helen Strain of Portland, Ore.; several nieces and nephews and many, many cousins, etc. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mildred Mortimer; father, John Paxton; brother, Lawrence (Helen) Paxton; and sister, Mary Ellen Paxton.

Marge's love, endless energy, warmth, humor and compassion will be forever missed by all who knew and loved her.

Donations can be made in Marge's honor to the Buhl Quilt Response Unit, Buhl 83301, or a memorial of your choice.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 115 N. Idaho (21st and Poplar) Blvd. A viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., Buhl.

**Karen Andrews** — BOISE — Karen Andrews, 53, of Boise, Idaho, and formerly of Twin Falls, passed away on Aug. 8, 2005, at her parent's home, following a three-year battle with cancer.



Karen was born on Sept. 20, 1951, in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1969.

She worked in many fields of social work during her 24 years of dedicated service.

She attended Idaho State University for two years and was later married.

A son, James, was born in 1972. After her marriage ended, Karen completed her degree in social work at Boise State University, and worked later earn her master's degree at Highlands University in New Mexico.

Karen had worked both in Jerome and Twin Falls before transferring to Boise in 1991.

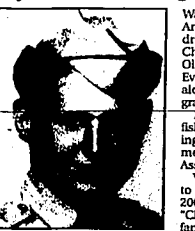
Karen loved to travel and had taken many trips across

the country and the world with friends and family. Karen's last trip took her to Russia, where she visited St. Petersburg and Moscow with her younger brother Steve, just weeks prior to her passing.

Survivors include her son, James, currently in the Air Force; her parents, Bill and Peggy Andrews of Twin Falls; her brothers, Mike of Dixon, Calif., and Steve of Sacramento, Calif.; and her nephews, Mike and Sean, both from California. Karen was blessed with many loving cousins and several dear friends.

It was Karen's wish to be cremated and no services held. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

**Brody Gilbert Harding** — FILER — An old soldier has finished his earthly tour of duty and has been promoted to the great hereafter.



Brody Gilbert Harding, of Filer, Idaho, died at the VA hospital in Boise on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005. Brody was born in Missouri Valley, Iowa, on Dec. 1, 1923, to David Alford and Emma Mallick Harding. Brody grew up in Blackfoot, Idaho, and graduated from Blair High School. He joined the U.S. Army in 1943 and served in the European Theater. He was a prisoner of war in Germany for two years. He married Wilva Darlene Edwards in 1960. During his lifetime, he worked as a State Patrolman and in various security positions in Nevada. He retired in 1985 from Pennzoil and returned to the Magic Valley area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

His loving wife, Wilva Darlene Harding and daughters survive him, Angela LuAnn Fisher (Andrew), Rochelle Ann

**Pete Landholm** — family. He was a lifetime member of the Twin Falls Gun Club.

Pete is survived by his wife, Dixie; one daughter, Terry (Gretch) Hanson; one granddaughter, Danielle Howard; one grandson, Jamie Holden; three sisters, Shirlee (Tim) Klassen, Pat Gault and Gloria Marrow as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his two sons, Deved Land-

holm and Mark Howard; one granddaughter, Cassie Holden; his parents, Pete and Mary Landholm, two sisters and three nephews.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate the life of Pete from 2 until 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at Pete's home, 651 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Roba J. Crystal of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 424 W. Ellis St. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Jean Tegan Carl of Boise, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Fern L. Smith of Boise, memorial service at 4 p.m. Sunday at First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone N., Twin Falls.

Shirley Johnston of Buhl, gathering at 1 p.m. Aug. 20 at the home of Harry and Vicki Hoogland (Farmer Funeral Chapel-Buhl).

DEATH NOTICES

**Richard Hussen** — BURLEY — Richard Hussen, 80, of Burley, died Aug. 6, 2005, at the Burley Care Center. No local services will be held. Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

**Dorothy 'Dottie' Pitchford** — TWIN FALLS — Dorothy "Dottie" Pitchford, 75, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

ginbotham, 76, of Twin Falls, died peacefully early Tuesday morning, Aug. 9, 2005, at her home with her loving family by her side. A celebration of Annie's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

**Russell Johnson** — HEYBURN — Russell Johnson, a 67-year resident of Heyburn, died Friday, Aug. 5, 2005, in Burley. A service will be held in September. Dates and time will be announced later. Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

**Annis Higginbotham** — TWIN FALLS — Annie Hig-

**Nedra Caldwell** — RUPERT — Nedra Caldwell, an 83-year-old Rupert resident, died Aug. 9, 2005, at Mindoko Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

A full obituary will appear in tomorrow's edition of The Times-News.

BLM drops some oil, gas plans near national park

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Bureau of Land Management on Tuesday dropped plans for oil and gas drilling near the border of Canyonlands National Park in eastern Utah.

The National Park Service had objected to the plans, saying drilling rigs would mar the spectacular views at the 527-square-mile park.

BLM spokesman Don Banks said the bureau is re-evaluating oil and gas development around the park with an eye to reducing the historic impact.

In the Canyonlands region, much of the land is currently under lease and over the years, dating back a half-century or so, more than 50 wells have been drilled. But there's been very little activity recently, and those old disturbances have been reclaimed.

The BLM had previously withdrawn two parcels in the park's "viewshed," and on Tuesday dropped another two parcels about four miles east of the Canyonland's Needles district.

The bureau takes recommendations from oil-and-gas companies and environmental groups for leasing, but often drops some parcels for environmental reasons, most recently lands near Dinosaur and Hovenweep national monuments and the Parowan Gap petroglyphs.

This time the BLM withdrew 50 acres totaling more than 80,000 acres, including lands around some proposed wilderness areas in eastern Utah's Box, Cliffs region and western Utah's basin and range mountains.

Up for auction Aug. 16 will be 118,835 acres of land in 83 tracts throughout Utah. Many of these parcels were previously leased and are being recycled for oil and gas development, Banks said.

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Valley District tackles language barrier

By Julie Pence Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON — In the Valley School District, one-third of its 680 students speak mostly Spanish, and so officials are taking steps to communicate better with them.

One way to reach out, Valley School Superintendent Laura Nelson has determined, is to have someone working in the district who talks to Hispanic parents on a regular basis. "They are so family oriented. That's the thing that comes first with these people," Nelson said. "And if we can just tell them what their children need, they try to make sure they get it."

With that goal in mind, the Valley school board voted Monday during its regular monthly meeting to hire licensed social

worker Tammy Okelberry to work for two hours a day two days a week to call and write to Spanish-speaking families. Okelberry's title is "bilingual family liaison."

But the school has to do more than improve communications with Hispanic parents, especially if the school wants to improve its status in regard to federal No Child Left Behind requirements, Nelson said.

Valley has not met "adequate yearly progress" in the program, and to do that, the board plans to hire more bilingual teachers. Finding experienced bilingual teachers is a challenge, Nelson said, but it becomes almost insurmountable when the teacher has to be able to teach high-school mathematics — which is what Valley needs before school starts.

"You need the very best teachers for struggling students," Nelson said. "The board hired Jim Hunter, who has taken two years of Spanish. Nelson stipulated that he would have to brush up on his Spanish skills before being rehired for a second year."

Nonetheless, Chairman Jim Ritchie said not hiring someone who is already proficient in Spanish makes him nervous since the school is already having trouble meeting the needs of Spanish-speaking students. Also Monday, the board voted to incorporate a dress code into school policy for the first time. Board member Mark Okelberry suggested that school administration notify parents as soon as a student has been caught wearing something he or she shouldn't be.

"Dress can be a real touchy issue with some people," he said.

Students will be deemed inappropriately dressed if they show up in the following: short shorts and short skirts, tank tops, tops that expose midriffs and full backs, completely bare shoulders, air straps, pants that expose undergarments or that ride lower than undergarments; clothing with loud, vulgar or obscene messages, or that bear emblems that are racist, sexist or otherwise derogatory; and hats that have chains or spikes or anything else that could cause damage to school property or another person's headwear, including hats and bandanas.



James Johnson, an onion farmer, talks about his concerns with using two-way radios to communicate with border patrol agents, July 13, in Deming, N.M. State and federal officials are now giving two-way, police-style radios to border residents.

Radios help police, border residents to communicate

COLUMBUS, N.M. (AP) — Kirk Zachek's chili pepper and wheat farm is in the middle of nowhere.

To the north is a winding two-lane, bumpy strip of asphalt known as state Highway 9. To the south is Mexico and the vast expanse of the Chihuahuan Desert. Nearly every day, Zachek spots illegal immigrants crossing his fields on their way north. But he says calling the law to report them isn't an option. Cell phones don't work in this remote stretch of desert, and the nearest land line can be almost an hour away.

"Sometimes you can get ahead of somebody, and sometimes you can't," Zachek said.

Even when he does get someone, the closest officer is rarely near his property, Zachek said.

Recognizing ranchers' frustration, state and federal officials are now giving two-way, police-style radios to border residents. The direct connection to police dispatchers in three of New Mexico's seven border counties will allow residents to get emergency help or to more easily report illegal activity.

"If you call the ambulance one time, the program is a success," said Robert Boatright, U.S. Border Patrol assistant chief patrol agent in El Paso. "If ranchers and farmers feel comfortable reporting crimes, the radio program could also make volunteer groups such as the Minutemen unnecessary," Boatright said.

Minuteman volunteers, who plan to patrol parts of the border in New Mexico and Texas starting in October, gained attention earlier this year when a Minuteman patrolled a section of the Mexican border in Arizona.

"If you listen this to a neighborhood watch program, people watch their own neighborhood," Boatright said. "People don't come from other states to watch your neighborhood."

The radio program, made possible with \$200,000 in federal funds, was born in discussions at the Southwest New Mexico Border Security Task Force three years ago. "The rationale was that this was an inexpensive way to better use the manpower, the resources we have on the border," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.

"These private citizens could contact law enforcement agencies very rapidly with these radios and keep them informed as to anything going on."

Local law enforcement officials said they don't expect ranchers and farmers to become a direct use of the law, but any help is welcome.

That kind of help went from Bill Johnson, whose family owns a farm, said his family used to use CB radios to call authorities when they saw something suspicious on their land. But then federal authorities told them that criminals in Mexico were watching them.

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Hospital celebrates 150th heart pump

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The first and 150th recipients of ventricular assist devices at LDS Hospital were on hand as the hospital celebrated its milestone in implanting the pumps.

In May 1993, Idaho farmer Gayle Runsey was about to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary. Then, his heart failed. Doctors at LDS Hospital told him there was something new available, but they weren't sure they could work.

"I figured it was too late for me, but maybe they'll learn something," Runsey said about the device that would get him to work.

It worked. He used the left ventricular assist device for 86 days until a transplant heart became available.

Twelve years later, Air Force retiree Horace Hall, who had suffered five heart attacks, be-

came number 150 and the reason for the celebration Monday.

"I can't begin to say what it's worth, standing here talking to you when I thought I didn't have another day," Hall said, choking on the last words and thanking his doctors through tears.

Although it took 12 years to reach the 150 mark, it probably will take half that long to double it, as each year more VADs are implanted throughout the world. This year, 24 patients have benefited from the technology.

Dr. James Long, LDS Hospital cardiac program director, spoke of the late Barney Clark, who in 1982 became the first person to receive an artificial heart.

Here we sit, 23 years later, experiencing a triumph of human science and an incredible triumph of humankind."

Man thought missing in Utah turns up in Australia

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man thought to have disappeared while hiking in Utah has been traced to Australia, Washington County sheriff's officers said.

S Bryan Butas, 35, of St. George, Utah, reportedly planned to go hiking July 30 near Leeds. His date was found the next day in Dixie National Forest.

Sheriff Kirk Smith said investigators found that Butas had purchased a plane ticket on July

20 and flew from Los Angeles to New Zealand and then Sydney on Aug. 2. He was then traced to Cairns, Queensland.

Smith said the information all came together on Monday, the day the search was canceled.

He said Butas was not under arrest because no crime had been committed, but a civil action could be filed to force Butas to pay the costs of the search, which a preliminary estimate put at about \$20,000.

Crapo

Continued from B1. He said they should be re-evaluated every five or six years when Congress goes to approve a new farm bill.

He'd like to see a day when farm subsidies are no longer needed.

But for now, they are needed. He pointed out that many nations subsidize their products. The average tariff imposed on U.S. products is 60 percent. The average tariff on U.S. imports on foreign products is just 12 percent.

"They subsidize their products against ours," Crapo said. "It gives our industries overseas."

Crapo said when the U.S. and the European Union suggest doing away with tariffs altogether at the 2004 conference of the World Trade Organization, it was the representatives of Third World countries who got up and walked out. So now is not the

time to do away with subsidies at home.

"This is not the time to take down our shields," Crapo said.

Crapo was none too happy with the Supreme Court's recent ruling on eminent domain. He's cosponsoring a bill that would allow eminent domain to be used for public purposes only, such as a needed road or to build a courthouse, but not for shopping malls or condominiums.

As for the economy in general, things are looking up, Crapo said. "It's growing back at a modest, but stable level," he said. He said short of a major change, such as another terrorist attack, the economy should continue a slow, but stable, growth.

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Mikesell

Continued from B1. ways found a way to donate his services to the community. He gave teachers free film processing and donated cameras and processing to charity auctions.

Mikesell said what he'll miss the most is being "Tom the photo guy."

"I'm going to miss what I did," Mikesell said. "I'm used to working 40 hours a week. I don't know how I'm going to work just 40 or 50."

Mikesell said his son was

going through boxes at the business Tuesday and found film dating back to 1987, photos that were never picked up. He's hoping someone claims them before Saturday.

"If anyone is missing film of their babies or grandparents or something, I don't want to throw it away," he said.

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B.C.

By Johnny Hart

Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

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WHAT MOSES DID TO THE TABLETS

COULD I HAVE A COOK? WHAT'S THE MAGIC WORD?

I'M TELLING!

I MEAN THE MAGIC WORD THAT WORKS WITH ME, NOT YOU. OH, SUGAR PLEASE!

Baldo

By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker

WOULD YOU NEED TO PICK UP BEFORE I'M A PG?

COW... BEFORE YOU HAVE A COW. COW, PIG, CHICKEN! YOU'RE AN ANIMAL!

I HEAR THE GENERAL HAS CUT BACK HIS WORK HOURS. YES, HE WANTS TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIS FAMILY.

YOU GUYS ARE LIKE FAMILY!

Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip

WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY RSVP'S FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY PARTY.

I'LL GO CHECK THE MAIL.

THEY'RE HERE!!

IT WAS EXHAUSTING PUSHING MY OLD LAWN MOWER AROUND THE YARD.

SO I BOUGHT A NEW, SELF-PROPELLED MODEL!

CUTTING THE GRASS IS EASIER NOW? NO-I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE SELF-PROPELLED MOWER!

Dilbert

By Scott Adams

The Elderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

WALLY, I WANT YOU TO REPRESENT OUR COMPANY IN THE CORPORATE MATHATHON.

UM, I CAN'T RUN 26 MILES.

WHAT THE...?

Our special entertainment today at lunch is in honor of 'Elvis Week' in Memphis. Virnie will perform a medley of Elvis songs...

Thank you very much. Here's a falotrie of mine.

I never thought I'd live to hear 'In the Ghetto' played on an 'out-of-tune ukulele'.

For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston

Garfield

By Jim Davis

WILL YOU THREE OVER THE FRONT DESK TODAY? NICK AND I HAVE A MEETING IN TOWN. SURE THING.

THERE ARE THREE PMS ORDERING OUT. TWO ARE ON ACCOUNT AND ONE WAS CASH.

LAWRENCE LISTS PAY TO SHIP ABOUT ANYTHING AROUND HERE. DOESN'T HE?

WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE WE WERE KIDS. KNOWING HIM, HE'S PROBABLY WORTHY.

OH, YOU'RE PRETTY ALRIGHT.

GARFIELD! WHY IS THERE A FISH IN YOUR DISH?

I'M RETURNING HIM TO HIS NATURAL HABITAT.

MY STOMACH.

Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne

Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne

CAN I HELP YOU?

I AM HERE TO FIGHT BARBARISM AND GREED!

YOU HAVE THE WRONG ADDRESS.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE LIVES DOWN THE STREET!

MOMMY FELL ASLEEP. SHE'S GETTING CUNBURSED.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

TRYING TO TURN YOU OVER!

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz

Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis

MY ATTORNEY AND I ARE GOING OVER TO THE COURTHOUSE TO SEE THE JUDGE.

WHY SHOULD I PAY FOR A TRIP I NEVER GOT?

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE PLOT ON THAT AIRLINE. HE WAS REALLY STUPID.

HE NEVER KNEW WHERE HE WAS GOING! WHERE'S THE COURTHOUSE?

ANIMAL. I'M THAT SWEET. A CUTE LIL' SOBBLE. I'LL FEED HIM SOME PEANUTS.

"WITH A BRIGHT ANGEL, I PICKED UP A BASKET THE SIZE OF A LITTLE BASKET AND THREW IT INTO THE SEA, AND SAID, 'WITH SUCH FORTUNE THE GREAT CITY OF BABYLON WILL BE THROWN DOWN!'"

GO AWAY. LITTLE LITTLE ANIMALIC SOBBLE. GO AWAY.

Pickles

By Brian Crane

Zsa

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

DARN IT! LOOKS LIKE I'M OUT OF SHAVING CREAM!

OH, WELL. NOT TO WORRY. WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY.

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING HERE I CAN USE FOR SHAVING CREAM.

AH! TOOTH PASTE!

WHY? YOU'VE GOTTEN ERB? THE FACT THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN ERB? HE SAVED SCHOOL SHOPPING MAKES ME FEEL STUPID!

ALL I WANT IS A LITTLE FREEDOM. A LITTLE FREEDOM. AND AN AMERICAN EXPRESS GOLD CARD!

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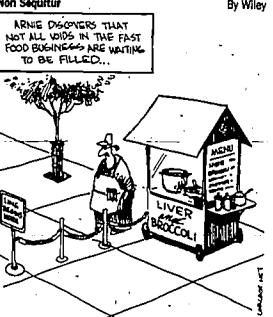
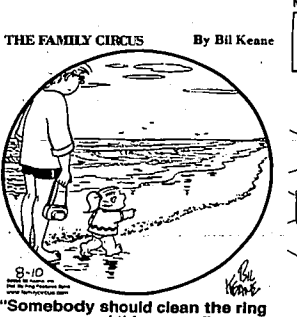
JUST TELL ME THAT YOU'LL THINK ABOUT IT!

Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



I'M TEACHIN' MR. WILSON HOW TO HAVE FUN AGAIN

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## EPA proposes radiation exposure limits at Yucca

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conceding there's no way to know what life will be like in a million years, the Environmental Protection Agency "nevertheless" proposed limits Tuesday on how much radiation a person should be exposed to from a nuclear waste dump in that amount of time.

The proposal would limit exposure near the proposed Yucca Mountain facility in Nevada to 15 millirems a year for 10,000 years into the future. It then increases the allowable limit to 350 millirems for up to 1 million years.

That higher level is more than three times what is allowed from nuclear facilities today by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"A standard chest X-ray is about 100 millirems," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., a staunch critic of the Yucca project, called the standard

the product of "woodoo science and arbitrary numbers."

The state's other senator, Republican John ENSIGN, said the standard had no scientific basis and was "a blatant disregard for ... the health of Nevadans."

Asked if there was any way to assure such a standard would be relevant or be met that far in the future, the EPA's Jeffrey Holmstead replied, "That's a pretty darn good question. ... We do the best job, given all the science we have."

The radiation exposure issue has threatened to cripple the government's plans to bury 77,000 tons of highly radioactive waste — mostly used reactor fuel rods now at commercial power plants — beneath a volcanic ridge at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert 90 miles from Las Vegas.

## Biologist backtracks, wants dams removed

MCCALL (AP) — An Idaho biologist who argued for a quarter century that fish ladders were good enough to prevent salmon from dying out now says four dams on the Snake River in Washington state ought to be removed to help the endangered fish.

Don Chapman, 74, wants to get rid of the Ice Harbor, Little Goose, Lower Monumental and Lower Granite dams, located between the Idaho border and where the Snake River flows into the Columbia River. They produce 1,239 average megawatts of power, enough to light Seattle, and have allowed barging of grain and other goods from Lawiston to Portland since they were built, starting in 1962.

Chapman for years worked as a consultant for electric utilities, arguing that man-made fish-pass systems on the dams such as ladders and barges were enough to keep salmon populations viable. He said he now believes that warming of the Columbia River and its tributaries in Idaho have been listed under the federal Endangered Species Act since 1992.



Don Chapman

ies and changes in the Pacific Ocean that may be caused by global warming necessitate "breaching" of barriers to help fish migrate upstream.

Chapman said his change of heart has scientific and political origins: He believes President Bush's salmon recovery plan, which characterizes dams as an insignificant factor in the survival of salmon, on grounds that they were there at the time the fish were listed under the Endangered Species Act, is flawed.

Some runs of salmon that swim up the Columbia River to ward the Snake and its

tributaries in Idaho have been listed under the federal Endangered Species Act since 1992.

In May, U.S. District Judge James Redden in Portland, Ore., rejected the Bush administration's plan for protecting salmon from federal dams. Redden then ordered federal dam operators to spill water over the dams, at a cost of \$67 million to Bonneville Power Administration managers this summer, to help the fish.

Environmental groups, including the Save our Wild Salmon coalition, as well as American Indian tribes such as Idaho's Nez Perce who use salmon for ceremonial and subsistence purposes, advocate the removal of the four Snake River dams, saying it's needed to help the fish recover.

At Geopli, the man who took over Chapman's consulting

business seven years ago, also believes that the complicated relationship between water, dams, fish and climate that influence the health of salmon populations must be studied before any dams are removed — regardless of what the man he calls a salmon "guru" thinks now.

"It's a nice story (Chapman's change of heart), but there are a lot of linkages here that need to be examined thoroughly," said Geopli, a fisheries consultant.

Owen Squires, the director of the Rocky Mountain Region for Pulp and Paperworkers Resource Council and active in the Lewiston-based group Save our Dams, is still against toppling the dams.

"Breaching those dams is a medical, one-way step," Squires said. "Once we do it, we can't reverse it."

## Boise participates in tree project

BOISE (AP) — Researchers will be measuring trunk sizes and collecting leaves from nearly 800 Boise trees in the next few weeks as part of a project to determine the dollar value of public trees across the nation.

Officials with the U.S. Forest Service hope the survey — which also includes cities such as New York City, Honolulu and Mgalesto, Calif. — will encourage city leaders to take better care of their existing trees and to plant new ones.

"Trees are often seen as a luxury item in the city budget," said Kataline Vargas, an urban landscape ecologist for the California-based Center for Urban Forest Research. "No one ever had really thought of it in terms of their actual dollar value."

Once the survey is completed in June, Boise is expected to get an inventory guide of the surveyed trees and access to a software program to help the city plan tree care and planting.

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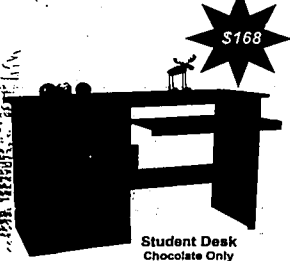
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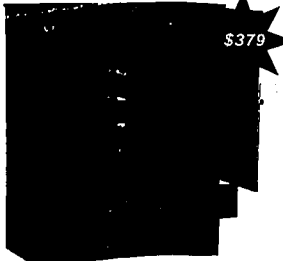
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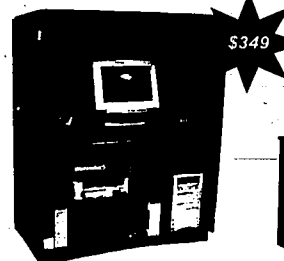
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# High school rigor? Bring it on, many students say

WASHINGTON (AP) — The campaign to make high school more demanding seems to be picking up support from the people who have the biggest stake in the matter: the students themselves.

Almost nine in 10 students say they would work harder if their high school expected more of them, a survey finds. Less than one-third of students say their school sets high academic expectations, and most students favor ideas that might add some hassle to their life, such as more rigorous graduation standards and additional high-stakes testing.

"The good old times in high schools are being replaced by good old hard work," said Peter Hart, whose Peter D. Hart Research Associates, Inc., conducted the survey for the "State of Our Nation's Youth Report," released Tuesday. "There's a recognition among students that they have to be more ready to compete."

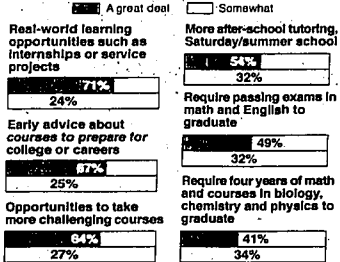
The nonprofit Horatio Alger Association, which provides college scholarships and mentoring to needy students, issued the annual report on youth attitudes. The findings are based on a phone survey of 1,005 students in high school last May.

Improving high schools has become an urgent topic in education, as mounting research shows many students aren't ready for college or work after graduation — if they get that far. The call for change has come from President Bush,

## Students want more out of school

A survey of high school students from across the country suggests many would welcome a more rigorous curriculum.

How much would these proposals improve things to encourage high school students to work harder and be better prepared for life?



About this poll: The telephone survey of 1,005 students was conducted May 9-12 and has a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points

SOURCE: Horatio Alger Association

governors, employers and college faculty.

Now students are saying it, too.

Julie Hetcko, 16, of Lincoln, Neb., who will be a senior in the fall, has taken three Advanced Placement courses and is looking for other ways to prepare for college. High schools that

don't offer some type of advanced coursework, she said, are holding students back.

"Times are changing," she said. "I don't think people realize how much students are trying to excel, trying to get into college. It's important that adults and parents know that it's not just a walk in the park."

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## Highway shooter gets 27 years

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A mentally ill man pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and 10 other charges Tuesday in a series of Ohio highway shootings and was sentenced to 27 years in prison.

Charles McCoy Jr., 29, had admitted firing the shots over five months in 2003 and 2004 but pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to murder and 23 other counts. His death penalty trial ended in a mistrial.

McCoy cried as he began to read a statement apologizing to victims, and his attorney took over. He also cried as victims told the judge how they had been affected by the shootings.

"I want to thank my family for their love and support, especially my mom," Hanny read. "I'm sorry for not taking my medication and putting you and everyone through this."



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# Relatively speaking

## What do you feed kinfolks at family reunions?

The Times-News

The dog days of August are the high season for one of the sturdiest of American traditions — the family reunion.

Whether families are big or small, food is at the heart of such get-togethers. Yet when reunion-goers were asked in a June 2005 survey what the hardest part of feeding their extended family was, 52 percent said the planning and preparation, while 28 percent admitted to feeling a bit overwhelmed.

Reunion expert Cheryl Fall, author of "The Family Reunion Planning Book for Dummies" and host of the "Creative Life" on PBS, offers some stress-free solutions.

The easiest way to prepare meals at reunions is by having a cookout," Fall said. "Grilling lets you cook a variety of foods without having to miss all the fun while working in a hot kitchen."

Some other tips:

- Give guests tasks, based on their interests, to get everyone involved at the reunion. Have the grill-master uncle fire up the charcoal grill, the artistic aunt take photos, the organized nephew arrange the food and the kids set up the dessert table.
- About 10 burgers or eight chicken breasts fit on a standard charcoal grill so, for instance, if you're serving 40 people, make sure to have four grills so everyone can eat together.
- Bring a large bowl of lettuce. For the healthy eaters out there, ask each guest to bring a topping or dressing in addition to their standard dish.

There's more to planning than deciding on a menu," Fall said. "Adding a few personal touches to the day can be fun and help everyone get to know each other better."

- Instead of regular invitations, take photos of Grandpa at the grill or the new baby and glue them to the front of a blank card.
- Take a photo of everyone's smile as they enter the reunion and place them in a basket. After the family arrives, have each guest select a photo from the basket and find the person whose smile appears in the photo.
- Use food and side dishes to motivate people to mingle. Place serving dishes on different tables so people are forced to circulate throughout the room.
- Get the kids involved. Have them draw a large tree using colored markers on poster board. Ask family members to stop by during the day to place their family's information on the tree.
- Ask guests to bring their favorite cookout recipes on card to the reunion and create a family cookbook. Mail or e-mail the cookbook to the entire family following the event to share family favorites.

### ORANGE-HONEY GLAZED CHICKEN

Serves 6  
3-4 lbs chicken (thighs and breasts), cut up  
1/2 cup KC Masterpiece Honey Teriyaki with Sesame Marinade

1/2 cup frozen concentrated orange juice, thawed and chilled  
Orange slices, optional  
Fresh chives, optional

Place chicken in a one quart food storage bag. Mix 1/2 cup of KC Masterpiece Honey Teriyaki with Sesame Marinade and orange concentrate together. Pour over chicken in bag, seal bag and shake to coat chicken. Refrigerate chicken until ready to grill, for at least 30 minutes and up to 2 hours.

Preheat grill and brush rack with vegetable oil. Remove chicken from bag and place on rack. Cook over direct heat about 10 minutes per side, turning frequently. Baste with marinade mixture and continue cooking until all pieces are cooked through, about 5 minutes longer. Discard any unused marinade mixture along with the bag. Arrange cooked chicken pieces on a platter and garnish with orange slices and fresh chives, if desired.

### SWEET BAKED BEANS PASTA

Serves 10  
1 cup small macaroni shells  
1 can (28 oz) baked beans  
2 medium tomatoes, diced  
1/2 cup celery, diced  
6 oz Cheddar cheese, cubed  
Paprika, smoked or sweet  
Cook macaroni according to directions. Drain and return to saucepan. Stir in baked beans, tomatoes and celery and pour into serving bowl.  
Just before serving, mix in cheese and sprinkle with paprika. Serve lukewarm.

### SUMMER VEGGIE BARBECUE CHICKEN PIZZA

Serves 6  
1 cup onion slices  
1 cup zucchini slices  
1 cup red, yellow and green pepper slices  
1 cup mushroom slices  
1/2 cup KC Masterpiece Garlic & Herb Marinade  
1 lb. pound frozen bread dough, thawed  
2 tbs. olive oil  
1/2 cup ranch dressing  
1/2 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese  
1 cup shredded cooked chicken breast  
1/4 cup KC Masterpiece Original Barbecue Sauce  
Fresh cilantro leaves, chopped, optional  
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Toss onion, zucchini, peppers and mushrooms with KC Masterpiece Garlic & Herb Marinade. Spread in a single layer on rimmed baking sheet and roast in oven 25 minutes or until softened and edges are browned. Note: This step can be done the day before.  
On a lightly floured work surface, roll out dough into a 15-inch circle. Brush with 1 tbs. olive oil.



That's Orange-Honey Glazed Chicken, Sweet Baked Beans Pasta and Summer Veggie 'n' Barbecue Chicken Pizza from reunion expert Cheryl Fall.

Lay dough onto grill, oil side down. Cover and grill about 3 minutes or until dough is puffed and underside is browned.  
Using tongs, turn pizza over and quickly spread with ranch dressing. Scatter cheese, vegetables and chicken over dressing and cover grill. Grill 2-3 minutes or until cheese is melted and underside of pizza is browned. Use tongs to slide onto cutting board.  
Drizzle KC Masterpiece Original Barbecue Sauce on top and sprinkle with chopped onion, if desired.

### OLD-FASHIONED LEMONADE

6 cups cold water  
2 cups lemon juice (8 to 10 lemons)  
1 cup sugar  
Ice cube  
Lemon slice, if desired  
Maraschino cherry with stem, if desired  
Mix water, lemon juice and sugar in large pitcher until sugar is dissolved. Refrigerate about 3 hours or until chilled if desired.  
Serve lemonade over ice. Garnish each serving with a lemon slice and cherry.

### OLD-FASHIONED POTATO SALAD

6 medium potatoes, peeled (2 pounds)  
1 1/2 cups mayonnaise or salad dressing  
1 tbs. white or cider vinegar  
1 tbs. yellow mustard  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)  
2 medium celery stalks, chopped (1 cup)  
4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped  
Heat 1 inch water (salted if desired) to boiling in 3-quart saucepan. Add potatoes. Cover and heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cook 30 to 35 minutes or until tender; drain. Cool slightly; cut into cubes.  
Mix mayonnaise, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper in large glass or plastic bowl. Add potatoes, celery and onion (toss). Stir in eggs. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours until chilled.

### DEVILED EGGS

6 hard-cooked eggs, peeled  
3 tbs. mayonnaise or salad dressing  
1/2 tsp. ground mustard  
1/8 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. pepper  
Cut eggs lengthwise in half. Slip out yolks and mash with fork. Stir in mayonnaise, mustard, salt and pepper. Fill whites with egg yolk mixture, heaping it lightly. Cover and refrigerate up to 24 hours.

### SEVEN-LAYER SALAD

1 bag (10 oz.) ready-to-eat mixed salad greens (6 cups)  
8 medium radishes, thinly sliced  
5 medium green onions, thinly sliced (5 tbs.)  
2 medium celery stalks, thinly sliced (1 cup)  
12 slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled

### Reunions by the numbers

- 44 Percentage of Americans who will travel to a family reunion this year.
- 77 Percentage who say they have attended a family reunion.
- 81 Percentage of family reunions with 20 or more people attending.
- 73 Percentage of family reunions held during the summer.
- 75 Percentage of respondents who live in the West who attended family reunions.
- 68 Percentage of respondents who barbecue during family reunions.

Sources: Survey results from June 2005 Impulse Research on behalf of the makers of Hidden Valley Ranch, KC Masterpiece and Kingsford products; survey results from November 2004 Impulse Research on behalf of Bush's Baked Beans

1 package (10 oz.) frozen green peas, thawed  
1 1/2 cups mayonnaise or salad dressing  
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese or grated Parmesan cheese (2 oz.)

Place salad "greens" in large salad bowl. Layer mushrooms, onions, celery, bacon and peas on salad greens.  
Spread mayonnaise over peas, covering top completely and sealing to edge of bowl. Sprinkle with cheese.  
Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours to blend flavors but no longer than 12 hours. Just before serving, toss if desired. Store covered in refrigerator.

### MINT-CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

1 package Betty Crocker Original Supreme brownie mix (with chocolate syrup pouch)  
1/3 cup water  
1/3 cup vegetable oil  
2 eggs  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1 package (10 oz) mint-chocolate chips (1 1/2 cups)  
Mint Frosting  
Shiny Chocolate Glaze  
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bottom only of rectangular pan, 13-by-9-by-2 inches.  
Stir brownie mix, chocolate syrup, water, oil and eggs in medium bowl, using spoon, about 50 strokes or until well-blended.  
Stir in pecans and 1 cup of the mint-chocolate chips (set aside remaining mint-chocolate chips for Shiny Chocolate Glaze). Spread in pan.  
Bake 28 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from side of pan comes out clean or almost clean; cool completely.  
Spread Mint Frosting over brownies. Drizzle Shiny Chocolate Glaze over frosted brownies.  
Refrigerate about 30 minutes or until glaze is firm. For 48 brownies, cut into 6 rows by 8 rows.  
Sources: Recipes from the Clarox Company, Cheryl Fall and Betty Crocker

FOOD & HOME

# Black spot usually fatal to quakes

*Editor's note: Cathy took the week off so she missed this column. It originally ran Aug. 19, 1998, which qualifies it as an oldie but goodie.*



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
**Cathy Walworth**

**DEAR CATHY:** I am wondering if you could tell me what I could do with my aspen trees to keep them from getting this black leaf — which shrivels and drops off early in the summer. They are healthy to a certain time and then look terrible.

Some trees have it much worse than others. Others in the community don't have it at all. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you.

**— ADVERSE ASPENS**  
**DEAR ASPENS:** You aren't going to like my answer. Quaking aspens are notorious for this black spot. In their natural habitat — usually foothills, where they grow in a very different environment from your yard — quakes are found in a different climate: the humidity and rainfall are less than in town. (We provide the extra "rain") in gardens, they are often stressed and susceptible to disease because we are asking them to grow someplace they weren't intended for.

Some say the type of black spot that attacks quakes is not the same as the black spot we see in the rose garden. But the

causes and effects are the same. The black leaves you describe are killed by fungus, and must be dealt with like any other fungus.

Sanitation is paramount in the fight against fungus. All affected leaves and twigs must be picked up and destroyed. Don't tell anyone, but we have been seen with a Shop Vac in hand in an attempt to get all the crumbly, blackened leaves safely disposed of. Didn't work.

Fungicides must be used religiously according to label directions. And, they will be more effective if you rotate two or more fungicides so the fungus doesn't catch on to your tricks and develop an immunity to one. Try Benomyl, triforin or chlorothalnil.

As with roses, try to keep water off the leaves. Fungus is spread by splashing water, as well as wind. We don't need to give it any help.

Once a quake has black spot, it almost never pulls out of it.

There will be a lull in mid-summer, but when fall rolls around, the disease returns. Nothing we ever did seemed to help our stricken tree. We finally cut the thing down.

If you decide to cut your tree down, here's a tip to keep it from sprouting.

Get the 2,4-D out of the garage and have the can sitting there, where you're working. As soon as you make the last, flush-with-the-ground cut, dribble a little undiluted 2,4-D all around the outside of the stump. Just inside the bark is the layer of tissue that wants to sprout, so make sure you get it wet all the way around.

The weed killer is instantly absorbed if you get it on within the first few minutes. Any later and the tree will close off those pores to get some scar tissue started. They won't take up liquid at all after that. Applied in time, the weed killer is absorbed through the roots, and the whole thing disappears in no time. No stump pulling. No messy sprouts. Thanks for writing.

Let me know how your tree does.

*What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: ccwalworth@aol.com.*

# Poached eggs can go beyond brunch

**Knight Ridder News Service**

A flawless poached egg is compact, with glistening whites clinging to a barely set yolk.

No fat is used and no other ingredients are mixed in.

Most of us associate poached eggs with eggs Benedict (split English muffins topped with Canadian bacon, poached eggs and Hollandaise sauce), but they aren't limited to breakfast and brunch.

They're lovely served as part of a salad, floated in a soup, with creamed spinach, on herbed toasts (bruschetta) or atop steamed vegetables, with the golden yolks serving as a sauce.

Poached eggs have a reputation for being more difficult to make than they really are. Just

use this easy method:

• Start with the freshest eggs you can find; the whites will hold their shape better than those of older eggs.

• Fill a 10-inch nonstick skillet with about 3 inches of water, cover it and bring it to a boil. (If you don't have a lid, cover the pan with a cookie sheet.)

Meanwhile, for 4 eggs, crack one each into four custard cups or small bowls.

• Add 1 tablespoon salt vinegar and .5 teaspoon plain to the water. (Vinegar helps the eggs hold their shape; you won't taste it in the finished dish.)

• When the water boils, reduce the heat to maintain a gentle but steady simmer.

One at a time, lower the lip of each cup 1/2 inch below the

surface of the water and let the egg slide in.

• Immediately cover the pan and remove it from the heat. Immediately set a timer — 3 minutes for medium-firm yolks, 4 minutes if you like the yolks mostly set.

• As soon as the timer goes off, use a slotted spoon to remove the eggs one at a time, setting the spoon briefly on a clean towel to drain, and transfer to plates. (If you're looking for picture-perfect eggs, trim any ragged edges with a pair of scissors.)

• If you're cooking for company, you can poach the eggs the night before, undercooking them by about a minute.

Refrigerate them, uncovered, as long as 24 hours in a big bowl of cold water, and warm them

# Home maintenance relies on foundation

**Knight Ridder News Service**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Even a small crack inside or outside a house can signal foundational problems such as buckling and settling. Fixing the damage now, rather than later, could save lots of money.

"There are smaller repairs you can make that cost hundreds of dollars as opposed to several thousand dollars," says Don Derry, owner of K.C. Waterproofing, a foundation repair service in Parkville, Mo. "But when you don't repair a foundation, the damage grows each year."

Options that cost less than \$1,000 include adding downspout extensions and using carbon-fiber stabilizing braces. A professional is usually needed to evaluate and install these items.

But when walls are pushing in more than an inch, it's time for more expensive — and invasive — repairs. "It's inevitable there's going to be damage to the yard," says Otto Fleck, owner of Dry Basement & Foundation Systems, a repair business in Kansas City, Mo.

Workers with digging equipment excavate around the house, ripping out landscaping. They use a jack to remove the weight of the house from the foundation and hydraulic rams to reposition the walls. They use different methods to stabilize the foundation, including steel anchors 15 to 25 feet into the soil. The work takes about two days. Repairs, on average, cost

## Feet of clay

**Warning signs:**

**On the exterior:**  
Cracks in the brick or buckling siding  
Gaps around doors and windows  
Cracks in the foundation

**On the garage:**  
Door separating from building  
Buckling wall

**In the basement:**  
Walls leaning in or out  
Cracks in a wall

**Water leaks**  
Musty smell

**Inside other rooms:**  
Misaligned doors and windows  
Doors and windows that stick  
Cracks in Sheetrock, floor or tile  
Sloping floor

**Prevention:**  
Clean gutters in spring and fall.  
Use downspout extensions that divert water 3 to 4 feet away from the foundation.  
Plant shrubs at least 3 feet from foundation.

between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

Besides causing doors and windows to stick, an ailing foundation can lead to:

• A wet basement. Moisture seeping through cracks can damage furnishings and stored items.

• Termite trouble. The wood-eating insects can get inside the house through the cracks.

• Mold. If moisture keeps getting inside, mold can grow, aggravating allergies and other health problems.  
Water causes most founda-

Use a soaker hose 2 to 3 feet from the house to water foundation in hot, dry weather — usually in July, August and September.  
• Fix plumbing leaks.

**Find a pro**  
To get an unbiased opinion before hiring a contractor, consider hiring a structural engineer to conduct an inspection and make repair recommendations. An evaluation costs between \$180 and \$275.

To find a repair professional, contact:  
Foundation Repair Network, 1-888-332-9909, www.foundation-repairnetwork.com

National Association of Waterproofing and Structural Repair Contractors, (410) 931-3332, www.nawsrco.org

Ask any contractor you consider hiring for references. Companies usually provide free estimates.

Source: The Kansas City Star

tion problems. Too much water causes the soil to swell while not enough causes it to shrink. If the soil shrinks or swells uniformly, there won't be foundation problems. But when part of the foundation heaves or settles, that's when damage begins.

Trees also can wrack a foundation. Growing roots can cause upheaval in the foundation beam.

Finding the right foundation repair company is crucial because fixing the damage is more difficult than do-it-yourself work.

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# Ripe for homemade spice and ice

By Risa Parsons  
Los Angeles Times

One scoop of ice cream is a dusky rose, light and airy, with a flavor that is purely plum. But what's that warm floral quality in the lining? Another is a delicate, caudal yellow, the texture a little denser and chewier, the flavor is the essence of mango. But what's that fresh note in the background? Yet another is creamy golden bango. There's no mistaking the high-toned taste of a ripe nectarine, but that haunting spice echo is hard to place.

I've got a new ice cream maker, and I've been playing.

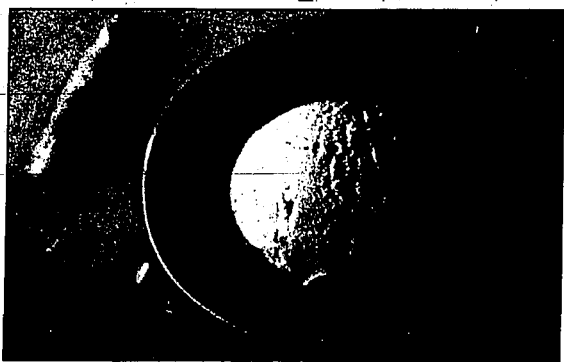
It started with a stray thought: Homemade fruit ice cream is one of the rituals of summer, but it is usually made by stirring chopped fruit into a nearly frozen vanilla base, keeping the fruit and the cream distinct from each other. As wonderful as nectarine ice cream is, it's hard to ignore that it is really vanilla ice cream with nectarines churned in at the last minute, almost as an afterthought.

But, I thought to myself, what if you made ice cream based on the fruit itself? That would be something — a dessert that had the clean, vibrant flavor of a sorbet and the luxurious texture of an ice cream. Furthermore, instead of using the fruit to accent the vanilla base, doing this would allow you to play other flavors against the fruit.

It took a few tries to work out most of the kinks, but now that I have, that shiny new ice cream maker won't be leaving my kitchen counter for the rest of the summer.

The hardest part was working out the balance between texture and flavor. All ice cream makers struggle with this to one extent or another. To oversimplify, the fattier the ice cream, the more voluptuous the texture. But fat also clouds the flavor. This is why frozen desserts with the tinnest fruit taste are almost always sorbets (which are made without cream), while most ice creams are based on flavors like vanilla or chocolate that can float above the fat.

My first attempt was nothing more than pureeing together nectarines and a custard ice cream base (made by cooking egg yolks and cream until they thicken). This was not bad, but the flavor of the fruit was so muted that it was almost indistinct. In fact, it was not nearly as good as leaving the pieces whole. At least that way you get some bites of pure nectarine.



Nectarine-cardamom ice cream is full of flavor.

Los Angeles Times photo

So I abandoned the whole idea of a custard base and went instead with what is called a Philadelphia-style ice cream, which is made simply of cream and milk. I had played with these ice creams several years ago, coming up with what I thought were the ideal proportions of fat (18 percent) and sugar (14 percent, or a little more than one-half cup per quart).

This had worked splendidly with ice creams that were created with an eye to accenting the taste of the cream, using flavorings such as cinnamon and lavender. Why shouldn't it work with fruit?

In my earlier experiments, I had carefully calculated the proportions of whipping cream (2 cups), half-and-half (1 cup) and milk (1 cup) that were necessary to reach that ideal fat percentage. But when I tried to repeat

those calculations using fruit as a base, my already flimsy math skills flew apart like an overturned lawn mower engine. Let's see: 4 cups of zero-fat fruit, plus how much cream to make 18 percent?

In the end, I simply dumped in a couple of cups of whipping cream. Two cups of 30 percent fat plus 4 cups of zero should be around 18 percent, right? Wrong. The result was way too fatty — it left the inside of my mouth feeling like I'd been gargling with wax.

It turns out that even though fruit is fat-free, it does have body when pureed (in fact, it used as a fat substitute in low-fat baking), and that has to be considered in your calculations. After a couple more tries, I arrived at a ratio of one-half cup each whipping cream and whole milk for every 4 cups of chopped nectarines. And I haven't even bothered trying to do the math on this.

This worked great, until I tried to make ice cream with mangoes. The flesh of a mango is denser than that of a nectarine, and the proportions that made a pleasantly creamy nectarine ice cream made a concoction that

was a little too stiff and chewy when used with mango. So I adjusted the mix, pureeing 4 cups of the fruit with a full cup of milk and only one-half cup of cream.

I ran into the exact opposite problem with plums, which are much juicier than nectarines (and much, much juicier than mangoes). My first shot at plum ice cream turned out icy — more like plum sorbet with some cream stirred in. So I corrected the milk mix in the other direction.

Obviously, making fruit-ice cream is not a "one-size-fits-all" situation. Judge the density of the fruit you're using and then adjust accordingly.

Figuring the sugar was easier. Most ripe summer fruits that might end up in ice cream are rather a few percentage points of each other, sweetness-wise. What did surprise me is that fruit-based ice creams require more sugar than those based on subtle flavors.

When I made nectarine ice cream with my standard one-half cup of sugar, the flavor of the fruit was drab. It was somewhat better at two-thirds cup, but it wasn't until I got to three-

# Freezer burn? Bag correctly

Night Rider News Service

If you're freezing the last of those summer fruits and veggies, remember to use freezer bags, not sandwich bags.

This tip from the Clemson Extension Service reminds us that freezer bags are moisture- and vapor-proof.

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FOOD & HOME

# Irvington full of light, flowing spaces

Families who enjoy entertaining are sure to appreciate the Irvington's flowingly spacious floor plan.

Arched windows and a hip roof give to contemporary flavor to this rambling, single-story home that is easily adaptable for wheelchair accessibility.

Natural light is abundant in all of the gathering spaces. It spills into the entry through side-lights and a transom, while cozy nooks are tucked on the banks of windows in the dining room.

Windows fill most of the vaulted living room's front wall as well.

The lower windows are crowned by a dramatic assemblage of half-round, quarter-round and rectangular sets of panes.

Bookcases flank a gas fireplace centered on one wall. Three arched openings give the partially octagonal dining room an airy, open feeling.

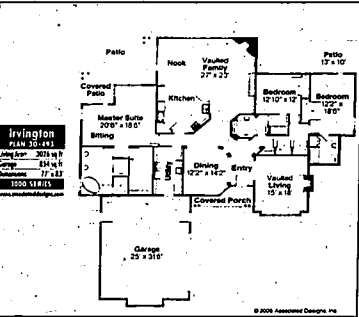
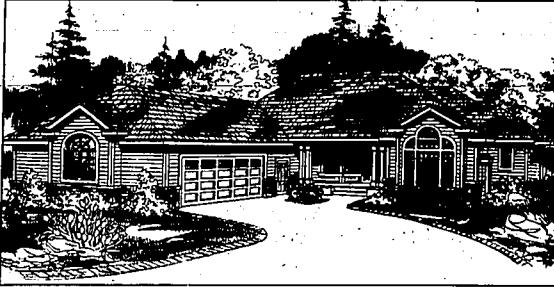
The kitchen and main bathroom are also octagonal in theme.

Another vaulted ceiling expands the sense of spaciousness in the family room and nook, where a second gas fireplace nestles into a corner by the wide rear windows.

Ceiling height drops to 10 feet in the kitchen, which is largely open to the family room.

It comes generously supplied with storage cabinets, and plenty of counter space, allowing family and friends to work their culinary magic together. A pantry and central work island add even more.

Laundry appliances are only steps away in the deep



pastthrough space that links this area, too, is richly supplied with counters, cabinets

and a sink. Luxuries in the Irvington's master suite include a star-washed sitting area, semi-private covered patio, and a deep walk-in closet.

The private bathroom boasts a walk-in shower, spa tub, dual vanity, and private toilet. Both of the secondary bedrooms have direct access to their own bathrooms.

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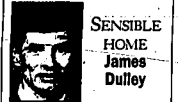
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# A solar cooker can provide affordable security

DEAR JIM: I want to buy or build a solar cooker to keep my kitchen cooler.

I might be silly, but I also want one in case of a terrorist attack or emergency. Can I make one that really works or should I buy one?

—PAULA W.



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This solar cooker uses a parabolic reflector to concentrate the sun's heat on a cooking pot. It is effective in both hot and cold weather conditions.

signed to collapse for easy storage. This makes them ideal for camping or other outdoor activities when electricity is not readily available.

For the most convenience, consider getting a hybrid type of solar cooker.

These cookers can bake bread, boil water and roast meats solely with the heat from the sun. They also include backup electric heating elements if electricity is available or for very cloudy days or at night.

Most solar cookers include some type of collapsible or folding reflectors to direct more of the sun's rays on the cooking pot or baking oven. One power-

ful model uses a parabolic reflector (similar to a spotlight) to concentrate the sun's heat. Another uses flat, folding-shiny panels.

Still another uses a shiny inflatable reflector which is great for backpacking.

If you are energetic and want to involve your children in a learning project, build a solar cooker/oven yourself. The simplest ones consist of a large cardboard box with a smaller box inside of it.

Crumpled-up newspapers can be used for insulation between the two.

Place a clear plastic cover over the top. Cover pieces of cardboard with aluminum foil

for reflectors. Another, more substantial design, is made with plywood and real insulation.

Sitant the clear front depending upon your latitude. It should face the sun more vertically the further south you live. Make vent holes with adjustable covers in the sides to control the cooking temperature.

The following companies offer solar cookers, kits, and plans: Clear Dome Solar, (888) 223-6033, www.cleardomesolar.com; Solar Cookers International, (916) 455-4459, www.solarcookers.org; Soltec, (800) 811-3082, www.soltec.com; Sun BD Corp., (315) 549-8730, www.sunbdcorp.com; and Solar Ovens International, (800) 408-7915, www.sunoven.com. Send inquiries to James Dulley, Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

DEAR JIM: We are remodeling our kitchen, but I don't want to spend a lot on the backsplash by the sink. Is it possible to just paint the old Formica one and then protect it with varnish, or will it yellow over time?

—MAGGIE H.

DEAR MAGGIE: If the old backsplash is still in reasonably good condition, you should be able to paint it.

Make sure it is totally clean with no grease residue. Fine grease particles can float around far from the range.

Varnish is not your best choice for a protective coating. Gloss urethane, similar to the finish on floors, would be better. It is extremely durable, easy to clean and it should not yellow over time as varnishes may.

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# Perhaps it's time to welcome the watermelon back into the party

By Stephanie Witt Sedgewick  
The Washington Post

Every year we have a Fourth of July party, and every year someone brings a watermelon. Some years it rains, some years it's clear. The guest list changes, but the watermelon always shows up.

It's been a sort of guessing game in our house to wonder on who's bringing the melon. With

the chicken frying, the salads made and brownies piled high, one could say the watermelon has always been, well, unwelcome.

This year, looking at the sugar-baby sitting on the counter, I decided to give it a second chance. The melon could be sliced and placed on the buffet as always, but there had to be more to it than that.

After all, watermelon's attrib-

utes go beyond a cooling, thirst-quenching slice of something on a hot summer night. Weight Watchers has recently been touting its nutritive benefits as a fat-free, low-calorie, vitamin- and mineral-packed food as well as its versatility as an ingredient. It was time for another look.

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Plus, one cup of watermelon contains a total of 48 fat-free calories.

Once I got to thinking, the possibilities unfolded:

- The fruit can be pureed for a refreshing drink, a summer soup or as the basis for a low-fat salad dressing.
- Grilled slices can serve as an edible base for poached fish. When diced, the fruit mixes well in chicken, seafood and fruit salads.
- Cooked down, watermelon

can enrich glazes, barbecue sauces and be used to sweeten all manner of things such as iced tea.

- For dessert, slices can be layered with sorbet to create an alternative "ice cream" sandwich or with fruit for a cakelike trifle.

Watermelon, our unwelcome guest, might just turn out to be the life of the party.

## Ice cream

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quarters cup that the nectarine really stood out. Oddly enough, even with this amount of sugar, the ice cream doesn't taste overly sweet.

When I'd finally gotten all those basics out of the way, it was time to play, mixing and matching fruits and accent flavors like some mad scientist. Some of the combinations weren't too surprising when you think about it—using ginger to bring out the spicy fresh aspect of a ripe mango is certainly not revolutionary, though in an ice cream context, it is a revelation.

Similarly, nectarines and cardamom are sometimes paired in baked goods, but the effect seems completely different in an ice cream. The slightly astringent, slightly floral flavor of cardamom perfectly underlines that creamy tart note that separates nectarines from peaches.

On the other hand, I'm not sure what made me think that cracked black pepper would supply the bass note I wanted, for plums, but once I'd added a little allspice to the mix, the combination was incredible.

Use a subtle hand with all of these accent flavors. The flavor should support that of the fruit, underlining a certain aspect of it. You don't want to taste, "Wow, black pepper," but rather, "That's great plum."

Do remember, though, that the taste will change quite a bit from the unfrozen base to the finished ice cream. Because of the muting effect freezing has on flavor, the base should be a bit over the top when it comes to taste. Chilling will mellow everything into a seamless whole.

These spiced-fruit ice creams are incredibly simple to make. Chop the fruit, mix it with the sugar and leave it to macerate and soften for half an hour. Seed the cream mixture with the seasonings and leave them to steep for the same amount of time. Puree them together, chill and then freeze. (The initial chilling allows the ice cream to freeze faster, giving it a smoother texture.)

If you prefer, you can strain the pureed mixture into the ice cream maker after the chilling step. This will make the color and texture more uniform, but you'll sacrifice some of the lushness.

I have to admit that the texture of these ice creams will probably never be as luxuriously voluptuous as that of the best

custard-based ones. They tend to be a little lighter and slightly flatter — though certainly nowhere near a sorbet or granita. This is much less noticeable if you serve them within 24 hours of churning.

### SPICED PLUM ICE CREAM

Serves 8  
2 lbs. red-skinned plums or pluots (6 to 7)  
3/4 cup sugar  
3/4 in. black peppercorns  
1/2 tsp whole allspice  
1/4 cup whole milk  
3/4 cup whipping cream  
1/2 tsp salt

1. Pit and chop the plums (you should have about 4 cups). Place them in a mixing bowl with the sugar and stir to combine. Set aside 30 minutes to macerate, stirring occasionally.
2. Crush the peppercorns and allspice with a heavy pan or with 1 or 2 pulses of a spice grinder. Leave in large pieces so they can be strained out later. Combine the spice mixture, milk, cream and salt in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat, about 3 minutes. As soon as bubbles appear around the rim and a skin forms on top, remove from the heat and cover. Set aside 30 minutes to steep.
3. Place the fruit in a blender and strain the cream mixture over the top, discarding the spices. Puree until smooth. Bits of peel should be visible. The mixture will be slightly thinner than a milkshake. Pour into a bowl and chill for 30 minutes.
4. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to manufacturer's instructions. The mixture will get to the texture of soft-serve ice cream. Spoon it into a container, cover and place in the freezer for another hour to ripen. Serve immediately. If the ice cream is left overnight, it may become icy, in which case you should allow it to warm slightly outside the freezer before serving.

Total time: 10 minutes, plus 1 hour, 25 minutes standing and freezing time

Each serving: 203 calories; 1 gram protein; 32 grams carbohydrates; 1 gram fiber; 9 grams fat; 5 grams saturated fat; 31 mg cholesterol; 157 mg sodium.

### NECTARINE-CARDAMOM ICE CREAM

Serves 8  
2 lbs. nectarines (about 5)  
3/4 cup sugar

1 tsp. whole cardamom pods  
1/2 cup whole milk  
1/2 cup whipping cream  
1/2 tsp salt

1. Pit and chop the nectarines. You should have about 4 cups. Place them in a bowl with the sugar and stir to combine. Set aside 30 minutes to macerate, stirring occasionally.
2. Lightly crush the cardamom pods with the back of a small saucepan or a rolling pin, just enough to expose the black seeds inside. Combine the cardamom, milk, cream and salt in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat, about 5 minutes. As soon as bubbles appear around the rim and a skin forms on top, remove from heat and cover. Set aside 30 minutes to steep.
3. Place the fruit in a blender and strain the cream mixture over the top, discarding the spices. Puree until smooth. Bits of peel should be visible. The mixture will be slightly thinner than a milkshake. Pour it into a bowl and chill for 30 minutes.
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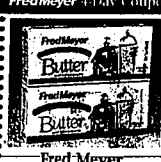
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The best of the wurst for summer

Whether you call them Polish sausage, kielbasa, brats or smoked links, wursts are one of the best summer dishes ever.

A good, large spicy hot dog, sitting atop all slathered with a grainy mustard, hot enough to make your eyes water the lawn, and boy howdy!

Be a kid, I used to think that there was nothing better than a hot dog. If I wanted an after-school snack, I'd put on some water to boil and we'd have a microwave bake them, throw in some dogs and I was in heaven.

I lived in hot dog bliss until the first time the military sent me to Germany and I experienced my first bratwurst, filled with flavors and textures one only dreams about. OK, I don't really dream about them, but I sure was good. Here was my favorite convenience food, stuffed with all sorts of new flavors.

Imagine my fascination when I found that each town that I went into had a different flavor of bratwurst. Since each town made its own wurst locally - usually at a family-owned butcher shop - the differences were as much upon what the butcher's tastes, as upon what meats were available. So I began making pilgrimages to remote burgs, just to meet the local butcher and learn the secrets of his craft (and, admittedly, to sample their creations).

Now for me, sausage making is almost as fun as sausage eating. Almost! I got to experiment with new recipes, many of which will make excellent offerings at future Oktoberfests and village parties. To control the amount of nitrates, nitrites and MSG that go into my food. Most importantly, I get to eat the fruits of my labor.

If you've never made your own sausage, you're missing out on an experience in cooking that is as old as Mesopotamia's clay tablets. If you've got a barbecue or grill over in your house (or if you are one yourself), give it a try. The main supplies are not expensive and the improvements in flavor and quality will make you wonder why you didn't do it years ago.

Once you've mastered the basic techniques of sausage making, try playing with added ingredients. Cheese is usually the first step, substitute your favorite cheese for some of the fat. Try Jack in a Texas hot link, mozzarella in Italian or bleu cheese crumbles in linguica, just for starters.

Next, experiment with fruits and vegetables. Cherries, cranberries, plums, apples and apricots make nice additions to sausage. Additionally, broccoli, celery, onions, carrots and peppers will pep up your eating experience.

There are a few tips that I would like to pass on to any beginning sausage stuffer.

1. Keep your meat cold. Warm meat doesn't grab onto the grinder blades well, making it difficult to grind. Usually I chill it at least 30 minutes between steps.

2. In keeping with tip No. 1, whenever a recipe calls for water, substitute twice as much crushed ice in its place. This keeps the meat from getting mushy when you want to push the last of the meat through the grinder, drop in a few ice cubes. They will thoroughly push all of the meat through.

3. Before stuffing your casing, make a test patty, to ensure seasoning.

4. Regardless of type, use good casing. Poor quality casing will easily tear or shrink, making the job harder than necessary.

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BRATWURST

- 1 pound pork shoulder
1 pound veal
1/2 cup condensed milk
1 tsp. white pepper
1 tsp. garlic salt
1 tsp. onion powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. coriander

Cut meat into cubes and freeze slightly. Grind through a 3/16-inch plate. Chill. In a bowl, combine milk and spices. Pour over meat and mix thoroughly. Chill. Wet casing and fit onto sausage shoot. Using 1/4-inch plate, stuff casing, twist into 4 1/2-inch links and refrigerate 12-48 hours, for flavors to mature. Grill or barbecue, if not for immediate use, freeze.

Calories: 422, Carbs: 15.6 g, Total Fat: 25.6g.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE LINKS

- 1 1/2 pound pork shoulder
1/2 pound bacon
1/2 cup nutmeg
1 tbs. brown sugar
1 tbs. cracked black pepper
1 tsp. garlic salt
1 tsp. onion salt
1 tsp. oregano
1 tsp. fennel seed
1/2 tsp. basil
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. liquid smoke
1/4 tsp. cayenne
1/4 tsp. coriander
1/4 red wine
1/4 cup crushed ice
1 1/4-inch sheep casing

Cut meat into cubes and freeze partially. Grind through a 3/16-inch plate. Chill. In a bowl, combine dry ingredients. Add meat, wine and ice and mix by hand. Chill over night.

Wet casing and fit onto sausage shoot. Using 1/4-inch plate, stuff casing. Twist into 6-inch sausages. Hang one hour for casing to dry. Smoke at 120 degrees for 4-6 hours. Refrigerate or freeze, until using.

Calories: 466, Carbs: 17.3 g, Total Fat: 41.7g.

KIELBASA (POLISH SAUSAGE)

- 2 lbs. pork shoulder
2 tbs. corn syrup
2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
2 tbs. powdered milk
1 tsp. coriander
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. marjoram
1 tsp. white pepper

In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Pour over meat and mix by hand. Wet casing and fit onto a

- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
1/2 tsp. onion powder
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. liquid smoke
1 1/2-inch hog casing
1/2 cup beer
1/2 cup frozen

meat. Grind through 3/16-inch plate. Chill. In a bowl, combine dry ingredients and mix by hand, avoiding squeezing or mashing meat. Chill. Wet casing and then fit onto sausage shoot. Using a 1/4-inch plate, press meat into casing. Hang sausage at room temperature for 30 minutes, for casings to dry. Heat at 180 degrees for 1 hour. Add wood chips and smoke until sausage reaches an internal temp. of 150 degrees. Chill in ice water. Refrigerate or freeze until ready to cook.

Calories: 298, Carbs: 20.8 g, Total Fat: 48.6g.

TEXAS-STYLE HOT LINKS

- 2 lbs. pork shoulder
1 tbs. cayenne
1 tbs. paprika
1 tbs. cracked black pepper
1 tbs. mustard seeds
1 tbs. crushed red pepper

flavorings. 1 tbs. garlic salt
1 tsp. anise seed
1 1/2 tsp. allspice
1/2 tsp. coriander
1/2 tsp. thyme
1 tbs. garlic puree
1/2 cup dark beer
1 1/4-inch pork casing
Cut meat into cubes and partially freeze. Grind meat through a 3/16-inch plate. Chill. In a bowl, combine dry ingredients. Add meat, wine and beer and mix thoroughly by hand. Chill.

Wet casing and fit onto sausage shoot. Using a 1/4-inch plate, stuff casing and twist into 6-inch links. Smoke at 120 degrees for 4-6 hours or grill immediately, if not used directly, refrigerate or freeze.

Calories: 523, Carbs: 21.3 g.

CHORIZO

- 2 lbs. pork shoulder butt
1/2 cup red wine
4 tbs. salt
1 tbs. paprika
1 tbs. dried Ancho chili
1 tbs. garlic powder
1 tsp. onion powder
1 tsp. ground black pepper
1 tsp. cayenne
1/2 tsp. cumin
1/2 tsp. oregano
1/4 tsp. liquid smoke
1 1/2-inch pork casing

Cut pork into cubes and freeze slightly. Grind through a 3/8-inch plate and chill. In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Pour over meat and mix by hand. Wet casing and fit onto a

sausage funnel. Using a 3/8-inch plate, stuff casing and twist into 4 1/4-inch links. Refrigerate 12-48 hours for flavors to mature. Freeze unseasoned portions.

Calories: 441, Carbs: 16.6 g, Total Fat: 31.7g.

Bo Carl is a chef who lives in Burley.

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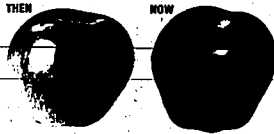
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# Well, it's still red ...

Formerly popular apples fall prey to over-breeding



An illustration of the original Red Delicious, left, which was grown in 1922 near the Iron Orchard where the first was raised 40 years earlier. Unlike the modern version, right, the fruit is round and has a yellow skin blushed red.

The Washington Post

Consider the fate of America's favorite apple. It emerged from an Iowa orchard in 1880 as a round, blushed-yellow fruit of surprising sweetness. But like a figure in a TV makeover show, it was an apple's handlers who not leave alone. They altered its shape. They made it firmer and juicier. They made it so it could be stored in hermetically sealed "warehouse" for 12 months. Along the way, they changed its color and hence its name—to Red Delicious.

The one problem was the American consumer, whose verdict on the made-over apple has become increasingly clear. Of the two words in the Red Delicious name, one can no longer be believed.

"They eventually went too far and ended up with apples that the public didn't want to eat," said Lee Calhoun, an apple historian and retired orchardist in Pittsboro, N.C.

In the 1960s heyday of the Red Delicious, it represented three-quarters of the harvest in Washington state, epicenter of the apple industry. But it made up less than half, and in 2003, the crop had shrunk to just 37 percent of the state's harvest of 2.2 billion bushels. The Red Delicious remains the single largest variety produced in the state, but others are ascending in market share as rapidly as Calhoun's Red Delicious is dropping, notably Fuji and Gala.

The reliance on Red Delicious helped push Washington's apple industry to the edge in the late 1960s and into this decade. Depressed prices for Red Delicious, weaker foreign markets and significant competition from China, contributed to major losses in the nation's apple industry which amounted to \$700 million in 2001, according to the U.S. Apple Association. The industry has rebounded somewhat, but in part because reduced harvests have buoyed prices.

Who's to blame for the decline of Red Delicious? Everyone, it seems. Consumers were drawn to the eye candy of brilliantly red apples, so supermarket chains paid more for them. Thus breeders and nurseries patented and propagated the most rubied mutations, or "sports," they could find, and growers bought them by the millions, knowing these thick-skinned wonders also would store for ages.

"Did they do it because it has legs? Obviously not," said Eugene Kupferman, a post-harvest specialist at Washington State University's tree fruit research center in Wenatchee, Wash. "They did it because it has better legs and they are getting more money for it."

The Washington harvest begins in mid-August and runs to late October, and most apples sold through December are simply stored in refrigerated warehouses. Fruit shipped later in this cycle is kept in a more sophisticated environment called controlled-atmosphere storage—bright rooms where the temperatures are chilly, the humidity high and the oxygen levels reduced to a bare minimum to arrest aging. Last year's fruit will be sold through September, just as the new harvest is in full swing.

Storage apples must be picked before all their starches turn to sugar. Pick too late, and the apple turns mealy in the supermarket; but pick too soon, and the apple will never taste sweet. Growers test for optimum conditions, but today's popular strains of Red Delicious

turn color two to three weeks before harvest, making it difficult for pickers to distinguish an apple from one that isn't.

Some strains "develop full red color in mid-August," said Stephen Miller, a research horticulturist for the USDA's Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville, W.Va. "Physiologically, that apple is still as green as grass."

The grower could deliver a better apple by harvesting a tree in two or three weeks—the outside of the fruit ripens earlier than fruit in the center of the tree.

This is done for Galas and other premium varieties, but the prices for Red Delicious are so weak that farmers can't afford that. "You would just yourself out of business," said Roger Pepper, marketing director for Stermitl Growers, a major grower in Wenatchee.

In addition, the redder strains' thicker skins, found to be rich in antioxidants, taste bitter to many palates.

As an industry, "we weren't consistent with the eating quality of the fruit," said Glip Redman, manager of field services for the Holzinger Fruit Co., a major grower of shipper based in Yakima, Wash.

Washington growers are seeking to spring back with intensively planted orchards of more lucrative varieties, better storage practices, including an emphasis on organic fruit. But if the future for growers in the Yakima and Wenatchee valleys looks brighter, the fate of the Red Delicious appears bleaker.

"You are sort of writing an obituary," said Calhoun, whose orchard grew hundreds of heirloom varieties that defined an age in which apples were regional and seasonal, with only a few strains suited to keeping to January. Now, the globalization of agriculture and high-tech breeding have changed the consumer's apples 12 months a year.

Dozens of strains of Red Delicious have been developed by breeders since the original appeared in Madison County, Iowa, though only a handful are widely used. Redman says the industry has moved to make Red Delicious more consistently high in quality, "but once you lose that shell space, I don't think you get that bang. The consumer wants a choice."

Apart from its keeping qualities, the Red Delicious was a variety Washington growers loved because they could raise it better than orchardists in other states. The abundant sunshine and cool nights of the Yakima and Wenatchee valleys produced a fruit that was far redder and elongated and more distinctively lobed than Jesse Hlatt's Hawkeye, which was rounder and yellow-green with

# Stay cool with cucumber dishes

By Lauren Chapin Knight Ridder News Service

Cucumbers are thought to be one of the world's oldest cultivated fruits. They were a summer table staple in our household, served peeled, seeded, sliced and soaking in a vinegar and water bath.

Typical-of-all-farm-families, our noon meal was our big meal, our dinner. Dad, fresh from the fields, hot and sweaty, would matter-of-factly polish off half a cucumber at a sitting. The eating was in the summer, when our meat and potatoes diet was supplemented with sliced tomatoes, corn-on-the-cob, beans, peas, green beans and whatever was fresh from the garden.

In certain none of us could care less that Columbus brought cucumbers to what is now Haiti or that the Trojans were growing them when the Pilgrims arrived. What mattered was that the space-hogging vine with the splintery, scratchy fruit grew quickly and in 30 seconds could become a dish on the table.

One cup of sliced cucumbers has just 14 calories and small amounts of vitamin C, folate and iron.

**CUCUMBER SOUP OF SUMMER**  
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2 long firm European or Asian cucumbers (about 2 1/4 pounds), peeled, halved lengthwise, seeds removed, and coarsely chopped  
4 small fresh onions or 6 scal-

lions, white part only  
1 cup heavy cream or half- ultra-pasteurized  
Firm sea salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1/4 cup firmly packed flat-leaf parsley leaves  
6 fresh mint leaves  
Place the cucumbers in a food processor fitted with a steel

blade, and process. Add the onion and process until the mixture is a frothy puree. Add the cream and blend. Transfer to a bowl and season to taste with salt and pepper. Mince the parsley and mint together and stir them into the soup. Cover the soup and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving, and up to overnight (8 hours).

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Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

When you get a nickname, it means you're doing something right.
-Josh Raneck to the Regina (Sask.) Leader-Post. Raneck, a 5-foot-8, 205-pound tallback for the Ottawa Renegades of the Canadian Football League, is nicknamed the Little Ball of Hate.

IN BRIEF Jerome hosts club championship

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club will host its annual club championship this weekend, Aug. 14-15. The \$30 entry fee deadline is noon Friday. The fee includes the barbecue, Saturday night derby and skins game. Saturday begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start with tee times assigned for Sunday.

Trujillo cards hole in one at Jerome CC

JEROME — Bill Trujillo recorded his first-ever ace on Hole No. 5 at the Jerome Country Club last week. He used a 5-iron from 160 yards out. The witnesses were Tony Purves, Jim Purves and Todd White.

Canyon Springs club championship nears

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Golf Course club championship will be held this Saturday and Sunday starting at 8:00 a.m. each day. Deadline to register is 8 p.m. Wednesday. All men and ladies association members are eligible. Call 734-7629 to register. The \$60 entry fee includes Saturday's dinner banquet.

Turbeville cards ace

JEROME — Sandra Turbeville carded a hole in one at the Jerome Country Club on No. 12 with her driver. Witnesses included Jamie Checketts, Elaine Hall, Nestor Hapayan and Chance Cisco.

Jerome MS volleyball tryouts scheduled

JEROME — Tryouts for 7th and 8th grade Jerome Middle School volleyball teams will be held Aug. 15-16 at the middle school gym. Grade 8 will run from 9-11 a.m. with Grade 7 at 1-3 p.m. Participants must attend both sessions and the teams will be announced Wednesday evening. For more information, call Connie McDonald at 324-8588.

Valley football checkout is Thursday

HAZELTON — Football gear checkout will be at 10 a.m. Aug. 11. Practice begins at 10 a.m. Aug. 12 and again at 7 p.m.

Jerome HS holds volleyball tryouts

JEROME — Jerome High School volleyball tryouts will be held from 1-2 p.m. for grades 9-12 on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 12-13 at the high school. All participants must have a physical and all paperwork turned in by Friday. Call Rick Burke at 644-9238 for more information.

Softball tourney deadline is Thursday

JEROME — The Jack and Jill annual softball tournament will be Aug. 13-14. The deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Aug. 11. The team fee is \$180. Call 324-3389 for more information.

Vikings volleyball starts Monday

HAZELTON — Valley High School volleyball practices will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15 and again at 6:30 p.m.

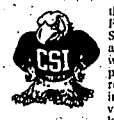
Compiled from staff reports

Eagles form new identity

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For as good a coach as Ben Stroud is, he's still hampered by one inability that has plagued every leader in the history of man—the inability to teach desire. In the world of college sports, what you can't coach, you recruit. As Week 2 of the College of Southern Idaho's volleyball practices went on, a young Golden Eagles team is starting to form an identity based not only on exceptional physical skills, but a workman's ethic. Though Stroud is the veteran of 20 seasons and seven national championships as CSI's leading man, it's enough reason for excitement. "I really am," Stroud said. "They work hard through the drills. They don't take time off, and they're a lot of fun to coach right now. And you know, a lot of teams struggle with that early in the year and you have to push them, but these guys, they push themselves pretty hard. So obviously, they want to win."

churning through practice. From freshman setter Pohl Nuhuiwai's rolling digs to sophomore middle Martu Siermiatkovska's pile-driver kills, each CSI player is showing flashes of their midseason potential. "What I like about this team right now is that our ball-handling is nice," Stroud said. "I think Maria, Christine (Mann), and Anell (Olivera) are really hitting the ball well. Those three—really, really well. Leana (Richie) is having her moments. She's the best athlete. She's just a little bit raw, a little bit farther behind. Really, everybody is not doing too bad of a job for this time of year." Sophomore outside hitter Monique Schual sat out Tuesday afternoon's practice due to illness after solidifying through earlier rounds. The only CSI player yet to report is 6-foot outside hitter JoAnna Kaezorf of Poland, who will join the team before the upcoming Outback Invitational. "She's going to be the kind of player that is a go-to," Stroud said. "Just yet. Really, really. Leana's a go-to kid, too. They can hit front row, back row—anywhere you put them—and they can bail you out of a lot of tough situations." Through Stroud isn't worrying about forming his starting lineup just yet. Instead, he's focusing on Cory Farnsworth is making a strong bid for playing time as a libero or outside hitter, while Olintina and Manuel are also being groomed. Please see EAGLES, Page D2



What's all the racket?

Israeli beach paddleball

By Kristen Stevens Associated Press writer

TEL AVIV, Israel — A nervous beachgoer scans the sand for a safe spot when — THWAA! — sure enough, a stray rubber ball strikes her shoulder. Sunbathers, surfers and sandcastle builders beware: This is a common accident in "matkot" country. Matkot, or beach paddleball — the unofficial national sport of Israel — has dominated the Israeli coastline for nearly a century, and beachgoers know who has the right of way. Israelis can't remember a time when players at the water's edge were not sweating squash balls between wooden rackets that are slightly larger than ping-pong paddles. The sport is played barefoot, without a net. Along the Tel Aviv beach, hundreds of devotees play two or three hours a day, seven days a week. Players discuss strategy, style, tempo, even chemistry. There's the long game, the short game, offense or defense, and players use different rackets to accommodate their specialties. Despite all the fuss, there's one element missing — no one keeps score. There are no titles and rankings. In matkot, you no one wins, no one loses. They just play. Matkot players claim they improve with age. The game requires little footwork, a precise shot and sensitivity between partners that matures over time, said Yoram Halm, 53, an accident insurance lawyer who is considered one of Israel's three top players. On a recent evening, Halm stood 100 meters from his partner playing the high and long game, for several minutes, without missing the ball. Partner selection is akin to a ritual mating dance; players know their place, but some of the more adventurous like to experiment with players outside their level. "With each partner, it turns into a different game completely," Halm said. Havazelet Reut watched her husband, Tuvia, match up with



Israeli beachgoers play paddleball on the beach in Tel Aviv July 6. Matkot, or beach paddleball, is unofficially the national sport of Israel. The sport in which the players sweat squash balls between wooden rackets is played barefoot, without a net, and no one keeps score.

higher-level player. "Your hitting was a little strange today, like you were dropping the racket too low," Halm told his friend as they trudged through sand to their cars in the dark. The inner circle of devotees has a favorite hangout — the matkot museum. Actually, it's the Tel Aviv apartment of one of the players, Amnon Nissim, crammed with the players' Please see PADDEBALL, Page D2

What might have been at the PGA

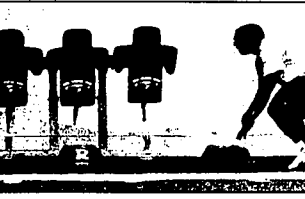
His birdie on the final hole was meaningless, and Tiger Woods knew it. He stood behind the 18th green with a vacant look in his eyes, gently rubbing his knuckles over his upper lip as he contemplated the two holes that cost him a chance to win at Pinehurst No. 2. A poor chip led to bogey on the 16th. A three-putt bogey followed on the 17th. At the time, all he had lost was the U.S. Open by two shots. But after a year in which he established anew his supremacy in the majors by winning the Masters and the British Open, Woods' late collapse at Pinehurst looms larger. Talk away those two holes, and the final major of the year might have been the grandest of them all. "I just didn't have a very good putting week," Woods said. "It happened at the wrong time." Instead of going to the PGA Championship with a shot at the Grand Slam, the best Woods can hope for is to match his 2000 feat of winning three professional majors in one year, something only Ben Hogan (1953) has done. The best he can do at Baltusrol is win his 11th major, moving one step closer to the record 18 won by Jack Nicklaus. Not that he's complaining. Woods had gone 10 majors without winning, matching the longest drought of his career, until he won the Masters for the fourth time in a sudden-death playoff over Chris DiMarco, then went wire-to-wire at St. Andrews to win his second British Open. "I'm doing better in the majors now and that's where you want to perform," Woods said. "To have the confidence going into each and every major feeling I just play my game, I'd be in contention — that's exciting to be in that kind of feeling, that kind of mode." "The U.S. Open PGA Championship starts Thursday on the Lower Course at Baltusrol Golf Club in Please see PGA, Page D2

PGA Championship TV: TNT, 11 a.m., Thursday

Ravens running back Lewis returns, ready for some football

The Associated Press

WESTMINSTER, Md. — It's the little things that Jamal Lewis missed the most while serving time in a federal prison. "You learn to value every day what you have," the running back said Tuesday, his first day back in the Baltimore Ravens. "Driving a car, eating good food. Things like that. When you're out here on the street, you don't think about these things." Lewis spent four months in a federal prison, then two months in a halfway house, after pleading guilty to charges he used a cell phone in 2000 to arrange a drug deal for a friend. His offense consisted of working in the prison tool shop, lifting weights and counting down the days before he could be free again. Compared to that regimented existence, practicing twice a day in the gyming, August heat is a welcome chore. "I'm back doing what I like to do, doing what I do best," he said. "I'm not a bad person, it's



Baltimore Ravens' running back Jamal Lewis works out during practice Tuesday, in Owings Mills, Md.

than his listed weight in the media guide, and appears fit enough to play through a couple linebackers. It is not by accident. His stay in the halfway house was designed to prepare him for his day job. He woke up at 7 a.m. and worked out in a gym up to 12 hours a day. "In my case, it was just the last part of my incarceration. They let me get in shape and get ready for the season," he said. "Basically you just go to work, and my job was to go work out and get ready for my job here." Lewis is expected to put on pads and practice with the Ravens for the first time on Wednesday. After running on his own Tuesday, he spoke for 12 minutes in front of a half-dozen TV cameras and more than a dozen microphones. He tried to mask his bitterness toward a court case that ruined his offseason and last year earned him a two-game suspension and the loss of \$761,000 in wages. But Lewis couldn't disguise his feelings completely, especially about the fact that the government waited nearly five years to take action against him. "It was just a case of, I was a high-profile guy and somebody just wanted to pull on me a little bit," he said. "The statue of limitations was coming up, it was the brink of a great season, things were looking up, so they you just put it together." Lewis ran for only 1,006 yards last year, less than half the amount he amassed in 2003, when he won the NFL rushing title with 2,066 yards — the second-highest total in league history. He was selected to play in the Pro Bowl for the third time and was voted Offensive Player of the Year. Last year, he had only four 100-yard games, including 186 against Cincinnati and 116 against Washington before the suspension. Three weeks after his return to the field, Lewis' right ankle after getting only two carries in a Nov. 21 game against Dallas. But he's set for the 2004 season, and the mangle machine that followed, behind him. Lewis' debt to society is not quite complete. He still has around 500 hours of community service to do in Atlanta. "This is kind of a slight interruption. It's just a breaking point," he said.

# SPORTS

## McNabb focused on winning, not bickering

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — Donovan McNabb has handled everything from boos to a heavy rush in the same graceful manner.

His public spat with Terrell Owens has been tougher to overcome.

Despite his issues with his best receiver, McNabb is focused on leading the Philadelphia Eagles to a championship after falling short in the Super Bowl against New England six months ago.

The five-time Pro Bowler quarterback realizes Owens makes the offense more potent, and doesn't mind taking the disgruntled All-Pro receiver under the tent.

Last year, I don't think that we touched the surface," McNabb said. "The sky is the limit of how high they can go."

With Owens in the lineup, Philadelphia was 13-1 in the regular season, and won nine of the first dozen games by the eighth day of margins, including five wins by at least 21 points.

Owens is back, though he isn't healthy but his condition, Pro Bowl running back Brian Westbrook also returns, but he has contract problems, too.

Butterfield, who has missed two of the last three years with injuries, and rookie Ryan Mouts could make the backfield more formidable if anyone is healthy.

Receiver Todd Pinkston will miss the season after getting hurt in practice last week, but Greg Lewis takes his place and rookie Reggie Brown has been impressive in camp, giving McNabb two more legitimate targets.

Quarterback Chad Pennington and newly signed cornerback Ty Law will not play in the preseason opener against the Detroit Lions on Friday.

Coach Herman Edwards said Tuesday that he wants to be careful with both who are coming off serious injuries and working themselves back into game shape.

McNabb missed another practice Tuesday while he had an MRI on his sore right groin.

The rookie third-round draft pick has missed several of Denver's training camp practices with injuries. He was listed fifth at running back on the depth chart, released this week by the Broncos behind Mike Anderson, Tatum Bell, Quentin Griffin and Ron Dorn.

Carett, the last player taken in the third round, has a contract filled with incentives, making the injury even more important. The deal did not include a signing bonus.

Left guard Lawrence Smith is expected to be one of the injured reserve because of a knee injury.

Coché Mike Mularkay said Tuesday that Smith will likely have surgery and will be in a sling during a practice against the Packers last night. Mularkay didn't specify the nature of the injury, but it is believed to be a torn ligament.

Smith started eight games for Buffalo last season and figured to back up Bernie Anderson, a free agent who signed with the Bills in the spring.

Cardinals Anzell Hulle, the kind of aggressive, physical defender coveted by Cardinals coach Dennis Green, agreed to a six-year contract.

Butterfield, Arizona's first-round draft selection at No. 8, missed nine days of training camp, but he practices as if he were game. Once he gets up to speed, Hulle is expected to start at left cornerback. Paired with right cornerback Darrel Mackle, he should give the Cardinals their most solid secondary since Aeneas Williams played for them in the '90s.

## Pitcher Reyes wins Cardinals debut



MILWAUKEE (AP) — Anthony Reyes threw 6 1/3 innings of two-hit ball in his major league debut and Mark Gratzel took a no-hitter, sending the St. Louis Cardinals past the Milwaukee Brewers 5-2 Tuesday night.

With just one off day scheduled this month, the Cardinals purchased the contract of their top pitching prospect and gave him a spot start, pushing the other five starters back an extra day.

Reyes (1-0), a '23-year-old right-hander in only his second full season in professional baseball, was just the sixth starting pitcher for the Cardinals this season. St. Louis had been the last remaining team in the major leagues to have used only its original five starters in their rotation since opening day.

He allowed two earned runs on two hits with one walk and five strikeouts. He gave way to Randy Flores with one out and no runners on base, and Geoff Jenkins due up.

Other one-liners on Reyes' night came in the second when he allowed a single to Carlos Lee before serving up Bill Hall's 15th homer that gave Milwaukee a 2-1 lead.

Marlins 5, D'backs 0 MIAMI — A.J. Burnett threw a three-hitter to win his career-high fifth straight start, and even added an RBI single to help the Florida Marlins beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-0 Tuesday night.

Burnett (10-6) threw his second shutout of the year for the Marlins, who have 12 as a team — the most in the major leagues, one more than Atlanta. Burnett also became the seventh pitcher this season with multiple starts in the season.

Craig Counsell doubled for Arizona, which matched a season-low by falling six games under .500.

Schneider and Vinny Castilla also homered for the Nationals, who snapped a 13-game losing streak in one-run games.

Washington began its 13-game road trip with the least explosive offense in baseball — a major league worst .222 batting average and 77 home runs. But the Nationals went deep five times Tuesday for the first time this season to win their first one-run decision since July 8.

Reds 8, Cubs 3 CHICAGO — Jason LaRue hit a go-ahead homer in the eighth inning, then singled home another in a four-run ninth as Cincinnati handed Chicago its seventh straight loss.

LaRue's drive over the left-field bleachers came off Bill Ohman (2-2), who had just entered the game. It was the catcher's 10th of the season.

Nomar Garciaparra, who has been out most of the season with a groin tear, hit his first home run of the season for the Cubs.

Braves 7, Giants 1 ATLANTA — Adam LaRoche and Kelly Johnson drove in two runs apiece to back a strong outing by Horacio Ramirez, leading Atlanta past San Francisco.

Braves rookie Jeff Francoeur had four more hits — a career best and his 12th multihit game since being called up from the minors July 7, raising his average to .432.

The first-place Braves had 16 hits and got off to a good start in their longest home stand of the season, a 12-game, 13-day stint at Turner Field against four NL West teams.

Nationals 6, Astros 5 HOUSTON — Brandon Watson homered and doubled in his major league debut and the slumping Washington Nationals started a pivotal road trip with a 6-5 win over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

Brad Wilkerson, Brian

Blue Jays 6, Tigers 4 TORONTO — Dustin McGowan pitched into the seventh inning for his first major league win, and Aaron Hill and Alex Rios homered to lead the Blue Jays.

Hill hit a two-run shot off Bruce Douglas (4-2) in the fifth, and Rios chased Douglass with a three-run drive in the sixth.

McGowan (1-0) allowed four runs and eight hits, while striking out four and walking one in 6 1/3 innings.

Miguel Batista put two runners on in the ninth before recording his 19th save in 23 chances.

Red Sox 8, Rangers 7, 10 innings BOSTON — Edgar Renteria lined a sharp single down the third-base line to score Bill Mueller in the 10th inning and the Boston Red Sox beat the Texas Rangers 8-7 in two innings for Boston, which won its 11th consecutive victory at Fenway Park.

Curt Schilling (4-4) allowed one hit and struck out two in two innings for Boston, which won its 11th in a row and 11th in 13 games.

Indians 13, Royals 7 KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Johnny Peralta's three-run homer capped an 11-run ninth inning Tuesday night as the Cleveland Indians rallied for a 13-7 victory over the bumbling Kansas City Royals, who have lost 11 straight games.

Angel Berroa, Chip Ambres and Brett Brown all committed errors in the ninth as the Royals blew a five-run lead. Eight of the runs in the inning were unearned.

The Royals are one less shy of the longest single in franchise history, set from June 28-July 13, 1997.

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## PGA

Continued from D1. Springs, N.J., and for every other place, this major will live up to its moniker — "Glorious Last Shot."

Will be the last chance for Vijay Singh to capture a major, and this is where it all began for the 42-year-old Filipino a year ago. He took advantage of a late collapse by Justin Leonard at Whistling Straits, then made his only birdie of the day to win a three-hole playoff. Singh then won four more majors when he PGA Tour to "win" the "No. 1" world-ranking away from Woods.

"I just hope I can follow what I did last year," Singh said after winning the Buick Open for his fourth victory of the year. "It's going to be hard. One of the hardest things to do is go out there and win golf tournaments, and as many as I won toward the end of last year, it's going to be almost impossible. But I'm going to give it a shot."

"It's one last chance for Phil Mickelson to show last year's momentum through the majors was no accident.

Retief Goosen is still searching for his first victory this year, still trying to prove that he belongs in the final round of the U.S. Open — losing a three-shot lead by shooting 81 — was an aberration.

Ernie Els won three times in the first five months — twice in the Middle East, once in Shanghai — but will have to watch this PGA Championship from his home in London. Els ruptured ligaments in his left knee while sailing in the Mediterranean and is out for the year, ending his streak of playing in 50 consecutive majors.

They all were part of the "Big Five" at the start of the season. Going into the final major championship of the year, it has been whittled to the Big Two.

Woods has spent 16 weeks at

No. 1 in the world, reclaiming the spot from Singh on the strength of his green jacket from the Masters and his silver claret jug from the British Open. Singh has won No. 1 for 15 weeks.

Both have won four times on the PGA Tour.

"They are only players to have finished in the top 10 at all three majors.

They are playing at a different level than anyone else."

They tend to give themselves more opportunities, both players, because of their dominating length, golf ball-striking ability," former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk said. "And as much as they are, they have more opportunities than most players."

Length figures to be a key component at Baltusrol, which has been stretched to 7,392 yards at par 70, and is unique in that it finishes with consecutive par 5s. The 17th hole is 650 yards, and might be out of reach for even the biggest hitters in golf, John Daly is the only player to reach the green in two at the 1993 U.S. Open.

Baltusrol has been host to several U.S. Opens, and for the most with Okamoto, but this is its first PGA Championship. The final major of the year often has a hard time distinguishing itself from the other majors, although Woods and Singh found one trait they like — they consider PGA to be the fairest of them all.

"All the PGA golf courses are right in front of you," Singh said. "They don't trick it up or add anything. They are going to play tough. It's not going to be a week where you miss-hit and you get away with it. You've got to hit your good shots there. You've got to bring your game along to play really, really well."

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## Eagles

Continued from D1. having strong showings. Much will hinge on Richie's progression in the middle, as blocking could be an early concern.

"I'm a little bit worried about the middle position right now," Street said. "I mean, Maratt's great. We're just hoping that Leana can step in there. She's a little bit underzerved, but she's the highest out there. We just need to get her going. Once we get her lined up and comfortable in that position,

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## Paddleball

combined load of memorabilia. Nissim and matkot racket designer Morris Zedak, 55, met two years ago and decided to create an archive of the game, capturing important moments and odd mementos of the sport.

Nissim, 69, speaks in a high pitch, and simply sparkles when he talks matkot. They call him "the president."

Deferring recognition, Nissim said Zedak embodies the true spirit of the game.

A kitchen and two twin beds are the only signs of domesticity amid the trophies, racket-shaped tables and photographs of matkot players from the

1940s to the present. The museum serves as headquarters for the game's faithful, a group of more than 150 players and their wives.

Hundreds of rackets in the museum are dated with colorful descriptions of a rally or tournament.

When the players don't have a holiday or birthday to celebrate, they find an "anniversary" of some racket to kick-start the fun at the museum.

During a recent get-together, wives prepared food and men opened beers with racket-shaped, bottle openers. An Isreal song in praise of matkot played again and again.

While records of the game

date back 75 years to these Mediterranean shores, the cradle of the game remains a mystery.

Ulyans used this racket to play an understated style of paddleball around the turn of the century, Zedak said pointing to a round-handled racket in the museum.

Exporting the game to the world as "kadmira," Hebrew for "forward," Israelis began manufacturing the paddles for sale overseas some 20 years ago.

American kadmira enthusiasts mostly make a leisurely go of the game to break up vacation beach time.

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beaches, Zedak said.

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Valley cross country
Friday
LIZAYTON — Valley High School cross country practice will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12.

Raft river volleyball
Troyers announced
MALIA — Troyers of the Raft River High School volleyball team will be from 9-11 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 at the school. Players must attend both sessions.

Thibault has big game Monday
IDAHO FALLS — The Idaho Falls Chukars notched a walk-off victory for the second day in a row after Jerome's Kiel Thibault scored the winning run on a wild pitch with two outs in the bottom of the ninth.

Top-seeded Myskina, Stoucheva advance
DOCKICHOLM, Sweden — Former French Open champion Anastasia Myskina rolled to a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Kizkayeva 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 Tuesday in the first round of the Nordic Light Open.

Injured Hewitt quits at Rogers Cup
MONTREAL — Lleyton Hewitt quit during his opening match at the Rogers Cup on Tuesday, weakened by a stomach ailment that forced him to retire for only the second time in his career.

Quarterback Jim Kelly's son is laid to rest
HAMBURG, N.Y. — Iml of Pamie quarterback Jim Kelly was laid to rest in the church on Tuesday with a promise to continue the fight against the disease that claimed his life.

Roberts and Rogers reinstated by arbitrator
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Stocks rise after Fed changes statement

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street enjoyed a solid advance Tuesday as the Federal Reserve raised the short-term interest rates for the first time in more than a year but changed its policy statement to say longer-term inflation expectations are well contained.

While the Fed's statement signaled more increases are likely through the end of the year, the market interpreted the statement as a hoped-for sign the central banks' streak of rate hikes may be approaching an end.

Stocks bumped higher after the Fed's announcement although investors had expected the rate hike to be 3.5 percent, a four-year high. The Fed signaled that at least one more rate increase is coming, but many investors expect the Fed to raise the rate only once.

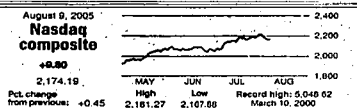
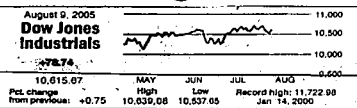
Wall Street was also soothed after oil futures fell to \$63.07 a barrel, down 87 cents, on the news that the U.S. embassy in Saudi Arabia would close for two days due to threats.

Investors also cheered Labor Department data showing work productivity rose at a faster rate than it had in the first quarter. Labor costs also grew at a slower rate than the previous nine months.

The Dow Jones Industrial average rose 75.74, or 0.75 percent, to 10,615.67 after three days of losses.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.65 percent, to 1,231.36, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 0.80, or 0.45 percent, to 2,413.19.

Bond's rose, with the yield on



the 10-year Treasury note at 4.11 percent, down from 4.42 percent late Monday, the highest yield since April. The dollar was up after the European trading. Gold prices were higher.

In its policy statement, the Fed repeated its previous view that a bounce in inflation may have stayed elevated but added that "core inflation has been relatively low in recent months and through the end of the year, inflation expectations remain well contained."

The market has spent most of the year nearly flat, which suggests investors are worried about energy costs, consumer spending, housing and the economy. In addition to interest rates, said Jeff Kleiner, chief investment strategist for PNC Financial Services Group in Philadelphia.

After strong second-quarter earnings in months of positive economic data, the market's consensus is that the Fed's rate hikes are justified. But, because of the uncertainty about how they affect the economy, investors are split on whether the Fed's hikes will be enough to contain inflation, without causing a recession.

"While the market has priced in three more rate hikes after today, it is less sure of it. If the Fed will be successful, no

matter how many rate hikes," Kleiner has said.

The market's bounce may have just been a matter of timing, said Peter Harris, a technical analyst at Prudential Equity Group. "We had three or four down sessions. We were due for a bounce. But when you look at the completion, the short-term, the advances versus declines, it's a positive day, but it's not a runaway day."

May Department Stores Co. said its second-quarter profit fell by nearly half from the year before, but by expense from its planned merger with rival Federated Department Stores Inc., the owner of Macy's and Bloomingdale's. The company missed analysts' estimates by a wide margin. Its stock fell 3 cents to \$40.77.

Cisco Systems Inc.'s fiscal fourth-quarter profits, reported after the close of trading, jumped nearly 12 percent as the maker continued to benefit from strong demand from its corporate customers. Excluding stock options, the company met analysts' expectations. Its shares rose an additional 10 cents a share in extended trading, hitting \$15.71.

Delta stock plunges anew on analyst downgrade, bankruptcy

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines' battered stock plunged to a new low Tuesday after a Wall Street analyst advised clients to sell their shares on fears the nation's third-largest carrier's filing for bankruptcy within the next two months.

Also Tuesday, Delta said it is delaying for up to five days the filing of its quarterly report to the Securities and Exchange Commission, and its pilots union postponed plans to elect new officers to its executive committee and to fill a position on its negotiating committee.

Delta's shares fell 20 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$15.45 on the New York Stock Exchange, where they have traded in a 52-week range of \$2.12 to \$17.17. The carrier's Atlanta City hub is air travelers' only non-stop destination from the Twin Falls airport.

The company's market capitalization — the total value of the company's outstanding shares — fell to \$280 million, less than one-third the amount of its parent carrier AirTran Airways.

times despite Delta being 15 times larger in annual revenue. The stock's low Tuesday was already a 43-year low.

The decline came after a research note by Merrill Lynch analyst Michael Linenbach, who lowered the Atlanta-based airline's rating from neutral to sell.

"We think the recent surge in fuel prices greatly exceeds the likelihood of a bankruptcy filing within the next two months," Linenbach said.

He said that while Delta, which has lost nearly \$10 billion since January 2001, has been in talks with creditors about additional funding, he believes the surge in oil prices could keep lenders at bay for now.

He estimated that Delta's fuel bill this year could grow by more than \$1 billion, or about the \$1 billion of cost cushions provided by the airlines' pilots last year.

"We think the probability of a Delta bankruptcy filing has grown, and we think investors should be mindful of Oct. 17, when more restrictive bankruptcy legislation becomes effective," Linenbach said. "That could be a key factor in a Delta bankruptcy filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy."

On Monday, Delta named a new treasurer after its previous treasurer, reported to be the CEO Gerald Grintstein, said Delta is still working hard to avoid a Chapter 11 filing, but he has acknowledged there are risks affecting the airline's ability to raise funds.

As for a quarterly report, Delta said in a brief SEC filing late Tuesday that it can't yet submit a report for the second quarter. It is currently negotiating with a third party to serve as its new Visa/Mastercard credit card processor after the current processing contract expires Aug. 27.

Adler would not comment on a potential loan program. He said the company is "doing everything we can" to improve Time Warner's stock price. "We're committed to improving shareholder value," he said.

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Time Warner hits four-month high

Shares of Time Warner Inc. hit a four-month high Tuesday, fueled by speculation that billionaire financier Carl Icahn was buying 10 percent of the world's largest entertainment giant in a bid to pressure management for radical changes.

Icahn, who has an eagle eye for undervalued companies, reportedly has been contacting the managers of large holding companies about joining forces

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PHILADELPHIA — Fares have risen and airplanes are full, but the price of oil is battering the airline industry...

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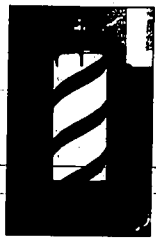
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*"In Italy, for 30 years, under the Borgias, they had warfare, terror, murder and bloodshed. But they produced Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and the Renaissance. In Switzerland, they had brotherly love, and they had 500 years of democracy and peace, and what did that produce? The cuckoo clock."*

—Graham Greene

When Italy met England in last year's Junior European Championships, both teams were among the five qualifying places. For England especially, this was a must-win match.

There were a number of big-swinging deals that might have gone either way — like today's hand for example. In one room the English North-South pair had stopped in two spades after a pre-empt from East. North had guessed trumps right, leading out dummy's ace and finessing the seven, to come to two overtricks for plus 170.

Given a free run, the Italian North-South pair bid easily to the spade game after South had opened a slightly off-center one no-trump. West led the heart queen, and declarer won the king and cashed the club ace. He planned to play the spade ace, then a trump toward dummy, with the intention of finessing in clubs. However, under the club ace East, Ed Levy, dropped the queen!

Now declarer was never going to get the trumps right. With a presumed 4-1 club split, he could not afford to duck the second round of trumps with a ruff threatening. Additionally, East rarely to have the spade length as he was known to be short in clubs.

Accordingly, declarer crossed to the spade king next and now had to lose two trump tricks plus two diamonds for down one. That was seven IMPs to England instead of 10 the other way.

08-10-A

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K 7 6 5  
 ♥ A 5  
 ♦ J 6 4 2  
 ♣ 5 3 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ A 9  
 ♥ 10 9 8 7 4 3 2  
 ♦ K 7 5  
 ♣ Q 7

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A 10 8 3  
 ♥ K 6  
 ♦ 10 3  
 ♣ A K J 8 6

Vulnerable: North-South  
 Dealer: North

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart queen

**BID WITH THE ACES**

08-10-B

South holds:  
 ♠ A 10 8 3  
 ♥ K 6  
 ♦ 10 3  
 ♣ A K J 8 6

South West North East  
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
 ? Pass 1 NT Pass

ANSWER: Pass one no-trump, rather than trying to improve the strain or to look for game. If partner has a 10-count, you might make three no-trump; but why should he? You are just as likely to turn a plus score into a minus if you bid on.

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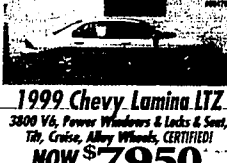
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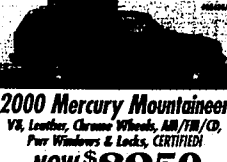
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