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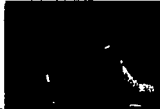
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County wants more from merger

Commissioners say hospital plan 'falls short'

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners say a proposal for a merger between the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Boise-based St. Luke's Regional Medical Center "falls short" of meeting the needs of the citizens of Twin Falls County.

"It just doesn't pay the county what it needs," said Commissioner Gary Grindstaff. "This is a one-time opportunity to meet all the needs of the community."

On Tuesday, all three commissioners signed a letter to the proposal committee that outlined the county's concerns with the proposal.

"In particular, we have continuing concerns regarding the structure of the local governance, the funding of public health care services in the county and a reasonable compensation to the people of the county for the equity in their hospital that the county is contributing toward the new hospital," the letter said.

However, St. Luke's lashed off the county's radar just yet. The proposal committee has two weeks to respond to the commissioners' letter and if it can negotiate on those key concerns, commissioners are willing to give it another look before considering proposals from the dozen or so for-profit and nonprofit hospital networks that have sent letters of interest to the county. The ball is now

back in the hospitals' court.

What's next?

"We'll cross that bridge when we get there," said Commissioner Bill Brockman.

The proposal would create a regional health care system that would also include St. Luke's facilities in Meridian and the Wood River Valley as well as its Mountain States Tumor Institute. Merger supporters had hoped commissioners would take the proposal to voters in November. Is it too late?

"It depends on how they respond to it and the legal timetable requirements," said Commissioner Tom Mikseel.

In the letter to the proposal committee, commissioners outlined a number

of key areas they wanted changing in the proposal, many having to do with money and some having to do with health care.

Under Idaho law, counties are responsible for funding indigent care. Commissioners want a \$750,000 cap on the county's obligation to the local hospital for indigent care. The county also wants a guarantee the system won't sue the county.

The county also wants more than the \$12.5 million the proposal promised for a new special foundation to help fund

County commissioners outline concerns.

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FLOODWATERS RECEDE



A New Orleans resident picks up items next to a pile of debris in Jefferson Parish on Tuesday. Residents were allowed back in the parish for the first time yesterday.

With levee fixed, pumps slowly drain New Orleans

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — As flood waters receded inch by inch Tuesday, New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin authorized law enforcement officers and the U.S. military to force the evacuation of all residents who refuse to heed orders to leave the dark, dangerous city.

Nagin's emergency declaration released late Tuesday targets those still in the city unless they have been designated by government officials as helping with the relief effort.

The move comes after some citizens bluntly told authorities who had come to deliver them from the flooded metropolises that they would not leave their homes and property. An estimated 10,000 residents are believed to still be in New Orleans, and some have been holed up in their homes for more than a week.



A soldier patrols the street next to a house fire on Tuesday in the Garden District in New Orleans. Fires continue to break out across the flood-beleagued city that has little running water.

While acknowledging the emergency declaration, police Capt. Mattion Duffalo said late Tuesday that forced removal of citizens had not yet begun. He said that officers who were visiting homes were still reminding people that police may not be able to rescue them if they stay.

"That would be an nightmare for us," Duffalo said of any forced evacuations. "That's an absolute last resort."

Repeated telephone calls to Nagin's spokeswoman, Tamri Frazier, seeking comment were not returned.

Meanwhile, engineers struggled to drain the saucer of a city of billions of gallons of water, a Herculean task that could take weeks — if they are lucky.

The Army Corps of Engineers said the timetable ranges from three weeks to nearly three months, depending on a string of variables, including rainfall, the still-unknown condition of the pumps abandoned to Hurricane Katrina, and whether the system can withstand the fustian of broken buildings, trees, trash and corpses.

Work has also been impeded by sporadic gun-

Helping hurricane victims

Officials: State efforts must be coordinated

By Sandy Miller Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Rumors of victims of Hurricane Katrina being housed at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds are just that — rumors.

Jackie Frey, the county's emergency service coordinator, old commissioners Tuesday her phone had been ringing off the hook asking if the rumors were true. They're not.

"The facilities at the fairgrounds have not been set up for individuals to be housed," Frey said.

Prosecutor Grant Loeb, who also heard the idea being tossed around, agreed.

"It's not a place people can live," Loeb said. "It does not have proper sanitary facilities. We'd have to have a suitable place for them."

Frey said such rumors do more harm than good.

"Misinformation always

Louisiana family reports home damaged, but standing

By Terry Smith Times-News writer

JEROME — A Louisiana family staying with relatives in Jerome is in good spirits following news that their home in Mandeville was damaged but still standing.

"We have no flooding, but we found a tree that came through the roof," Kimberly Williams said Tuesday.

Williams, her husband, Matt, and the couple's three young sons drove to Houston on Aug. 28, the day before Hurricane Katrina devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi

and Alabama.

Their home in Mandeville is about 20 miles north of New Orleans.

He returned to Mandeville on Sunday. The rest of the family is staying with his parents, Rob and Susan Williams. A story about the family was published in the Sept. 2 edition of The Times-News.

Williams said members of their church had already removed the tree and covered a hole in the roof with a tarp by the time her husband arrived. The Williams are members of the Covington, La., ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

day Saints.

"It's amazing," he said. "I was very touched."

Kimberly said her husband reports that damage was mainly confined to one room of the house.

"He said most of the house looks normal and then you get back into the master bathroom and it looks like a bomb went off."

"That's where the tree hit," she said.

She doesn't have a damage estimate yet but said: "We were very fortunate."

Williams said she doesn't know if Matt will stay in Man-

deville, but the rest of the family will remain in Jerome at least a few more weeks.

"We're doing well," she said. "People are being really kind to us. The kids are enjoying spending time with their grandparents and their aunts and uncles."

Nevertheless, she is looking forward to returning home.

"My 7-year-old said, 'It's too cold — I don't see how people can live here.'"

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Americans pay their respects to Rehnquist

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tear-eyed Supreme Court justices, a somber President Bush and one-time clerk John Roberts led a long line of Americans paying their last respects to William H. Rehnquist, the chief justice whose conservatism helped drive the high court toward the right.

Washington protocol underscored a changing of the guard Tuesday. Roberts, the former Rehnquist clerk named to succeed his old boss, was among the pallbearers carrying the flag-draped casket up the Bush says court's long nominee the Great Hall. list is wide open.

Rehnquist died Saturday at 80 after battling thyroid cancer.

Bush, his head bowed, and first lady Laura Bush spent about a minute standing near the casket and a short time looking at the portrait of Rehnquist on a stand nearby. Justice Antonin Scalia escorted the couple.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, open to friends and family. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney plan to attend, and Bush is to speak along with future justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Rehnquist family members.

Bush initially nominated Roberts, a federal appellate judge, to replace O'Connor, who announced in July that she would step down. The president said Monday that he would nominate Roberts to be the nation's 17th chief justice instead and that the list of possible nominees for O'Connor's seat was now "wide open."

Flags, including the one above the court, were at half-staff in honor of Rehnquist, a President Nixon appointee who served on the court for 33 years and was elevated to chief justice in 1986 by President Reagan.

In an acknowledgment of the period of mourning, Roberts' confirmation hearings, which have been scheduled to begin Tuesday in the Senate, were delayed until next Monday.

Bush and Senate Republicans are pushing to confirm Roberts before the new court session that begins Oct. 3. Democrats cautioned against a rush to judgment now that Roberts is a candidate for chief justice and at age 50 could shape the court for decades.

"I would hope all senators, Republicans and Democrats, would ask very substantive questions because this is, after all, a lifetime position," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee.

A simple morning ceremony, six justices, along with former clerks and court staff lined the steps outside the court, awaiting the arrival of the hearse bearing Rehnquist's casket. Seven men and one woman — most of them former Rehnquist clerks — carried the casket past the line that included a crying O'Connor.

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

Today: Partly cloudy, warm and dry. Highs middle to upper 80s.
Tonight: A partially cloudy and mid night. Lows middle to upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Another lovely late summer day. Highs upper 80s.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Warm with fair skies and no precipitation expected.
Highs upper 80s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and comfortable with a light breeze.
Highs upper 40s.
Tomorrow: Another warm, dry and partially sunny late summer day. Highs upper 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Winds are going to be a little brisk over the next few days. Beyond the wind, conditions are expected to be mild and mostly dry. A chance of rain moves in Thursday night and Friday.

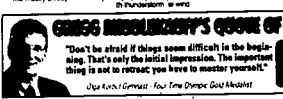
BOISE
Warm to hot and mostly dry weather will prevail through Thursday. Some milder cooling will develop Friday and the weekend with only a small threat of rain moving into the area.

NORTHERN UTAH
Windy at times and quite warm today. Continued warm Thursday with a slight threat of thunderstorms developing.

Weather's Best Estimate: 91 in Idaho. Low: 26 in Idaho.
Weather Day: A chance of rain in the evening and light showers in the morning. Mostly cloudy in the afternoon with a slight shower in the evening.



Don't be afraid if things seem off in the beginning. That's only the initial learning. The important thing is to be as accurate as possible.



TWIN FALLS 5-DAY FORECAST

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

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

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise and Moonset. Includes moon phase icons.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Large table with multiple columns for various cities: Boise, Burlew, Canyon, etc. Includes today and tomorrow forecasts.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges for Canadian cities.

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WORLD FORECAST

Table with multiple columns for various countries: Africa, Asia, Europe, etc. Includes today and tomorrow forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Flood

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Flood coming from 'criminals with guns' said Col. Richard Wagenaar, the Corps' chief district engineer.
The contractors are 'getting used to it and that's pretty scary,' Wagenaar said.

The pumping began after the Corps used hundreds of sandbags to seal off the failing Day weekend to close a 200-foot gap in the 17th Street Canal levee that burst in the aftermath of the storm and removed 60 percent of this below sea-level city.

Following an aerial tour Tuesday, Nagin said the water was dropping ever so slightly, and he estimated that it covered only 60 percent of the city.
'Even in areas where the water was as high as the rooftops, I started to see parts of the buildings,' he said.

The job to rid the city of water got off to a woefully slow start.
Once all of the city's pumping stations are running, they can move water at a rate of 20 million gallons a day and lower the water level a half-inch per hour, or about a foot per day. But by late Tuesday afternoon, Corps officials said only three of New Orleans' normal contingent of 148 drainage pumps were operating.

'We've got to protect your property, that's the main thing,' Ebanks said. 'This is all I've got. I'm pretty damn old to start over.'

Helping

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breeds chaos,' Frey said. 'It doesn't benefit anyone.'

'When the entire process is completed and we have worked through this, those host families will be critical,' Frey said. 'It's important that we continue coordinating it with the state.'

'I'm sure there will be a screening process by the state because they've probably lost all their papers,' Grundstaf said.
'Frey suggested people put their effort into fundraising and encouraged people to make donations to well-known, reputable organizations such as the American Red Cross.'

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Organizing a fundraiser?

In light of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, The Times-News will begin publishing items for fundraisers and other events where proceeds will aid hurricane victims.
Look for the first list in Thursday's edition.
To have events included, send information to News Clerk, Jami Whitlock, 132 Fairfield St., W. Twin Falls, ID 83401, e-mail her at jwhite@magicvalley.com, call (208) 735-3278 or fax to (208) 734-5378.

Key concerns

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NATION/WORLD

Bush seeks \$40B in additional aid

White House, lawmakers promise probe into initial response after Hurricane Katrina

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush intends to seek as much as \$40 billion to cover the next phase of relief and recovery from Hurricane Katrina...

DeLay of Texas as Congress convened after a five-week vacation.

Republicans and Democrats alike heaped criticism on the Federal Emergency Management Administration...

House and Senate committee chairmen announced investigations while House Speaker Dennis Hastert suggested a bipartisan House-Senate probe.

Whatever their plans, lawmakers took largely symbolic actions on their first day in the Capitol since the storm.

Bush did not specify at the meeting with congressional leaders how much he would request for additional relief.

The congressional officials would be the total could be as high as \$40 billion from Congress, did so on condition of anonymity because it was not clear when the formal announcement would be made.

The unprecedented scope of the destruction swifly shot relief and recovery items to the top of Congress' autumn to-do list.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. put off planned votes on elimination of the inheritance tax, GOP priority, and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said the need to address hurricane-related difficulties would further postpone action on Bush's long-delayed call for overhauling Social Security.

At the same time, Frist, like Bush, made clear that Republicans want John Roberts confirmed as the nation's 17th chief justice in time to take his seat before the Oct. 3 opening of the Supreme Court's term.

States face budget strains from Katrina victims

The Associated Press

Hurricane evacuees seeking food stamps in Texas started as a torrent — eight applications the first day mushroomed to more than 26,000 within four days.

Minnesota, already working to absorb a wave of roughly 5,000 "homing refugees" from Laos, is preparing for up to 3,000 Katrina victims while still feeling budget cuts in health assistance and job training that have taken effect since 2001.

"We're not what we were five years ago," said Marcia Auner of the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits. "And the reality is, private charity cannot make up the difference."

In Oklahoma, Gov. Brad Henry spoke for many Tuesday when he talked of a desire to be helpful, tempered by the concern that "we don't want to stretch ourselves too thin."

"We know it will be a strain," he said. "I think we will be OK," in many places, concerns about cost were taking a back seat to the impulse to help, at least for now.



A flood victim is assisted from a rescue boat in New Orleans on Tuesday. Residents who have relocated to other states are straining state's budgets.

ahead with plans to house at least 300 Katrina evacuees despite warnings that the city could lose out on federal money by responding too quickly to a Red Cross request for help.

"We're taking these 300 whether we get reimbursed or not," said Annemarie Conroy, director of the city's Office of Emergency Services.

That thought was echoed across the country in South

Carolina, which prepared to take in as many as 18,000 refugees.

"The cost associated with this is kind of secondary at the moment," said Chris Drummond, a spokesman for Gov. Mark Sanford, adding that the state still remembers the help it got when hit by Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

Each state is coping in its own way. Arkansas' governor wants

to tap the state's \$100 million budget surplus; Tennessee is dipping into its rainy-day fund, at least temporarily; Massachusetts was working on an emergency spending bill.

And states are counting on significant help from the federal government, which approved a \$10.5 billion down-payment for hurricane relief last week.

Congress is likely to approve far more in the days ahead, including assistance targeted for housing, health care, education and other needs.

Texas expects the Federal Emergency Management Agency "to reimburse us 100 percent for everything," said Robert Black, a spokesman for Gov. Rick Perry.

But the notion that Washington would pick up the tab for all hurricane-related costs seemed a bit risky.

Ron Pollack, director of the health care advocacy group Families USA, said that before Katrina hit, Congress had been considering cuts in Medicaid, which will make a very bad situation, a whole lot worse."

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Official: Saddam confesses to killings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's president said Tuesday that Saddam Hussein had confessed to killings and other "crimes" committed during his regime.

President Jalal Talabani told Iraqi television that he had been informed by an investigating judge that "he was able to extract confessions from Saddam's mouth" about crimes "such as executions" which the ousted leader had personally ordered.

Talabani said that some of the confessions involved cases under investigation but he did not specify them. Saddam faces his first trial in 19 for his alleged role in the massacre of Shiites in Dujail, a town north of Baghdad in 1982.

Saddam could face the death penalty if convicted in the Dujail case.

The Iraq Special Tribunal is also investigating Saddam's alleged role in other atrocities, including the 1989 gassing of thousands of Kurdish civilians in Halabja and the 1991 sup-

pression of the Shiite rebellion in the south.

Iraqi authorities plan to try those cases separately.

Saddam met with his lawyer for the first time since the trial date was announced, said Abdel Haq Alani, a legal consultant to Saddam's eldest daughter, Raghda, who lives in Jordan.

"The meeting took place on Monday but I'm not at liberty to disclose the contents of the talks," Alani said earlier in the day, before Talabani's statements.

Alani, an Iraqi lawyer who practices in Britain, reiterated in a telephone interview that neither Saddam nor Dulalimi have been officially informed of the trial date.

Talabani's interview was aired late at night and it was impossible to reach other officials, the Iraqi tribunal or Saddam's attorneys for comment.

Without a full explanation of what Saddam said, it is difficult to determine whether such a confession would cancel the need for a trial or spare Saddam from the gallows.

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The 2005 Pet Idol will receive special recognition in The Times-News and a grand prize (TBA).

To enter, submit a photograph of your pet along with a completed entry form. Include your pet's name along with your name, address, phone number and \$10 entry fee to sponsor our non-profit Newsweek Literacy Education program which supports Magic Valley Schools. Make your checks payable to Literacy Leadership Inc. The Times-News. No photos will be returned. Prizes must accompany original entry form, no photo copies are allowed. One entry form per photo will be accepted. All entries by the contest must be received by Friday, September 30th. For more information, contact Newsweek Literacy Education Coordinator, Tiffany Tenley-Harpen at 735-3212 or tharpen@magvalley.com. An award will be given to the contest winner.

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MORNING BREAK

Husband's cutting remarks bleed wife dry

DEAR ABBY: My husband, Justin, and I have been together 12 years, married for five. We get along well, except for one thing: his so-called "jokes."

Rather than coming out and saying I've done something that bothers him, Justin will make a sarcastic comment, then insist it's just kidding. If I forget to turn off a light, he'll say something like, "So, you're trying to make sure the electric company doesn't go out of business or right?" If I tell him his unattractive face hurts when he kisses me, he'll say, "Most women would love it if their husbands gave them kisses all the time ... maybe I should have married one of them." No single remark sounds that terrible, but it's been going on for 12 years and I've had enough.

Not matter what he says, as long as Justin claims to be "kidding," he doesn't think I have a reason to get angry. He'll say I look like a sense of humor, or that I'm "thin-skinned." I tell him frequently that it bothers me. I have asked repeatedly that he just say what's on his mind, but he doesn't. How can I get



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

through to him that what he's doing isn't "joking"; it's avoiding accountability for his comments?

—NOT AMUSED*

DEAR NOT AMUSED: It would be interesting to know something about the atmosphere in which your husband was raised, because emotionally, he's a coward. The term for what he's doing is "passive aggression." People who use it aren't secure enough to be directly confrontational, so they beat around the bush—taking little jabs here and there, not enough to do serious damage. The measured doses of venom keep their victim off balance and in a constant state of irritation. If the targets react, it becomes "their" fault!

You must be a very strong person to have tolerated this for so long. I'm sad to say your husband may be incapable of changing. However, a way to get him to recognize what he's doing, and how damaging it is, would be through marriage counseling. If he won't go, go without him. It will give you insight and perspective.

DEAR ABBY: My mother has been living with this guy for seven years. We don't live with her, but when we visit, he mentally and emotionally abuses her. Yesterday he cursed me and my brother out and threatened to beat us up.

My mother wants to leave but she can't. I know it's none of my business because I am only 13, but my brother and I want her to get out. We don't like this guy and don't want to see him anymore. I have told my mother this. She says she'll leave, but she never does! What should I

do? I need help to get her to leave this guy because mental abuse leaves a scar on your life that causes you to hate and fear others.

—MICHAEL IN NASHVILLE, TENN.

DEAR MICHAEL: For someone 13, you are very world-wise. I respect that you want to help your mother get away. However, that will take not only careful planning, but a strong desire on her part—and I'm not sure your mother really wants to go.

Are her parents still living? If they are, tell them what you have told me. Does she have sisters and brothers? Tell them, too. If she has no one, give her the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-SAFE (www.ndvh.org). When she's ready, they can help her make a plan for leaving. But no one can do this for her. Ultimately, this is something your mother must do for herself.

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## Madagascar smells like vanilla beans

The Island of Madagascar smells yummy. More than half of the world's vanilla beans are grown there, resulting in an ice-creamy aroma.

This day in history: On Sept. 7, 1978, Keith Moon, manic drummer for The Who, attended the movie premiere of "The Buddy Holly Story." Later that night, he died from an overdose of sleeping pills.

The earliest-known photo of someone playing golf was taken in 1888.

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

"According to the employee manual, Walt Disney himself wouldn't have been allowed to work at one of his own theme parks. Mustaches and beards are not allowed.

Clowns can protect their faces from being copied by sending a small fee and photo of themselves to the National Clown and Character Registry. For archival purposes, the registry then paints each clown's distinctive face onto a goose egg.

Although Christopher Columbus never came anywhere close to Asia, he died believing all the places he'd landed in the Americas were part of it.

Even author E.B. White became teary-eyed by the death of his fictional spider Charlotte. When he recorded the book on tape, it took 19 takes before he managed to read that part without his voice cracking.

Not only is the London Underground the world's longest subway with 244 miles of track, it's also the world's oldest. It opened in 1863.

Are glowworms and fireflies related? Yes, very much so, because glowworms are firefly larvae.

Olympics competitors have included George Barton (1912 pentathlon; no medal), baby doctor Dr. Benjamin Spock (1924 rowing; no medal), England's Princess Anne (1976 harness; no medal), and Olympic Set Inventor Alfred C. Gilbert (1908 pole vault, gold medal).

A more distinguished title for a shoemaker is a cordwainer. The guy who cuts the leather for the upper part of the shoe is called a clicker.

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MORNING BREAK

Remain rational and analytical, Capricorn

IF SEPT. 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... This is a year when you might be more romantic and kindhearted than ever before.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Remain rational and analytical. If you let subjective data color decisions, you could disrupt a happy relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Strike while the iron is hot. Start new jobs, projects and put contracts into motion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The stars smile on important relationships, so make promises that mean something or start a crucial project.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pay it forward. You may be more receptive than usual and willing to perform penance for past mistakes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Employ an enthusiastic spirit of teamwork and good sportsmanship to impress others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make the most of pleasant stars to start creative ventures or create a splash in the career arena.

SAĞITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get key agreements ironed out while excitement and optimism concurrence.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Yale Metzger wants the Anchorage Police Department to replace his cannonball.

Metzger said he called police last week to have them examine the cannonball he found in eastern Alaska. Instead, he said, the bomb squad showed up at his Anchorage home with a remote-controlled robot, hauled away the cast iron ball and blew it up.

"Could it have exploded?" Metzger asked. "Sure. So could a meteor fall out of the sky and hit your truck."

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IDAPA 25 - OFFICERS AND GUIDES LICENSING BOARD 1305 North Orchard, Suite 172, Boise, ID 83706. 25-0101-0501, Rules of the Officers and Guides Licensing Board.

industry changes; identifies penalty and annual license fee requirements; deletes redundant information in statute, clarifies application, operation, and records requirements.

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58-0108-0501, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water System. Establishes facility and design standards for drinking water line extensions and adds required sections.

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## EDITORIAL

### Idaho may suffer with changes at Albertsons

Larry Johnson could never be mistaken for Joe Albertson. The founder of the Idaho-based grocery store chain that bears his name delighted to be in contact with regular people who shopped the aisles of his stores. When he was looking for a location for a new store, Albertson used to drive around a town and look for the neighborhood with the most trees and swinging sets in the yards.

**Our view: Albertsons is straying from its Idaho roots under the leadership of CEO Larry Johnson. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

Johnson, chief executive officer of Albertsons since 2001, much prefers to talk to Wall Street. He was certainly Wall Street he was talking to last Friday when he announced that Albertsons may be liquidated piecemeal, sold off or closed store by store.

Exciting news for stakeholders. Dismal news for Idaho.

The gist of Johnson's message was this: Traditional grocery stores such as Albertsons can't compete with Wal-Mart and Costco, so Albertsons is thinking about going out of business — or maybe downsizing into a specialty company.

For America's second-largest grocery store chain, that's a questionable premise at best — Albertson's rival Kroger, the industry leader, manages quite nicely to keep its head above water. The cost problem, it seems to us, is not in Albertson's stars, but in its management.

Four years into Johnson's controversial tenure — his compensation package since 2001 has totaled \$76.2 million, according to MSN, while Albertson's shares have lost 39 percent of their value on his watch — Albertson's still doesn't seem to know what kind of retailer it wants to be. A discounter? A Fred Meyer-style superstore? A specialty grocer?

Case in point is the company's apparent plans — currently in their seventh year — to build a new store and gas station on the site of its current Twin Falls store on Addison Avenue.

The Twin Falls City Council in 1998 approved the company's sweeping development proposal. Nearby duplexes were moved off the site. The Mongolian House restaurant vacated its former restaurant space. The Episcopal Church of the

Ascension relocated elsewhere in town. The city reouted a sewer in early 2003 on the premise that Albertson's construction would follow shortly.

Albertson's received its first building permit for the planned store in July 2003 and a second one a year later. Its latest permit extension expired this summer, and construction still hasn't started. The company gave no reasons for delaying the project.

Joe Albertson, who opened the existing store in Twin Falls, wouldn't have done business that way. If the project hadn't started on time, he would have been on the phone to the mayor the next day to explain why.

It's time for Johnson to come out from behind the cover of his company's public relations department and talk to his customers, employees and neighbors directly about the future of Albertsons. If the CEO's plan is to liquidate the company and sell off its assets piecemeal, he should say so unambiguously.

If his strategy is something else, Johnson needs to articulate it. For at the moment, Albertson's is a company paralyzed by self-analysis. Idaho stands to lose more than 5,000 jobs — Albertson's is the state's fifth-largest employer — if the company goes out of business, but there's more.

Along among the Gem State's home-grown corporations, Albertson's is the company that is truly iconic to Idahoans — largely because of the personalities and generosity of its founder and his wife, Kathryn.

Hundreds of Idaho schools have computers because of the Albertson Foundation. Albertson College of Idaho is the distinguished academic institution it is today because of Albertson money. Albertson's is a company — and the Albertson's were a couple — that truly made life better in Idaho.

No one should try to minimize the business challenges that Albertson's faces, but it's not a company without resources. In Idaho, its greatest assets are its high-quality employees and the good will of its 1.2 million Idaho neighbors.

We hope Larry Johnson doesn't throw all that away without a very good reason.



## Shock and awe in America

In times of extreme stress, we often discover what we're made of. Some rally to the moment with acts of heroism and generosity, as many Americans did following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 almost four years ago. In such times we marvel at human resiliency and the core of goodness that props up Homo sapiens americanus. At other times, people devote into the animals we really are. Just beneath the thin veneer we call civilization, as we've witnessed the past several days in New Orleans, in a matter of hours, a rampaging few took it upon themselves to terrorize a sinking city. They shamed a nation already ashamed, as we've become bystanders to a tragedy over which no one seemed to have control.

The differences between 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina are obvious and many. One was a targeted strike in a relatively contained area in one of the world's wealthiest corners. The other was an inundation in a vast region that included some of the nation's poorest neighborhoods.

But another difference — the one everyone is talking about — was leadership. After 9/11, officials stepped up immediately to harness chaos, most notably New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who became the face and figure of authority, competence and, perhaps of equal importance, empathy.

There was no such rush to competence this time around for reasons that are too complex, and as yet unclear, to properly vet in this space. In our race to assign blame, we've found more questions than answers.

One important reason for this was that some of the most important images that capture the rush and bluish of the moment. Kath



KATHLEEN PARKER

leen Parker may have many, but the single image that speaks loudest is of a submerged New Orleans parking lot filled with school buses. Why weren't those buses packed in the early hours of the mandatory evacuation with the people whose bodies are now being collected? The "whys" only begin there, followed by "Who's to blame?" The fact of so much anger pointing merely betrays the extent of grief.

The obvious truth is government — local, state and federal — didn't do enough before the storm hit or thereafter. Yes, it is up to individuals and families to look out for themselves, their own and, one hopes, their neighbors. But it is up to government to intercede when necessary for whatever reason, incapable of acting.

If you know, as surely the city of New Orleans did, that some 20 percent of the population is elderly or disabled — and living below sea level in a city whose levees are inadequate to protect against anything above a Category 3 hurricane — then government has to act. Swiftly and unequivocally.

Everyone seems to have failed to varying degrees, including President Bush for this simple reason: He is the commander in chief and this was a national disaster. No, he didn't cause the hurricane, nor did he will God in retribution against sin, or greed, or corruption — or whatever story the end-time gang is advancing this week. But Bush did fail to act swiftly

and unequivocally. When he did act, at least initially, it was without authority, without competence and — even more important — without apparent empathy. You do not have to let a tear drip all the way down your cheek while the cameras are rolling to convincingly communicate empathy. But you do have to choose your words carefully in order to convey emotions appropriate to the moment.

To wit: You do not talk about Trent Lott's house and his beloved porch when his belongings are rotting in a stinking incubator without food, water, medicine, air or bathroom facilities. You do not talk folksy about "cuttin' those ribbons" when businesses are back up somewhere in the future, while in the present, people are fishing the grim remains of loved ones from gutters and attics.

Here's what you do, and what Bush should have done. You kick — The man at the top of the food chain does not have to play by bureaucracy's rules. As commander in chief, Bush, who had helicopter into New Orleans, the could have worn his flight suit from his Operation Mission Accomplished jet carrier landing. He should have stepped into the Superdome and started ordering his generals to get the job done. Whatever needed doing, however possible. Instead, he came too late to the disaster and caused even supporters to cringe with every ill-chosen word. He lost not only the politician's fanfare photo ops, but he let slip the rays of opportunities — that of saving human life and the nation's pride. By his performance in this time of extreme stress, Bush may have revealed a truer self than we were meant to see.

## LETTERS

jobs were scarce and fair prices were high, causing many people to trap and hunt coyotes, skunks and weasels. Also, there was a bounty paid on coyotes, magpies, crows and their eggs. Today's trapping isn't worth the effort of taking fur-bearing animals. Also, magpies, crows and hawks are protected by laws. Man, in his unknowledgeable ignorance, makes laws protecting predators, so how can you expect a balance of nature?

It seems every day you read or see on television the results of leaving deserts and forests to grow unencumbered. I believe anyone can understand that a fire given unlimited fuel and a strong wind only equates an uncontrollable holocaust. These fires not only destroy habitat for sage grouse and other species but also leave the landscape naked with nothing to stop severe erosion.

I sometimes wonder what the real goal of Mr. Marvel and

his Watersheds Project really is. GLEN CAPPS Jerome

**Expanding Fillmore Ave. could help with traffic.**

Only recently, a tourist from California approached me at a service station on Addison, just east of the Blue Lakes Five Points. His question, "How do we find Fillmore Avenue? We have a reservation at the Holiday Inn Express." OK, so my answer took awhile.

The point is, we could reduce Blue-Lakes traffic significantly if we had a north-south straight-through Fillmore Avenue similar to the straight-through Locust Street running parallel with Blue Lakes on the east side.

That's our "hank" for change. WAYNE AND ARLENE SKEEM Twin Falls

## LETTERS

**U.S. should help itself first by getting out of Iraq.**

I have a suggestion to help with the tragedy in the Gulf Coast. How about we quit wasting our time in Iraq every single day so King George doesn't have to admit he screwed up, spend that money rebuilding the affected areas from Katrina.

It's time to bring our troops back home and help the suffering people here. Yes, it is true that we have helped lots of countries, so they should help us now in our time of need. However, that is understandable when we won't even help ourselves.

Don't get me wrong, I thank God above for all the heroes, wherever they may be. The loving people down in the Gulf Coast that are volunteering 20 hours a day to help are wonderful. I wish so much more work could be helping right now, though, if only we would put the troops and funds where it really matters.

Also, instead of spending a million dollars to fly Bush in for a photo-op looking at the damage, they should spend that money for supplies. It's been five days and they still don't have safe drinking water or food. The tsunami was very unfortunate as well. I'm sure it will be helped from the United States get there so much faster than it is here? LB. This isn't about politics; it's about helping people. LAMAR ANDERSON SR. Twin Falls

**T.F. residents owe gratitude to farmers**

During World War II, some of my fellow pilots were sent to fly four-engine B24 bombers over the Pacific. The base had the reputation as being in the desert miles from nowhere. Some pilots didn't want to go there, even though they knew Idaho held good memories for me, as my buddy and I worked in northern Idaho following our first year of studying forestry at Paulsen. After the war, I traveled west through Idaho on old route U.S. 30. I must have gone through Twin Falls but I left no lasting memories. I think southern Idaho looked dry and barren. I thought I would never want to live there.

In later years, traveling in southern Idaho, changes were apparent. Irrigation and farming were changing the desert into a green garden. Farmers worked from daylight to dark, day after day. Farmers, especially dairy farmers, get a bad rap because of small farms and little. I have worked on a few farms and have shovelled my share of manure. Sure it smells, but no where near the stink of a sewage plant. Remember, for a long time, there were first and people built houses in the country later.

Once, in Switzerland, I had the fortune of riding an aerial tram up a mountain and had a close bird's-eye view of farms below. Cows were going in and out of the farm houses. The cows lived in the barn and the people lived in the second floor. The cows didn't complain about living with humans at all. Also, body heat from the animals helped warm the second floor. Granted, 5,000 cows would be a bit much for such an arrangement here.

Much is being done, nationwide, as well as by local districts, to eliminate farm odor. Manure is being used to produce useful products such as methane gas, a source of energy. Penn State University, which started as an agricultural college, has developed a number of odor-repellent procedures. We have dairy farms in Pennsylvania that receive no odor complaints. Without the farms and dairies, Twin Falls wouldn't be a ghost town, but there would be a few empty houses and business places. Farmers made Twin Falls what it is — a fine place to live. My salute is to them. LACY JOHNSON Twin Falls

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### Unwise decision will ban grazing on public land

In my opinion, the recent ban of cattle grazing on 800,000 acres to protect sage grouse and other species is a judge's decision based on faulty facts presented to him by clever, articulate people.

When I was a youngster, large numbers of cattle plus hundreds of thousands of sheep grazed on public lands. During this era, sage grouse were so numerous they were a financial nuisance to farms adjacent to the desert because they loved alfalfa fields. Another noticeable fact of this time was that song birds such as the oriole and many other song birds were common, but alas, this period is gone. However, one negative during this time was high jack rabbit numbers were a scourge.

One important reason for these species' success was that

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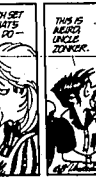
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OPINION

# Katrina's damage to energy supply could spur a recession in the U.S.

**W**ASHINGTON — We're getting a painful lesson in economic geography. What Wall Street is to money, or Hollywood is to entertainment, the Gulf Coast is to energy. It's a vast assemblage of refineries, production platforms, storage tanks and pipelines — and the petroleum engineers, energy consultants and lobbyists who make them run.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

consumers' pocketbooks — and perhaps their confidence. Before Katrina, Goldstein estimated that consumers' annual fuel bills this year would average about \$250 more for gasoline and \$400 more for home heating oil and natural gas than in 2004. Now he reckons those amounts will go up 30 percent to 75 percent.

"We could be reaching a tipping point on consumer psychology, especially when people get their home heating bills," says Mark Zandi of Economy.com. "Those will be big."

Gull, few economists are predicting a recession. Zandi says he's tentatively shaved his forecast for second-half growth from 4 percent to 3.5 percent. On the whole, the U.S. economy has stood up well to shocks. In the three months following 9/11, it actually pulled out of a brief recession. The housing boom remains strong. The 4.9 percent unemployment rate is the lowest since August 2001.

What clouds all forecasts is the precarious state of the world oil market. Even before Katrina, it was operating on a razor's edge. In the 1990s, global oil demand increased slightly, with annual increases averaging about 1.4 million barrels a day (mbd), according to economist Mary Novak of Global Insight. Then in 2003 and 2004, global de-

mand — led by China — exploded, adding about 5 mbd over two years. This exhausted most spare worldwide crude production capacity, she says. The resulting pressures pushed world prices from about \$25 a barrel in 2002 to nearly \$70 in 2004 and now to almost \$70. Global refining capacity likewise failed to keep pace; it's increased only 700,000 barrels a day over the same period, says Goldstein. Something similar has happened in natural gas.

"American production has been pretty much flat," says Jonathan Cogan of the Energy Information Administration. Demand is rising, and imports (from Canada or as liquefied natural gas) haven't filled the gap. Price pressures have intensified. In 2002, wholesale natural gas prices averaged about \$3.50 per thousand cubic feet. Just before Katrina, they were \$9.86; last week they rose to more than \$12.50.

These developments have profoundly altered global energy markets. "You have always had problems of pipelines going out, refinery explosions or weather-related disruptions," says Goldstein. But the system had ample spare capacity to produce

more crude oil, refine more finished fuels or store them both.

A supply shortfall in one part of the system could be made up in another. "Today when things go wrong, you don't have these cushions," he says. It's possible to balance supply and demand only through price changes.

It is this remorseless logic — the old law of supply and demand — that poses the greatest peril for the American and world economies. The most obvious danger is that there will be other disruptions that compound today's scarcities: another damaging hurricane; a terrorist act in the Middle East; a politically inspired production cut. If oil prices reach \$100 a barrel, the United States would come close to a recession, according to a projection by Global Insight. The same depressing influences would also be felt in Europe and Asia. Katrina might then perversely become the instrument by which oil prices collapse, because — being too high — they overwhelmed the world economy.

Robert Samuelson writes for the Washington Post.

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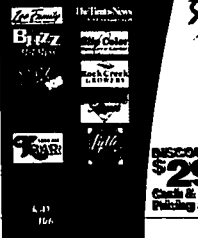
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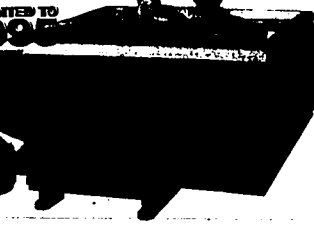
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Truck strikes boy; police seek driver

**TWIN FALLS** — Police are looking for the driver of a truck that hit a boy riding his bicycle to school Tuesday morning. Police said the accident occurred about 8:17 a.m. in the 400 block of Addison Avenue. The boy was identified as 11-year-old Owen Sedbeck. Police said he received only minor injuries. Police said the driver of the truck left the scene after helping the boy off the road and making sure he wasn't seriously injured. The driver of the truck was described as about 35 years of age, clean shaven and of medium build. The truck was described as a full-size red truck, unknown make or model. Anyone with information is asked to contact Twin Falls Police at 735-4357.

### Twin Falls man faces three felony charges

**TWIN FALLS** — A Twin Falls man, wanted in connection with a robbery in July, was arraigned Tuesday in 5th District Court on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. The man was arraigned on earlier felony charges of robbery and aggravated battery. Aaron Cole Christwell, 25, was arrested late Saturday evening after police were called to a home on 6th Avenue East, where a woman complained that several men were in her home and refused to leave. Christwell was arrested after Officer Ken Rivers determined he was wanted on an outstanding warrant. According to an affidavit filed by Rivers, Christwell had a white powdery substance in his pocket that tested positive as 2.2 grams of methamphetamine. Christwell was wanted on the earlier charges for his alleged involvement in the beating and robbing of Twin Falls resident Thomas Gooch on July 4. Christwell was arraigned on all three charges was scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 16 before Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. A public defender was appointed.

### Twin Falls general election announced

**TWIN FALLS** — The general election for the city of Twin Falls is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Three council members will be elected to four-year terms. Candidates for city elected offices are scheduled to appear at a public hearing of candidacy with the city clerk, accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee of \$40 or a petition of candidacy signed by at least five qualified city electors. The deadline for filing for candidacy is 5 p.m. Sept. 30. Declarations of candidacy are available between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the city clerk's office at City Hall, 321 Second Ave. E.

### Sealing of city streets will continue today

**TWIN FALLS** — The chip-sealing project on Twin Falls city streets continues today. Emery Brothers Construction is doing the chip-sealing and Road Work Ahead Construction Supply is doing traffic control. Streets will be swept in about three days. Signs and flaggers will be present. Today's schedule:  
• Morning: from Eighth Avenue East to Addison Avenue East  
• Second Avenue East from Morning to the dead end  
• Seymour from Second Avenue East to Third Avenue East  
• Maurice from Second Avenue East to Third Avenue East  
• Third Avenue East from Madrona to Blue Lakes  
• Fourth Avenue East from Locust to Madrona  
• Ash Street from the south end of Second Avenue East to 213 Ash  
• Second Avenue East from Locust to Blue Lakes  
• Fourth Avenue East from Locust to Blue Lakes  
• Fifth Avenue East from Locust to Blue Lakes  
• Sixth Avenue East from Locust to Blue Lakes  
• Elizabeth from Blue Lakes to Locust  
• Seventh Avenue East from Maurice to Blue Lakes  
• Eighth Avenue East from Blue Lakes to Maurice  
— compiled from staff reports

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE



Twin Falls firefighters inspect a 1996 Audi that collided with a tractor-trailer about 10:50 a.m. Tuesday at the Five Points Intersection. Firefighters removed the top of the car to rescue the driver, Robin LaKamp of Portland, Ore., and passenger Connie Bolbeal of Twin Falls. Police said Gaetan Coats, at right, with Overnight Transportation, failed to obey the traffic signal. The conditions of the driver and passenger were unavailable Tuesday night.

## Negotiations leave both sides empty-handed

**By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer**  
If your wondering why teacher-contract negotiations stumbled through a third session with no success, then you're not alone. Challenges facing the negotiation process have been building over the past three years as the result of several issues. Negotiations between the Twin Falls Educators' Association (TFEA) and the Twin Falls School District over teachers' salary and benefits failed for the third time on Tuesday bringing the district closer to formal mediation. The session didn't reach any kind of settlement," said Linda Baird, human relations director for the Twin Falls School District. "And we're a little disappointed that we couldn't reach one." Reductions in health and dental benefits due to the rising cost of health care is a concern for teachers who fear they may be required to either pay more for services or receive less in benefits. Teachers say the board has enough money to provide the current level of benefits, but they feel the board is not man-

aging the district's money appropriately. The TFEA feels the district has the money," said Leslie Bedke, region director of the TFEA. "So we're trying to show where the district has money." Teachers also say increasing benefit deductibles will bite too deeply into their salaries, forcing some to look for better paying positions in other communities or find other lines of work. The Twin Falls School Board says the cost of health care has risen more than 11 percent and the state is not allowing additional funds to the base salaries or benefits. The board also says it has been dipping into carry over funds to maintain salaries and benefits, but it cannot continue doing so because it is pulling more out each year. "The bottom line is that the frustration is a manifestation of inadequate funding from the state," said Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District. "This is something you will see across the state." The breakdown of Interest Based Bargaining (IBB) — a negotiating process between the superintendent, school board and teachers — has further

eroded communications. Outside representatives hired by both sides have complicated negotiations and created a sense of mistrust between them. Under IBB, if one party requests the help of an outside agency, the other party may do the same. However, once an outside agency becomes involved, the negotiations are no longer strictly between the superintendent, school board and teachers. It is unclear which party was the first to request the aide of an outside agency, but both parties said they would rather work without them. "Twin Falls has had a long history of working through (IBB)," said Bedke. "When Dobbs included others, the TFEA asked if I would sit in and I said I would be happy to sit in." However, Dobbs said the initiative came from the other side. "When they said they were having their TFEA representative join their negotiating team, the board made the decision to bring in a representative to protect the limited resources," Dobbs said. The board brought in Randy Bohannon of Victor Four Labor Relations — a negotiating

agency that has worked with school districts in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The TFEA called on Leslie Bedke, from the Idaho Education Administration (IEA) to represent the teachers. "People say any district that hires Randy Bohannon is ready for a fight," Bedke said. "And it's because of his reputation." However, the teachers also brought in an outside representative from the IEA — also known as a uni-serve — which shows that teacher were missing the ante to the state level. "A uni-serve is a professional negotiator," Dobbs said. "This is someone who the TFEA has trained and paid to represent them." Both sides hope to reach an agreement, remaining confident that they can avoid costly arbitration and stalled contract negotiations. However, confidence in the process is diminishing as repeated discussions leave both sides empty-handed. And with so much at stake for both parties, easy solutions and compromises may remain elusive. "Right now we have each other's proposals," said Steve Hoy, spokesman for the TFEA. "But neither of us is wavering."

## Council approves Falls Avenue improvements

**By Terry Smith Times-News writer**  
**TWIN FALLS** — Traffic flow through the often-congested intersection of Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard North should get better this fall, following approval by the City Council Tuesday of a contract to improve the intersection. The council voted 4-1 to award a contract for \$396,000 to Christiansen Construction of

Twin Falls. The work includes installing right-hand turn lanes on Falls Avenue, widening the turning angles, installing new signals and relocating existing utility poles. The price tag is about 37 percent higher than officials originally estimated. City Engineer Gary Young explained that new signal costs have gone up since original estimates were made last spring,

plus costs for night work and traffic control during construction will be higher than originally thought. Christiansen Construction was the sole bidder. Councilman Chris Talking-tan was delayed until next spring when more contractors might be available to bid on the work. The four other council members present didn't agree and outvoted him.

"We need to get moving — it would be inappropriate to hold up this project," said Councilman Lance Young. "You're going to have to have a project were Clow, Councilman Trip Craig, Councilwoman Elaine Steele and Mayor Glenda Dwight. Not present were Councilmen Shawn Barigar and Dennis Maughan. Young said the project should be completed by late October or early November.

## Alternative fuel vehicle puts smile on owner's face

**By Renee Wolf Times-News**  
**BURLEY** — One Burley resident is smiling as he drives past gas stations with skyrocketing prices. John Stokes runs his 1984 Mercedes-Benz on vegetable oil from Stokes Market's chicken fryers. "I have to admit it feels kind of good," Stokes said last week when gas prices reached \$3 a gallon. "I'm still running on my first tank of diesel fuel and I've put over 7,000 miles on the car." Stokes needs petroleum diesel for starts and stops, which he bought in June when he finished the conversion on his car. "I wasn't really looking at it solely to save fuel costs, but the renderer who was picking up at the store told us he was going to start charging, so I decided to look into the car as a way to use our used cooking oil," Stokes said. "I bought a diesel-powered Mercedes-Benz and found a mechanic in Boise to install a converter. The cost of converting

the car to run on biodiesel was about \$3,000 and the car cost him \$3,500. He says he will break even on his investment at about 22,000 miles. "Asked if a lack of available cleaned cooking oil across the country keeps him close to home, Stokes said, " Heck, no." "I have about a half-dozen 5-gallon containers I just fill and take with me when I go on trips,

and I can get a pretty long distance on the tank and those containers." Stokes has driven the car to Seattle and Utah, as well as statewide. His wife also took it to a family reunion in Montana. He said he knows there are others who drive biodiesel vehicles because he has seen requests on the Internet seeking clean oil in various cities. But

currently the oil is not widely available. The car also will run on straight diesel if biodiesel is not available. Stokes said he hopes to see the idea take hold. He is working to develop a large-scale oil cleaner so he can provide oil for others. "You can get a diesel jetta that could be converted quite easily to run on vegetable oil," Stokes said. "In fact Volkswagen has a biodiesel converter which can be purchased for their cars." Stokes is working with a local semitrailer owner who wants to convert his truck to vegetable oil. "It is time Americans stand up and refuse to be captive to foreign oil interests and this is one way we can move in that direction," he said. "America has the capability to produce the oil and to market the cars which would use it. It's crazy to be held prisoner by high gas prices." Stokes said he envisions a day when farmers could be completely independent by growing rape seed for canola oil that would fuel their tractors to farm other crops.

## Higher wages help draw, keep county workers

Department heads, officials thank commissioners for salary increases

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — County commissioners received praise, and a little criticism, too, from the packed audience at Tuesday evening's public hearing on the county's proposed 2005-2006 budget.

Officials and department heads could not thank commissioners enough for raising county workers' salaries for the second year in a row. For many years they've worked at their employment levels away by the bigger paycheck.

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"We have some of the most experienced prosecutors in Idaho helping you now," said Prosecutor Grant Loebbs.

Sherriff Wayne Iousley has a full patrol staff. "We're up to full staff and full steam ahead," Iousley said.

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**Shirley Marie Vernon**



**TWIN FALLS** — Shirley Marie Vernon, 80, of Twin Falls, died Sept. 3, 2005, at her home. Shirley was born May 18, 1925, in Omaha, Neb., the daughter of Edward F. and Margaret M. Koopman Vernon. She grew up and attended schools in Omaha, later working at a munitions plant, then the Martin Bomber Plant during WWII. After the war, she worked as a credit manager for National Life Insurance, until moving to Idaho in 1973. She worked for Sears Credit Department until retiring in 1986, and then worked part time at the Twin Falls County Tax Office.

Shirley, raised in a Christian home, was baptized at age 10 in the First Christian Church. She became a devoted church member from age 12, singing and performing many numbers over the years as a member of the Omaha First Baptist Church and later working at the Idaho as a member of the Twin Falls First Baptist Church and later a member of the Twin Falls Christian Church. She was a charter

member of the Sweet Adelines and the Magic Valley Chorus and her devotion to her Lord was best expressed through her beautiful voice.

She was currently a member of the Kimberly Christian Church. Shirley actively engaged in many sports, tennis as a young woman, bowling leagues and golf in her later years. Anyone that knew her was aware of her love of humor and quick wit, never without a joke.

**John W. Ball**



**BUHL** — John W. Ball, 81, of Buhl, died Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, after a long struggle with emphysema. His wife and children were at his side.

He was born at home in Indianapolis, Ind., on May 18, 1923, to Jonathan T. and Iva Wilson Ball. He attended schools in Indianapolis and New York City. In 1941, at the age of 17 and after completing after graduating from high school, he joined the Navy. He became an aviation pilot in 1947. In 1955, the Navy decided all pilots should be officers. So at the tender age of 32, and with streaks of grey in his hair, he was commissioned Ensign with all the 30-year-olds. He served proudly for 30 years, retiring July 1, 1971, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, while serving aboard a seagoing vessel for less than 12 days.

John loved flying and covered most parts of the world. In 1952, as a Chief Pilot Officer he was assigned as a pilot to the Naval Attaché's Club in New Delhi, India. He flew the U.S. ambassador and visiting VIPs to all parts of the middle east.

While in India, John met his future wife, Paula Ruffing, who was working at the American Embassy in New Delhi. They were married on Oct. 3, 1954, in Buhl, Idaho, by Father Bradley. John was skilled in many areas as a pilot and navy officer. He attended Naval Juv-

enior School and served as legal officer for some years. He was acting administrative officer of the Naval Air Station at Whidbey Island, Wash., when he retired. After retiring to Buhl, he worked as a carpenter and for a short time at Green Giant. He was an active member of the Buhl Quik Response Unit, and he taught CPR for some years.

John was a brilliant man and could, and would, discourse at length — on almost any subject. But he was most proud of his children; his greatest joy was having his children and grandchildren around him. He loved having the grandkids beat him at cards and memory games, and he was not above cheating a bit to attain that result!

He is survived by his wife of

**Barbara Wilson**



and Barbara was a teacher. Barbara and Lowell were eventually blessed with two daughters, Tamara (McLaughlin) and Helaine (Moore). After 24 years in Dubois, Barbara and Lowell moved to Buhl in 1974 to spend their retirement years near Barbara's parents. Barbara moved to Boise in October of 2002 to be near her daughter Tamara.

While in Dubois, Barbara was active in the American Legion, the Community Church and 4-H and after moving to Buhl, she was active

Surviving Shirley is her loving sister, Beverly Sheekler of Twin Falls; sister-in-law, Patricia Vernon of San Diego; nieces, Carol Doramus of Fort Myers, Fla., Kathy (Lynn) McMaster of Kimberly, Idaho, Margaret (Arthur) Belle and Linda (Pat) Russell of San Diego; and nephew, Norvin Vernon of Sandy, Ore. Also surviving are several great nieces and nephews and eight great-grand-nieces and nephews.

Her parents, brother, Warren, and brother-in-law, Dean Sheekler, preceded her in death.

A funeral for Shirley will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with Pastor Steelman Borden officiating. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the Kimberly Christian Church Building Fund.

51 years. Paul; his sons, John R. (Marlene Berg) Ball of Boise and Jerome (Jocelyn) Ball of Plano, Texas; daughters, Dr. Angela (Paul) Buxton of Colville, Wash., Jennifer (Eric) Williams of Filor, Idaho, and Patricia (Brian) Gardner of Moscow, Idaho; his sister, Frances Fuller of California and nieces and nephews. His beloved grandchildren include Melissa Ball DeBusk, Nick and Tom Ball; Jessyka, Lea, Katie and Anna Williams; Austin Carson and Kelsey Ball; and Rosalyn Gardner, Robert and Luan Buxton; and great-grandson, Peyton DeBusk.

He was preceded in death by his wife. The family would like to thank Woodland Assisted Living and Cedar Drive Living Center for their care of him at the First Christian Home Care and Hospice. We especially thank Joyce, Diana and Crystal for their loving care, Colville, Wash. Contributions may be made to the Buhl QRU in his name or a charity of your choice.

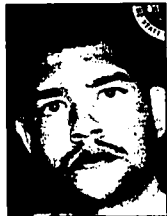
A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at the immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl with Deacon John Hurley officiating. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005, at Farmer Funeral Chapel with family greeting from 5 to 7 p.m.

In the Buhl Methodist Church; Meals on Wheels and the McCall Ladies Club. Barbara enjoyed reading and painting as her hobbies.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Tamara and her husband, Michael McLaughlin of Boise and Helaine and her husband, John Moore of Kelseyville, Calif.; five grandsons, Ryan, Matthew and Patrick McLaughlin, Brendan and Sean Moore; and one great-granddaughter, Madeline McLaughlin. She is also survived by her brother Wayne Wendell and her sister, Betty; and her husband, Dr. John Holmes, of Las Vegas, Nev., along with seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 47 years, Lowell Wilson. Memorials may be made in Barbara's name to the American Dietetic Association or the Idaho Youth Ranch. The family would like to extend their thanks to the staff and Pat Steadman at Valley View Nursing Home for their love and care for Barbara over the past two years.

Charles Delbert 'Deb' Tipton, 66, of Boise, passed away on Monday, Aug. 29, 2005, after an extended illness. Deb was born on Feb. 5, 1939, in West Plains, Mo., to Adam and Thelma Tipton. He was raised in Filor, Idaho, with his brothers and sisters attending school and playing on the school basketball team. After high school, he later enlisted with the U.S. military, serving his country for two years. On April 22, 1964, he was honorably discharged.



**Gilberto Lee Rodriguez**

**RUPERT** — Gilberto Lee Rodriguez, a 25-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Sept. 4, 2005.

Gilberto was born May 29, 1980, in Rupert, the son of Gilberto Casas and Juanita Rodriguez.

He is survived by his mother, Juanita Rodriguez; his sister, Patricia Rodriguez; three nieces, Kobi, Ashanti and Samauria, all of Rupert. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Martin and Manuella Rodriguez, three aunts and four uncles. He will be greatly missed by his family.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2005, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with his uncle Julian Trevino officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening and one hour prior to the service on Friday. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

**SERVICES**

Erasmio "Eddie" Palomo of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., in Rupert. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Barney M. Staten of Hazelton, funeral 11:31 a.m. today at the Hazelton LDS Church. Family will greet friends one hour before the service at the church (White Mortuary).

Ione G. McDonald of Twin Falls, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Jimmy Frances "Jim" Guerry of Hollister, remembrance potluck between 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday at Boda's Bar, Highway 33 in Hollister.

Marian William Personette of Benton, Wash., memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kent United Methodist Church, 11010 SE 248th St., Kent, Wash. A reception will be held in the social hall following the service.

**DEATH**

**NOTICES**

**Charles Peterson** — HEYBURN — Charles Peterson, a 69-year-old resident of Heyburn, died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

**Lois Faye Anderson** — DECLEO — Lois Faye Anderson, a 77-year-old Declo resident, died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

**May B. Hiatt** — TWIN FALLS — May B. Hiatt, 97, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

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# OBITUARIES

## Robert Dean Walcott

**GARDEN VALLEY** — Robert Dean Walcott of Garden Valley, Idaho, passed away in St. Alphonsus Hospital, Boise, Idaho, on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005, at 74 years of age.

Bob was born June 23, 1931, in Buhl, Idaho, to parents Clarence Walcott and Faye R. Johnson Walcott. He attended Buhl and Twin Falls schools, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1949. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served from Jan. 19, 1951, until Aug. 9, 1954. He served in Germany, England and the United States. During his tour of duty in England, he was bowled over by a young woman, Diana Blank of Liverpool, and they were married April 2, 1953. She traveled to the U.S. in order to give birth to their son, Rob, in Twin Falls and to ensure his citizenship. They have two children: Rob and daughter, LeAnne. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2003.

During the majority of his life, Bob was employed in the construction business. They lived in many California areas ranging from San Diego and Oxnard to Eureka. In Fresno, he established his own business with his



son Rob as an associate. They lost their only grandson, Robert Dean III (Bobby) who died of leukemia in 1982.

Bob was born, a big bouncing baby of 12 lbs. who loved Idaho and came back to the area at every opportunity. After his retirement, they moved to Garden Valley, Idaho, to be close to Rob and Darlene. Rob built their house close by in this beautiful little valley.

He is survived by his loving wife, Diana; his son, Rob (Robert Dean II) and Darlene, all of Garden Valley; his daugh-

ter, LeAnne Walcott Sleber (Danny), San Diego, Calif.; and his granddaughters, Laura Ann Walcott, Boise, Idaho, Cary Lee Sleber, San Diego, Calif., and Bonazette (Jason) Gale, Boise, Idaho. His great-granddaughters, Kaylee Gale and Jaden Gale, Boise, Idaho, also survive. Also surviving are his sisters, Claire Walcott Theener, Filer, Idaho, Lenore Walcott Cook, Seaside, Fla., and Doris Walcott Almy, San Diego, Calif.; and brother, Clarence Walcott Jr. (Al), San Diego, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, early settlers of Magic Valley; his grandson of Fresno, Calif.; his brothers-in-law, Joseph Cook, San Diego, Calif., John Almy, San Diego, Calif.; and his sister-in-law, Mitsuko Hayashi Walcott, San Diego, Calif.

He leaves a host of relatives and friends, many of whom live in Idaho and will greatly miss him.

A memorial service was held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, at their home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to an organization to aid the hurricane victims.

**MERIDIAN** — Pearl R. Flynn, 93, a Meridian resident and formerly of Wendell and Gooding, died Sept. 4, 2005, at the Beehive Assisted Living Home.

She was the daughter of Howard and Ava Grace Douglas and was born March 8th, 1912, in Carlyle, Mont.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and five sisters; husband, Mark D. Flynn; one son, Jack Flynn; granddaughter, Karl Flynn; and two sons-in-law, Vic Kinney and Ray Weaver.

Pearle and Mark were married on Jan. 27, 1932, in Lima, Mont. They made their home and farmed in various towns in Southern Idaho. They settled in Gooding in 1958 where they farmed with their family for many years.

Pearle was a graduate of Kimberly High School class of 1925. As an accomplished seamstress, she kept her two girls in designer wear while keeping home and farm running well. As an employee of the Gooding Post Office she enjoyed meeting people and her role as a public servant. As a Gooding resident, she was a member of the Gooding Methodist Church, Northside Community Club and Gooding Rebeccas.

A large number of awards, ribbons and other recognitions for her domestic talents were often displayed at the yearly county

## Pearle R. Flynn



fair. All of her grandchildren and others benefited from her many talents, generous spirit and inviting home. "No one left her dinner table hungry or for want and ice cream always followed."

Pearle's surviving family includes Dick (Marilyn) Flynn, Sherry (Verle) Jacobson and

Marilyn Sue Weaver; daughter-in-law, Karen Kast Flynn, 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren.

Two great-grandsons and five step-grandchildren. As a resident at Beehive #2 Home in Meridian, The ladies and caregivers, affectionately called "her girls," were an important part of her life. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005, at the Cherry Lane Christian Church in Meridian, Idaho, with Pastor Larry Woodard officiating.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, with graveside service to follow at 2 p.m. at the Elmwood Cemetery in Meridian, with Pastor Jim Jywell officiating.

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## Budget

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Not everyone in Tuesday's audience gave commissioners such high marks. For the second year, the county plans to pay 100 percent of the health insurance of elected officials' families out of the county coffers, though county workers won't get the same perk. And that's just not fair, said Jane Idso of Twin Falls.

"I believe the insurance package should be the same for officials as it is for employees," she said. Idso then thanked Commissioner Bill Brockman for taking a stand and not accepting the perk.

But earlier Tuesday, Grind-

staff defended the decision.

"It's a benefit that's provided because we're elected for a short period of time," Grind-staff said. "We don't have the overtime, sick time or comp time."

As a farmer in Buhl, Bill Hatfield has had to scrimp and save to make ends meet. He asked commissioners when they were going to give their

commissioners a break on their property taxes, which pay for all those raises and benefits.

"I want to know when you're going to help your taxpayers as well as your employees," he said.

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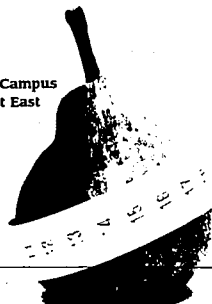
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OBITUARIES

Yvonne 'Bonnie' Schorzman

**CASTLEFORD** — Yvonne "Bonnie" Schorzman, of Castleford, passed to her rest at age 92, on Sept. 4, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 9, 1930, in Oakley, Idaho, to Otto Lev and Emma Lavorn Milton. Bonnie was the ninth born out of 10 children. Bonnie's mother passed away when she was 6 years old and was raised by her father and older siblings, with lots of love.

While living in Roseworth, Idaho, Bonnie met the love of her life, William "Bill" Schorzman. They were married the year later on May 6, 1947. Bonnie gave birth to four wonderful children, Sharon, Dennis, LeWayne and Wade. While married, she spent her days working alongside her husband running the family farm. Bonnie and Bill resided in Roseworth until they moved to the outskirts of Castleford in 1983.

Bonnie loved hunting, fishing and working in her yard. Most importantly she had a passion for spending time with family and friends. Anyone who knew Bonnie, knew she had a won-



derful sense of humor and got everything out of life she could have asked for.

Bonnie is survived by her sisters, Marg and Betty; brother, Levar; children, Sharon House, Dennis (Susan), LeWayne (Kathleen) and Wade (Janice); 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren (and two more on the way).

Bonnie is preceded in death by her husband, Bill; mother; father; and siblings, Iune Vidian, Ralph, Hal, Dale and Bob; and



one granddaughter, Laura House.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2005, at the L.D.S. church on Fair Street in Buhl. Visitation times will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl, and from noon to 1 p.m. Friday before the service at the L.D.S. Church. The family wishes donations to be made in Bonnie's honor to Castleford Quick Response Unit.

Clara M. Vanek

**TWIN FALLS** — Clara M. Vanek, born to Ed and Anna (Capek) Smith, north of Tobilas, Neb., on Aug. 29, 1924, passed away at the age of 82 years on Aug. 27, 2005, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho, with family and friends by her side.



She grew up on the family farm in Milligan, Neb., and went to District No. 96 country school. She spoke the Czech language along with her mother and three sisters and other family members. Clara worked at the Crete Farmstead Creamery breaking and drying eggs that were sent overseas to the military. When the war with Japan broke out, she was hired at Cushman's to assemble bomb fuses. Later she worked in the Friend Warren Memorial Hospital on Dec. 4, 1945, she married Clarence T. Vanek and to this union were born two daughters, Sharon (Sheri) and Vickie.

Clarence and Clara farmed for many years and later bought the Dorchester Variety Store. She was a 60-year member of the Ladies Auxiliary in Dorchester and a member of ZCBJ Lodge No. 74. The family moved to Idaho in 1967 for a while. Clara worked in Hazelton at the scale house for potatoes, in the spring cutting seed potatoes and worked at the grocery store. They returned to Nebraska and, in 2000, their daughter moved them back to Idaho to help care for them. In February of 2003, Clara had a stroke and, as a result, entered Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Clara is remembered for her special sense of work ethics and fairness. She enjoyed baking, es-

pecially rolls and Kolacses and great caramel popcorn. She was always willing to help out if she was able, and was a very sociable person and loved company. Her parents and sister, Helen Mika, preceded her in death.

Surviving Clara is her husband, Clarence Vanek of Twin Falls; two daughters, Sheri (Dan) Kinsey of Kimberly, Idaho, and Vickie Garrett of Traveler's Rest, S.C.; her brother, Ed Smith of Dorchester, Neb.; two sisters, Anna Smith of Lincoln, Neb., and Dorothy Tuttle of Friend, Neb.; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

At Clara's request, there are no services planned. Private inurnment will be held in Nebraska at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Clara Vanek Memorial Fund, c/o Sheri Kinsey, 3450 E. 2850 N., Kimberly, ID 83341.

The family wishes to thank all the relatives, friends and neighbors for their loving comfort during our loss.

Fire grows to 13,000 acres

**BOISE (AP)** — The Valley Road wildfire near Stanley was estimated at about 13,000 acres on Tuesday, fire managers said. The fire, eating through bug-killed timber in central Idaho's Sawtooth National Recreation Area, has already forced the evacuation of about 20 homes in the Fisher Creek development near Stanley. No structures have been lost so far, officials with the Great Basin Incident Management Team said. Fire protection measures were in place around the threatened homes.

The human-caused fire, which started Saturday on private property, was about 5 percent contained, with 250 people working on the fire and more crews en route.

In southeastern Idaho, wildfires on and around the Fort Hall Indian Reservation continue to burn.

The Battlesnake Fire was burning on 10,200 acres 16 miles southwest of Pocatello, the National Interagency Fire Center reported. That fire, fueled by drought-dried grass and sagebrush, was being managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was 30 percent contained.

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California Legislature approves gay marriage bill

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** — The California Legislature on Tuesday became the first legislative body in the country to approve a bill allowing same-sex marriages, but the measure faces an uncertain future with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

There were loud cheers by gay-rights activists in the Assembly gallery as lawmakers voted 41-35 to approve the bill and send it to the governor. The Assembly had twice defeated similar legislation.

A spokesman for the Republican governor said Schwarzenegger believes the issue should be decided by the courts, not by his signature on legislation. A state appellate court is considering appeals of a lower court ruling that overturned California laws banning recognition of gay marriages.

"He will uphold whatever the court decides," Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Margia Thompson said.

Gay-marriage supporters nonetheless rejoiced the victory. They compared the legislation to earlier civil rights campaigns

to eradicate slavery and give women the right to vote.

"As the debate today shows, love conquers fear, principle conquers politics and equality conquers injustice, and the governor can now secure his legacy as a true leader by signing this bill," said Geoff Kors, executive director of Equality California, a backer of the bill.

The bill, sponsored by San Francisco Democrat Mark Leno, had failed in the Assembly by four votes in June, but Leno was confident he could get it through on a second try after the Senate approved a same-sex marriage bill last week.

"Do what we know is in our hearts," Leno said. "Make sure all California families will have the same protection under the law."

Assemblyman Tom Umberg, a Democrat who abstained in the vote in June, said he was concerned about what his three children would think if he didn't join those "who sought to take a leadership role in terms of tolerance, equality and fairness."

"Was the month of August and all through the land, Teachers were starting the school year to plan. They had plan books and notebooks and ideas galore And bulletin board borders strewn all over the floor. They sat at their desks, their computers or at home Making final arrangements by e-mail and phone. When to their distress this notice appeared, "We're out of money" for the entire school year!"

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# Man held in killings tries to plead guilty

## Suspect is alleged to have targeted sex offenders

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — A man arrested in the shooting deaths of two convicted child rapists tried to plead guilty before he had even been formally charged.

Police said Michael Anthony Mullen might have targeted the men in reaction to a notorious case in Idaho in mid-May in which authorities allege three people were killed so two children could be abducted for sex. One of those children was also slain.

"Can I have a speedy trial?" Mullen asked Whatcom County Superior Court Commissioner David M. Hays on Tuesday after television from jail, during a preliminary hearing. "I would like to plead guilty."

Denny Pappas, Mac Setter, the prosecutor, would be formally charged Wednesday with two counts of first-degree murder.

Thor told Mullen to talk to his court-appointed lawyer to ensure he got a speedy trial. The commissioner set bail at \$1 million and scheduled Mullen's argument — when a formal plea may be entered — for Sept. 16.

Police said Mullen, 35, called them on Monday to turn himself in and later confessed to the slayings of Eric Elsas, 49, and Victor Vazquez, 68, in their apartment on Aug. 27.

The hearing revealed that Mullen may have had help on the day the two men died. Setter said an unidentified woman whom he described as a witness had driven Mullen to and from the scene and had lost the gun. Mullen may have been helped by the case of Joseph Edward Duncan, a convicted sex offender who is accused of killings and child abductions in Idaho, police said.

"One possible reason was the case in Idaho," Bellingham Police Lt. Craig Ambrose told The Associated Press. Ambrose wouldn't elaborate, and Setter refused to discuss possible motives.

Police said they believe Mullen's claim that he killed the Bellingham sex offenders because he knew details only the killer would know the calls of the weapon used, and that the victims were each shot once in the head.

Mullen also said that he had planned the murders for some time and that on July 13, 2005, he had accessed the Whatcom County sheriff's sex offender Web site, and from that site selected at least one of the two victims "according to a police statement."

As is typical in Washington, the sheriff's Web site lists the residences of sex offenders who are required to register with local authorities.

# Estimates put wolf numbers up overall in N. Rockies

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates the number of gray wolves in the Northern Rockies has increased to more than 900 since last year, but a top wolf recovery official says the numbers may be near the maximum the region can sustain.

The agency attributed the increasing numbers primarily to Idaho's growing wolf population. The number in Montana is up from 204 last year to 203, and is down in Wyoming, where illness and competition for food and territory in Yellowstone National Park seem to have the population held, according to the agency's mid-year estimate.

Overall, the population is doing well and has grown since last December, when an estimate of 835 wolves roamed the region. Ed Bangs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife's wolf-recovery coordinator in Helena, Mont., said Tuesday.

"But people who think wolves are just going to keep going, that's not true," Bangs said.

"We're probably approaching as many wolves as we can handle in these conditions and times."

According to the mid-year estimates, used by wildlife officials to gauge where monitoring efforts need to be focused, there were 912 wolves in the three-state region — 166 in Montana, 221 in Wyoming and 525 in Idaho, which Bangs said offers by far the most and best wolf habitat in the region.

At the end of 2004, there were an estimated 153 wolves in Montana, 260 in Wyoming and 422 in Idaho, according to Fish and Wildlife.

Steve Nadeau, state-wide large-carnivore program coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said parts of that state offer places where wolves could still expand. The central part of the state, though, "seems to be pretty saturated with wolves," he said.

This year, he said, Idaho saw a surge in livestock killed by wolves, though he had no immediate tally.

# Official drops charges against Idaho woman

SANDPOINT (AP) — A prosecutor has dropped child endangerment charges against a Sagle woman who was accused of dosing an infant with pepper spray during an argument at a Wal-Mart store.

Bonner County Prosecutor Phil Robinson moved to dismiss the case against Lorlie Marie Gantenbein last month, and District Judge Steve Verby signed an order of dismissal on Aug. 18.

Gantenbein, 37, said the case against her was abandoned because she passed a polygraph examination. Gantenbein has denied allegations that she sprayed the 2-month-old with the incapacitating mist.

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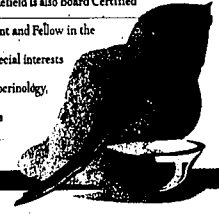
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## Shrimp, etouffee highlight cooking class menu

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — As New Orleans reels under hurricane and flood devastation, a Twin Falls class will honor its Cajun and Southern cuisine.

New Orleans native Susan Lavender will teach "French Quarter Cuisine" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in downtown Twin Falls. The cooking class costs \$35 per person.

The night's menu: barbecue shrimp, sauteed in butter, beer and Cajun spices; chicken etouffee with rice; and bread pudding with rum raisin sauce and Chantilly cream.

A fifth-generation New Orleans native, Lavender learned Cajun and Southern cuisine from her mother and grandmother and made it her life's work to show people what authentic New Orleans food is about.

While Lavender owned Dunken's Draught House in Twin Falls, she served six-course dinners there, including many Cajun ones. After selling Dunken's, she was a bar manager before leaving for Salt Lake City, where she lived for three years. Lavender has now returned to Twin Falls.

During the class, Lavender will talk about how the Cajuns came to Louisiana and settled in the Bayou country. She might share stories about the French Quarter and her experiences as a child during Mardi Gras, class organizers said.

To register, call 733-5477. Rudy's is at 147 Main Ave. W.

## Junior Club plans Autumn Garden Tour

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — This event could make you green with garden envy.

The Junior Club of Magic Valley plans its Autumn Garden Tour from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The seven-home, self-guided tour costs \$8 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 years old.

The homes on the tour:

- Bruce and Joyce Earl's home at 360 Sage in Kimberly.
- Sherm and Loreta Mullins' at 2767 Painbrush Drive in Twin Falls.
- Thurman and Barbara Martin's at 592 Woodland Drive in Twin Falls.
- Cotton and Glenda Crumbless at 2069 Rancho Vista Drive in Twin Falls.
- Rex and Sandra Goley's at 1796 Julie Lane in Twin Falls.
- Ron and Ginger Church's at 226 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls.
- Ed and Najean Dutry's at 1672 Briarwood Lane in Twin Falls.

Master Gardeners will be at each home to answer questions, and tour organizers plan garden demonstrations at several of the homes.

"Garden Topics," a presentation by Janice Muchow of Windsor's Greenhouses and Nursery, is scheduled for 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. at 1796 Julie Lane.

"Perennial Fall Color," by Nancy Choecker of Moss Greenhouses, will be presented throughout the day at 2069 Rancho Vista Drive.

"Re-energize Your Planters with Fall Color," by Moss Greenhouses, is also planned throughout the day at 1672 Briarwood Lane.

The Junior Club will provide refreshments at Kelley Garden Center.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley.

The Junior Club of Magic Valley, a service organization founded in 1959, performs volunteer service for Magic Valley organizations aimed at improving the community's social, economic, cultural and civic conditions. Each year the club gives money to a variety of causes.



The Times-News photo illustration by ASHLEY SMITH

# RHUBARB CONFOUNDED

*It's time to reconsider a vegetable that nobody's quite sure how to use*

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**R**UPERT — Her mother made rhubarb pies for most of her 95 years, and Beth Noble has been baking them since before her mom's death in 1992. But in all of those years, they didn't buy rhubarb in the grocery store — and only sometimes grew it in their own gardens.

When they didn't, it materialized anyway — on their doorsteps every July or September.

"There's not much (of a commercial market for rhubarb)," quipped Shirley Lee, a Jerome Master Gardener. "How could there be when one plant can feed about 40 families?"

Foist a bushel basket of rhubarb on most folks and you'll get a blank stare in return. What, exactly, is one supposed to do with this bitter, stringy red-and-green perennial that never seems to go away?

It's not an easy vegetable to learn to love. Noble's pie recipe, for example, calls for 4 cups of rhubarb and 1 3/4 cups of sugar.

"It takes a ton of sugar," Lee said. "And even then, most people don't really think of rhubarb beyond pie."

According to the Washington Rhubarb Growers Association, 45 percent of the commercial rhubarb grown in the United States comes from Washington state. There

### MOTHER'S RHUBARB PIE

2 eggs well beaten  
1 3/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup enriched flour  
1/4 tsp. salt  
4 cups sliced rhubarb  
Butter  
Combine eggs, sugar, flour and salt. Add rhubarb and mix well. Arrange in uncooked 9-inch pie shell. Dot with real butter. Bake at 375 degrees for a few minutes. Lower temperature to 350 degrees and cook until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. (You might want to cover the outside of crust with aluminum foil to prevent over browning of the crust.)  
Source: Beth Noble, Rupert

are only 1,809 acres planted in rhubarb nationwide, although that doesn't include private gardens. Most of the little demand that exists is for frozen rhubarb; you're not likely to find fresh rhubarb in your grocer's produce department.

"I don't know that I've ever seen it in a chain grocery store," R. Allen Straw, a University of Tennessee Extension vegetable specialist, told MSNBC.

Not that you'd buy it there even if you found it.

"It's a perennial, and it's prolific," said Susan Bell, a Boise-based Uni-

versity of Idaho Extension professor who specializes in gardening.

"How prolific? \*With zucchini, at least you have to plant seeds every year," Lee said. "With rhubarb, you're going to get it year after year whether you want it or not."

With the exception of horesenadish, there's no other common garden perennial as dependably productive as rhubarb, Lee said.

"Water it, plant it in the sun, and it's happy," she said.

Well, reasonably happy. Southern Idaho's soil is, after all, alkaline; rhubarb is acidic.

"To get it started, you may have to use a soil supplement," Bell said.

A comparatively high content of malic and oxalic acids in rhubarb contributes to its sour, astringent taste — hence the need for massive amounts of sugar. Rhubarb can have a pH as low as 3, as acidic as some vinegar.

Oxalic acids, which are also in commercial cleaning agents, were long blamed for the toxicity of rhubarb leaves, although it is not clear exactly what

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## Extra rhubarb? Try something new this year

### RHUBARB PICO DE GALLO

Makes 4 cups  
1 cup diced rhubarb  
1 cup diced tomatoes  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup diced white onions  
1/4 tsp. ground cumin  
Juice of 1/2 lime  
Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix together. Refrigerate. Serve cold.  
Source: Washington Rhubarb Growers Association

### RHUBARB RELISH

2 cups rhubarb (in 1/4-inch pieces)  
1 cup medium-chopped onion  
1/2 cup water  
1/3 cup vinegar  
1 cup sugar or sweetener  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. ground cloves  
1/4 tsp. allspice  
1/8 tsp. black pepper  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Combine all the ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring mixture to a boil, stirring frequently. Cook until thick, making sure mixture does not stick and burn. Store in refrigerator. Serve hot or cold.  
Source: Washington Rhubarb Growers Association

### CINNAMON-TOPPED RHUBARB MUFFINS

1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1/4 cup butter  
1 (8 oz.) cup sour cream  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1 1/2 cups chopped rhubarb  
1 tsp. sugar  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
Heat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, combine brown sugar and butter. Beat at medium speed until well-mixed (one to two minutes). Add sour cream and eggs; continue beating, scraping

bowl often, until well-mixed (one to two minutes) in medium bowl. Stir together flour, baking soda and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. By hand, stir flour mixture into sour cream mixture just until moistened. Fold in rhubarb. Spoon into greased muffin pans. In a small bowl, stir together 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle onto each muffin. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pans.  
Source: RhubarbInfo

### STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB JELLY

Makes about 7 half-pint jars  
1 1/2 lbs. red stalks of rhubarb  
1 1/2 quarts ripe strawberries  
1/2 tsp. butter or margarine (optional to reduce foaming)  
6 cups sugar  
6 oz. liquid pectin  
Wash and cut rhubarb into 1-inch pieces and blend or grind. Wash, stem and crush strawberries, one layer at a time, in a saucepan. Place both fruits in a jelly bag or double layer of cheesecloth and gently squeeze

out juice. Measure 3 1/2 cups of juice into a large saucepan. Add butter and sugar, thoroughly mixing into juice. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Immediately stir in pectin. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard one minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; quickly skim off foam and fill hot, sterile jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Wipe jar rims and adjust lids. Process for five minutes in boiling water bath.  
Source: RhubarbInfo

### RHUBARB CRISP

4-6 cups rhubarb, cut into 1/4- to 1/2-inch pieces  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
3/4 cup flour  
For the topping:  
3/4 cup flour  
1 stick butter  
1 lbs. ground cinnamon  
3/4 cup oatmeal  
1/2 cup dark brown sugar  
Cut rhubarb into 1/4- to 1/2-inch pieces. Cover with 3/4 cup sugar and let stand one hour. Add another 3/4 cup sugar and flour and mix. Dump into a buttered dish. To make topping: Mix flour, butter, ground cinnamon. Process in food processor as pastry dough. Pour into a bowl and mix with oatmeal and dark brown sugar. Crumble together. Put on top of rhubarb. Bake in preheated oven at 375 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes (until top is crisp and rhubarb is tender).  
Source: RhubarbInfo

FOOD & HOME

# Unlike your garden, amaryllis is just waking up

Amaryllis, or hippeastrum, as it's known by its botanical name, is supposed to bloom around Christmas time. Or thereabouts. Mine apparently never got the memo.



**GREEN THUMBPRINTS**  
**Cathy Watworth**

Mine blooms in August and September. Yours, if normal, is supposed to just be waking up and thinking about heading up a few beefy leaves. Here's how things are supposed to happen with your giant-flowered, flaming red emerald.

Amaryllis are not hardy here, so plan to raise yours in a sunny windowsill.  
Mine likes a south east exposure.  
The big bulbs are supposed to be planted in a rich but sandy potting soil right about now. In pots big enough to give them about two inches elbow room all around. They'd like a bit of superphosphate or bonemeal, like a lot of other bulbs you'll be planting. Make sure you leave the top half of the bulb above the soil line and water it in well.

Two-foot strap-like leaves will jump up out of the bulb so fast you'll swear you can see them growing. Keep the soil just moist, not wet.  
A big, sturdy stem will shoot up taller than the leaves. Before you know it, you'll have five blooms, each five inches across. This is when you realize you should have planted the thing in a heavier pot. With all that plant material waving around up there, it's way too easy to tip the whole thing over.  
After a time, the blooms will wither and you should snap them off. Cut the stem back when it begins to yellow. You won't miss it much because

there've been so many other brilliant flowers since the last one.  
Keep up regular watering and feed it once in a while with a water-soluble fertilizer. In late summer, cut back on the water so the leaves can fade away.  
Stop the water when leaves turn brown. Let the whole thing dry out.  
Watch it, though: It'll sprout again sooner than you think. Maybe in August.

**DEAR CATHY:** I read your column all the time. Maybe you can help me. I love dianthus and have planted a lot of them in various-sized containers. Should I take them inside for the winter? Or can I leave them outside in their containers?  
Signed, Daffy over Dianthus.  
**DEAR DAFFY:** I've never put dianthus in containers, but do grow them in my garden and love them. I have grown several other annuals and perennials that come indoors to brighten

winter days, though. I'd worry about their roots freezing if left outside. Containers expose roots to air temperature, which is much colder (or hotter, depending on the season) than soil temperatures.  
You can put your containers in the garage and keep them moderately moist — kind of like they'd be outside. But I don't see why you couldn't divide them into smaller pots and bring them indoors. I have some shade-loving ground covers I potted up in a big container several years ago and they're still growing in my dining room. I've also had success with geraniums, impatiens and marigolds. Not to mention those herbs that took over the kitchen that winter.

Thanks for writing, and have a many-flowered winter.  
*What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: ccvalworth@aol.com.*

# Epicurean Evening is scheduled for Sept. 17

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Culinary delight and charitable giving will cross paths next week.

The 14th annual Epicurean Evening is set for Sept. 17 at the Blue Lakes Country Club, 1940 Blue Lakes Grade.

The event will begin with a 6 p.m. social hour and wine tasting, followed by a program, gourmet tasting and live auction at 7:30 p.m. A silent auction will be held throughout the night. Music will be played by Crossfire, with dancing to follow the auction.

The cost is \$100 per person. \$70 of which is tax deductible. No refunds will be given after Sunday.

Centerpieces are available for \$60 each. Make checks payable to MVRMC Foundation.  
Dr. Ron Miciak and Angela

Parks will lead the ceremonies, and Sallee Middickauuff and Loren Butler will serve as evening hosts.

Proceeds from the event — sponsored by a number of Magic Valley businesses and several local health professionals and organizations — will help support an upgrade of the heart catheterization lab at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Many local restaurants will provide refreshments and meals, including Blue Lakes Country Club, Chester and Jakes, East Avenue Bistro, Cactus Petes, Rock Creek, South Hills Winery and Sushi Ya.

Larry Flynn will auctioneer many items including gourmet dinners, vacations and furniture.

To make reservations or a donation, call the foundation at 737-2480.

# Turning an old patio and garage into a living space

Albany Times Union

When Phillip and Joyce Tiberto purchased their small home in Scotia, N.Y., about 12 years ago, they visualized what it could look like if they made some changes.

"We knew we wanted to be on water," recalls Phillip Tiberto, who has retired from General Electric and as head of his own material testing company. "And we knew the patio and garage room all that we wanted to be able to sit and enjoy our view (of Collins Lake) year-round."

After six years of making necessary improvements, including the construction of a new garage, the couple decided to enlarge and convert the open patio into an enclosed 14-by-22-foot sunroom and to convert the old garage into a guest bedroom.

The projects took less than a year at an approximate cost of \$24,000, which included materials, electrical wiring and heating.

The sunroom is a combination of glass and stained white

pine, with curved, laminated 3-inch-thick buttresses. Each of the buttresses, which measure about 27 inches wide where they gracefully arch to the ceiling, adds architectural integrity to the room.

Although the couple ordered a build-it-yourself kit from the now-defunct Solar Additions in Greenwich, N.Y., they had it built by the company for time and convenience.

One-inch-thick thermal windows reveal a scenic view of the lake, wraparound decking and lush landscaping.

Phillip stained the wood in the sunroom, including the knotty pine ceiling. He also installed the dark blue, 12-inch-square Spanish ceramic floor tiles.

"Because this has a slab foundation," we wanted something that would absorb solar heat, so it would feel warm to walk on," Phillip says.

A radiant heat source at the top of the inside wall warms the room in winter.

"We have about 50 friends over every Fourth of July to watch the fireworks at Jumpin' Jacks," says Joyce. "They can watch from the sunroom, deck, lawn or our dock. That's what we enjoy so much about our home. As you get older, you want things closer, with beauty all around."

In addition to two skylights, the couple added windows along the bottom of two walls to let air in.

"We put an air conditioner in this summer because of the heat and humidity," says Phillip. "We have quilted shades that you can pull down to block the sun, but this is the first summer in six years that we needed the help of an air conditioner."

A window on the back wall of the sunroom provides a shortcut to the kitchen for serving

meals and cleanup.  
"I built the hinged shelf for the window with enough room for serving or stacking dinner plates," says Phillip. "It drops down flush with the wall when it's not in use."

"Our home is perfect for us," adds Phillip. "We are only 200 yards from downtown Scotia, yet when we are in our sunroom, we feel like we are in the North Country. We spend most of our time in this room and eat most of our meals here looking out at the lake. It doesn't get any better than this."

# Rhubarb

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In the leaves causes the adverse reaction. You would need to eat more than 10 pounds of leaves to get enough oxalic acid to kill you.

All of rhubarb's challenges beg the question: What, exactly, can you do with this stuff?

"There are more uses for rhubarb than most people imagine," said Alexis Woodbury, a Boise-based University of Idaho Extension program assistant who specializes in food safety.

The first step is canning rhubarb as a sauce or stewed rhubarb, she says. Once in stewed or sauce form, it can be used for everything from rhubarb crisp to rhubarb pasta sauce.

When you're making sauce or stewed rhubarb, here's the 7-quant canner load, you'll need an average of 10 1/2 pounds of fresh rhubarb. For each 9-pint canner load, you'll require 7 pounds. A lug of rhubarb weighs 28 pounds and yields 14 quarts to 28 quarts — an average of 1 1/2 pounds per quart.

Choose young, tender, well-colored stalks of rhubarb from the spring or late fall crop. Trim off leaves. Wash stalks and cut them into 1/2-inch to 1-inch pieces.

In a large saucepan add 1/2 cup sugar for each quart of rhubarb and let it stand until juice appears. Heat gently to boiling and fill jars without delay. Leave 1/2-inch headspace.

## RHUBARB JUICE

1/2 lb. rhubarb (or as desired),  
1 cup sugar (more as needed)  
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Boil water in a large pot to sterilize jars. Cut rhubarb into small pieces and place in saucepan. Add just enough water to cover and simmer until soft. Strain the juice through a jelly bag or cheesecloth. Return to pan, and for each quart of juice, add one cup sugar and heat until dissolved. Skim and bring to a boil. Pour into sterilized jars and seal.

Source: Washington Rhubarb Growers Association

It takes about eight minutes to process rhubarb, with 10 pounds of canner gauge pressure needed at altitudes above 1,000 feet.  
Once processed, stewed rhubarb is the basis of a surprising variety of recipes.

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# Sunroom or conservatory?

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of the aerosol cans at the grocery. I try to be an environmentalist, so which way is better?

—LYNNE S.

**DEAR LYNNE:** Both methods use cream and nitrous oxide gas. A large can of whipped cream from the grocery yields 112 tablespoons. An Easy Whip Half Pint maker (ISI North America, (800) 447-2426) produces about 80 tablespoons from one gas cartridge.

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**DEAR JIM:** We are thinking of installing a sunroom kit, but conservatories look so much nicer. Is there any disadvantage to installing a conservatory instead of a standard sunroom and which features are most important?

—ANN K.

**DEAR ANN:** Conservatories are extremely attractive and will function the same as a sunroom as additional living space and for a few plants. The only disadvantage of conservatories is they typically cost substantially more than a standard sunroom kit, but you are getting much more.

A conservatory is one subset of sunrooms. The easiest method to distinguish conservatories is they usually have many sides giving them a somewhat circular appearance. They also often have a pitched roof, ornate trim along the roof ridge and may have decorative leaded or etched glass trim. The traditional Victorian-style conservatories have been popular in Europe for centuries.

Some of the highest quality, and most expensive, conservatories are still manufactured in Europe and delivered in modular or other partially completed form to your building site. Others import the frame and roof from Europe and purchase the window glass and doors domestically. Since you mentioned a sunroom kit, you may be interested in doing some or all of the construction yourself.

A company, H2ohouse ([www.h2ohouse.com](http://www.h2ohouse.com)), offers complete building plans, including a materials list, for conservatories. You or a local contractor can build one from the plans.

The most attractive conservatories use wood frames or ones trimmed with wood. If you are planning to use your conservatory for growing many plants which increases humidity, it would be wise to select one with an aluminum frame.

A low brick or stone kneewall is an attractive feature and provides a location to run electrical wiring and any plumbing. As with any sunroom, the type of glass selected is critical to comfortable year-round use of the conservatory.

Double-pane thermal with a low-e coating is the minimum you should install. Some offer triple-pane and other super-efficient glass for cold climates. For hot southern climates, tinted glass will block some of the sun's intensity.

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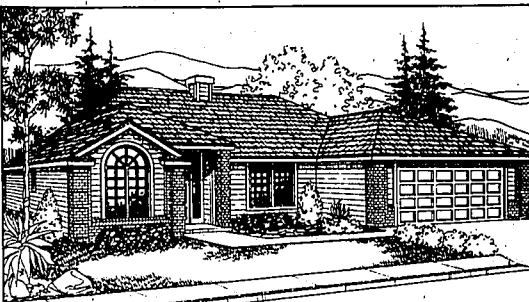
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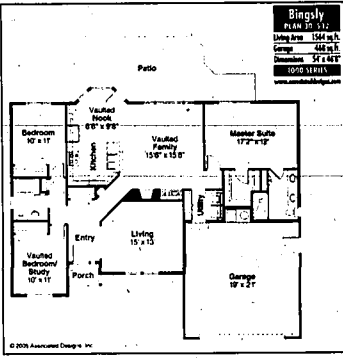
The Bingsly is a ranch-style home with a classic ambience. You notice it primarily in the brick veneer-covered porch support columns and corners, which are accented with raised corner quoins.

Inside, it is more contemporary than classical. Plenty of natural light spills into the high-ceilinged entry through a side light and transom.

A wide opening on the right leads into a window-bright living room with three right-angled corners, and one that is clipped. This creates some interesting decorating possibilities. This room's location makes it convenient for use as a home office, if preferred.

Access to the secondary bedrooms and a bathroom is down the entry hall on the left. Continuing forward, you pass a set of display shelves on the left, just before the view opens up into the vaulted and richly windowed family room. More light washes down through two large skylights. The windows that fill most of the rear wall include a bayed eating nook on the left. An arched door there offers access to the wide patio.

The reversed-J-shaped kitchen is open to the family room. From the kitchen sink, you can gaze out across the conversation bar, into the family room, patio, and beyond. A floor-to-ceiling pantry lines the



wall section closest to the nook. Utilities and a master suite are to the right of the family room. The Bingsly's master suite boasts a roomy walk-in closet and a private bathroom with oversized shower, linen closet, and dual vanity.

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Germs can survive on a surface for several hours — even if the surface appears clean.

The kitchen and bathroom are among the germ hot zones in a house. Infectious bacteria and germs sometimes lurk on food, such as raw meat, and can spread to unsuspecting people in a kitchen.

In the bathroom, a good cleaning and disinfecting reduces odors and removes any germs that linger around the sink and toilet.

To help eliminate the threat of germs in the home, follow these simple cleaning measures:

- Follow the directions on the cleaning product label. Always be sure to follow safety precautions as well.
- When cleaning up body fluids such as blood or vomit, wear rubber gloves, particularly if you have cuts or scratches on your hands or if a family member has a bloodborne disease. Also, clean and disinfect surfaces when a family member is sick in the home.
- Clean the surface thoroughly with soap and water or another cleaning agent. If necessary, apply a disinfectant to the area, and let it stand for a few minutes or longer, depending on the manufacturers' recommendations. Extended

exposure to disinfectant increases the chances of destroying harmful germs.

- Wipe cleaned surfaces with disposable paper towels or washable cloth towels.
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FOOD & HOME

# Reinventing the burger

Now, traditional toppings can go right into the meat

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick  
The Washington Post

Meet the latest burger. It has cast away the layers of condiments, the mountain of add-ons that turned the basic burger into a tower of toppings. Burgers have a new mantra: Stop piling it on and start mixing it in.

Instead of putting cheese, bacon and mushrooms — and let's not forget all the sauces — on top, burgers now are going seasoned from the inside out. The bacon cheddar burger is a melt-in-your-mouth combination of ground beef, grated cheese, diced smoky bacon and golden onions, perfectly proportioned and mixed together. Other pairings might include a Swiss-mushroom burger that bypasses the bun altogether or spicy jalapeño-laced turkey burger.

"People were getting tired of the plain old hamburger," explains Theo Wenzling, coordinator for Whole Foods Markets. So last year, Whole Foods rolled out a line of burgers ranging from the blue to velvety Fiorentina with the flavors stuffed inside.

When Balducci's started polling customers about what they wanted to see in the meat counters, burgers topped the list, according to Kevin McDade, the retailer's meat and poultry merchant. The decision to introduce the seasoned, ready-to-cook burgers in the stores this summer was based on customer feedback. "We tested the burgers in the Bethesda store and got a good response, so we brought in a bunch of flavors," McDade says.

The store-bought burgers offer convenience, but there's no reason not to create them in your own kitchen. Anybody looking for a lot of flavor without too much fuss can easily whip up these burgers at home. The add-ons are diced, sometimes cooked and then mixed right into the ground meat of choice. In fact, you can mix in many of the ingredients you probably had ready to pile on top of the burger. The whole process takes only a few minutes. Even when the ingredients are cooked before being added to the meat, the burgers can be thrown together in less than 15 minutes.

## CHEDDAR AND BACON BURGER

Makes 6 burgers  
2 oz. smoked bacon (2 slices of thick-cut bacon), diced  
1/2 cup diced onion  
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef, preferably chuck or sirloin  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese

Nonstick spray oil or vegetable oil, if needed  
In a small sauté pan over medium heat, cook the diced onion until the fat renders out. Do not allow the onion to crisp. Add the onion, reduce the heat to medium-low and cook until the onion pieces are translucent and have softened. The onion should still be soft. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the mixture to a plate to cool. Discard excess fat.  
In a medium bowl, combine the cooked onion with the



Taster John Guastery, seated, with Tom Meyer, left, and J. Scott Webster, all of Clyde's Restaurant Group in Washington, found some favorites among the prepared burgers — and some to avoid. Nothing has more flavor per square inch than bacon, Meyer said.

tuna, the beef, pepper to taste and the cheddar cheese. Be careful not to overwork the meat; mix the ingredients just enough to combine them. Divide the mixture into 6 portions and form each into a patty about 3/4-inch thick.

Saute, broil or grill to desired doneness, turning once, about 8 to 10 minutes for medium. If sautéing, spray the pan or griddle with a nonstick oil spray or lightly coat it with oil. The cheese in the burger will make the outside crusty, and the burger might stick even in a nonstick pan.

Per serving: 449 calories, 24 g protein, 1 g carbohydrates, 39 g fat, 114 mg cholesterol, 16 g saturated fat, 287 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber.

## BLOODY MARY BURGER

Makes 6 burgers  
For the burgers:  
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef, preferably chuck or sirloin  
1 1/2 tbs. ketchup  
A few dashes hot pepper sauce, such as Tabasco  
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
2 tsp. prepared horseradish  
1/2 tsp. celery salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
For the glaze:  
1/4 cup ketchup  
A dash hot pepper sauce, such as Tabasco  
1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
For the burgers: In a large bowl, combine the burger ingredients. Be careful not to overwork the meat; mix just enough to combine. Divide the mixture into 6 portions and form each into a patty about 3/4 of an inch thick.  
For the glaze: In a small bowl, combine the glaze ingredients and set aside.  
Sauté or grill burgers 4 to 5 minutes. Turn the burgers over and brush cooked side with the glaze. Cook second side to desired doneness, 4 to 5 minutes for medium.

Per serving: 368 calories, 19 g protein, 4 g carbohydrates, 30 g fat, 96 mg cholesterol, 12 g saturated fat, 284 mg sodium, 4 g dietary fiber.

## MEATLOAF BURGERS

Makes 6 burgers  
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef, preferably chuck or sirloin  
2 tsp. flat-leaf parsley  
2 tsp. minced onion flakes,

preferably toasted  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
2 tbs. ketchup  
2 tbs. dried bread crumbs  
1 egg  
Freshly ground black pepper  
2 slices of bacon, each cut into thirds

In a large bowl, combine the beef, parsley, onion flakes, Worcestershire sauce, ketchup, bread crumbs, egg and pepper to taste. Be careful not to overwork the meat; mix the ingredients just enough to combine them. Divide the mixture into 6 portions and form each into a patty about 3/4-inch thick.

Top each patty with one piece of bacon, lightly pressing the bacon into the burger so that it will stay in the patty when the burger is turned over.

On a nonstick griddle or in a nonstick pan starting with the bacon side down, sauté the burgers to desired doneness, turning once, about 8 to 10 minutes for medium.  
Per serving: 391 calories, 21 g protein, 3 g carbohydrates, 32 g fat, 134 mg cholesterol, 13 g saturated fat, 152 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber.

## SCALLION & GINGER 'POT STICKER' BURGERS

Makes 6 burgers  
1 1/2 lbs. ground pork  
2 tsp. minced ginger root  
2 tbs. finely chopped scallions, both white and green parts  
2 tsp. low-sodium soy sauce  
2 tsp. toasted sesame oil  
Sugar  
1 egg white  
2 tbs. hoisin sauce  
1 to 2 tbs. vegetable oil, for cooking

In a large bowl, combine the pork, ginger, scallions, soy sauce, sesame oil, a pinch of sugar and the egg white. Be careful not to overwork the meat; mix just enough to combine. Divide the mixture into 6 portions and form each into a patty about 3/4-inch thick.  
Lightly coat a large griddle or sauté pan with oil. Over medium heat, cook the burgers 5 to 6 minutes.

Turn over and brush the cooked side with the hoisin sauce. Cook the second side until cooked completely through, 5 to 6 minutes.  
Per serving: 210 calories, 26 g

protein, 3 g carbohydrates, 10 g fat, 63 mg cholesterol, 2 g saturated fat, 214 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber.

## CURRIED APPLE CHICKEN BURGER

Makes 6 burgers  
1 tbs. olive oil  
1/2 cup diced onion  
1/2 cup diced peeled apple, preferably Granny Smith  
1 tsp. curry powder, preferably sweet, or more to taste  
1 1/2 lbs. ground chicken, preferably white meat  
1/4 cup low-fat mayonnaise  
Salt

Freshly ground black pepper  
1 cup dried bread crumbs  
2 to 3 tbs. vegetable oil, for cooking

Chutney  
In a small sauté pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion and cook for 2 minutes. Add the apple and cook, stirring, for 4 to 5 minutes until the apple pieces are soft and just beginning to color. Add the curry powder and stir to combine. Transfer the onion-apple mixture to a plate to cool.

In a large bowl, combine the cooled onion-apple mixture with the chicken, mayonnaise, salt and pepper to taste and 1/4 cup of the bread crumbs. Be careful not to overwork the meat; mix just enough to combine. Spread the remaining bread crumbs on a plate or in a small, shallow bowl.

Divide the mixture into 6 portions and form each into a patty about 3/4-inch thick. As each patty is formed, place it on the bread crumbs, turning gently to coat. Discard excess bread crumbs.

Generously coat a large griddle or sauté pan with oil and heat over medium heat. Add the burgers and sauté until cooked completely through, turning once, about 12 minutes.

Serve with chutney of your choice.  
Per serving: 350 calories, 20 g protein, 9 g carbohydrates, 26 g fat, 3 mg cholesterol, 1 g saturated fat, 216 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber.

# Campus cuisine can be delicious and nutritious

Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The no-carb craze may still be big among college students, but Alison Porter, chef for the Chi Omega house at USC, knows many of her students are burning candles at both ends — which means carbs aren't necessarily all bad.  
So Porter has a tuna-pasta salad that she prepares often this time of year. She would recommend it for any student who manages his or her own kitchen duty.

Made with tuna, bow-tie pasta, raisins, curry, a little mayonnaise and sour cream, the dish is a tasty twist on tuna salad, and Porter's students love it.

It's great for lunch, dinner or a late-night study snack. Pasta salads also help stretch a dollar while providing a wholesome one-dish meal, Porter said.

"If they're counting carbs, they can put in more veggies," she said. The key is to use the freshest ingredients you can afford.

"The real thing is better than fake," Porter said.

Cherry tomatoes and blanched broccoli or asparagus add a pretty pasta with an

Italian dressing is another good way to go.

Add a little whole-grain bread and fruit for dessert and you have a meal Mom would be proud of.

You can find as many healthy, convenience items in the grocery store today as you can chicken fingers and chips — good news for students.  
That's a message Leslie Gray, chef of the Kappa Delta house at USC, drives home with three menu ideas she suggests.

Each requires no cooking — perfect for a student who may have access only to a fridge.

"You can find everything pre-made anymore," Gray said. "You can buy apples pre-cut, little packets of nuts, fruits and veggies prechopped."

So, try a wrap with deli meat and cheese, some green leaf lettuce, and chopped cucumbers or tomatoes. Add honey mustard on the side for a little extra zing.

If you'd like a healthy late-night snack, pick up some garbanzo beans, tahini, a lemon, some olive oil, salt, pepper and garlic powder.

Try making hummus, and you'll have a delicious dip for ready-cut carrots and celery (it's great with corn chips and pita chips, too).

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Los Angeles Times

**CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA, Calif.** — Near the crest of a hill overlooking the Pacific sits a small, sublime architectural adventure. Its boxy exterior, a windowless facade of steel and stucco, seems to recede into the landscape. But surprises start at the massive front door — an 8-by-9-foot stainless steel slab that opens electronically, like a bank vault.

Inside, floors of inky blue-tinted steel, set like stone in 2-by-6-foot plates, meet walls of oiled hemlock. An entire ocean-facing wall of glass disappears when its panels fold up to the ceiling. And then there's the master bedroom, which also functions as the master bath, its focal point a glow-in-the-night tub that is a hand-cast resin sculpture.

The house is profoundly personal, the shared minimalist vision of landscape architects and Bill Burton and their architect Jennifer Luce, who won two American Institute of Architects awards for it in May.

It's the kind of house to experience, rather than just visit. The unusual blend of industrial and natural textures both soothes and startles. Luce manipulates light and space in ways that challenge convention and delight the senses.

"What were passionate about, along with Jennifer, is design from the essential architects. The raw character of the material is in full view, in its natural form, not covered by anything else," Bill Burton says.

In Luce, 47, Cardiff-born with a Harvard design degree, the couple found an artist who heeded the spirit, not just the specifics, of what they wanted. The Burtons, who live with their two teen-agers and a Bernese mountain dog, bought the 1970s, two-story house seven years ago. "It looked right when I first saw it," says Luce. "Really odd big bedrooms, black walls, mirrors everywhere." But the couple agreed on the home's potential. "It had a great ocean view, great basic form. The flat-roof shell was what we were attracted to. And we loved the upside-downness of it."

Two large bedrooms were on the ground floor. The kitchen, living, dining and master bedroom areas were upstairs, where the entire back of the house overlooks the ocean.

Burton says the bedrooms were too small, the public spaces too small, the ocean view minimized by traditional doors and windows. The kitchen was awful for a couple who love to cook. "It was fit for a small apartment."

The couple wanted the house totally closed in from the street, and totally open to the view in back. They asked Luce to remain within the original footprint (2,800 square feet, including the garage), and to downsize the private rooms equally. "Everybody's private space would take a hit," Burton says. "We would increase the public spaces, which is where we really live."

It is now so different in every way from the original that AIA judges said they were "shocked that it was a remodel." The Burtons did keep a central skylight as a "kind of homage" to the old house. Luce turned that into what looks like an art installation by covering it at ceiling



At the bottom of the stairs are 20-foot-tall double doors that open to the garden.

height with light-diffusing industrial fabric the same color as the ceiling. It's an idea she came upon in her design for Nissan's automotive design studios in Farmington Hills, Mich., which won three AIA awards in May.

And then there are those blue-tinted steel floors. The Burtons say they got the idea on a visit to a 50-year-old Wonder Bread bakery in San Diego, where they loved the look of the steel floor, including the marbled patina that occurs over time (which, some might call rust).

"We liked that look, but when the steel plates came to the house they were hot-rolled steel, so they have a sort of blue quality. We love the blue, so now we're going about the process of finding ways to protect and keep the color the way it is," Burton says.

Luce commissioned the steel plates from one of many different metal craftspeople with whom she regularly works. The result is a floor that almost calls out on a torrid day, and steel carcasses the sole with its cool, soft, satin surface. (Yes, we know steel is hard. But it doesn't feel that way, Burton describes it as "comforting.")

Steel is used in many ways throughout the house. Entering, what you first see is the profile of a sculptural, black steel staircase with what appears to be a vast solid wall of hemlock behind it. The wall isn't solid at all. It contains invisible doors that camouflage entries to closets, a powder room and the two teenagers' rooms on the other side of the wall, which each have a bath and garden view.

Looking up to the second floor from the entry, off to one side you see a black steel cantilever, a steel-supported floor that Luce designed to become the dining room.

The stairway leads up to the heart of the house — the commonly used kitchen. It forms the center of what is essentially one large open living, dining and cooking area, all with an ocean view. Because the Burtons are avid cooks, Luce says,

they wanted the kitchen as part of the main living space, rather than off by itself. "It occupies probably the largest square footage devoted to any one function in the house," she says.

Burton calls the kitchen "ground zero of the house. We live around it, because that's how we ... like to live. We cook, we talk, that's what we do."

By far the most dramatic windows (or perhaps they are doors) in the house form the living room wall that faces the ocean.

Electronically controlled, they fold up into themselves to literally obliterate the division

between inside and out. Luce says she discovered the doors in use at firehouses in the United Kingdom, which is where she had them made.

"The whole back wing of the house opens up ... the important part is that they bi-fold, stack up on themselves, unlike rolling garage doors that dominate the ceiling," Burton says. "The motor controls and the motors and the whole support structure for them is all in the room. It's a fascinating thing to watch. Push a button and it's a machine sound and they go clunk-clunk. They are aluminum and glass."

In fact, all windows and doors in the house have been stunningly reappropriated by Luce, who sees special significance in these "areas of transition, where one experience ends and another begins. The windows all have horizontal aluminum mullions that create what she describes as "a visually soothing effect."

## Design tips make a fast difference

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concrete a dark, warm color. Seal the concrete first with a mildew-resistant primer, and finish with a glossy top coat to make the floor shine.

- Refinish an old wood lamp in a shabby chic look. Seal the surface with a spray primer, then apply a coat of rub-and-buff metal paint, which can be found at a craft store. After it dries, wipe off the metal paint for a textured look.
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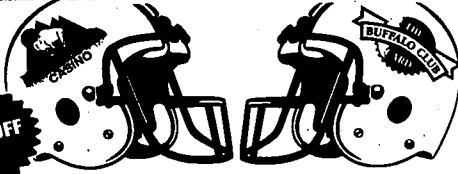
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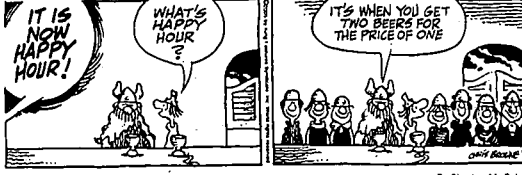
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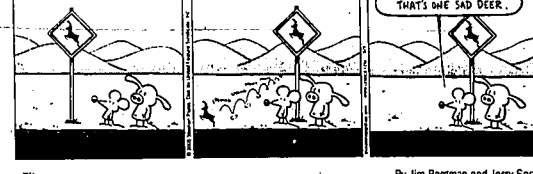
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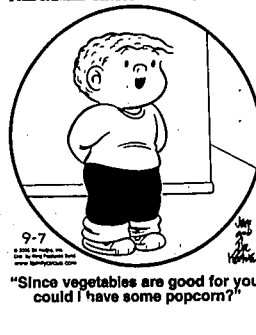
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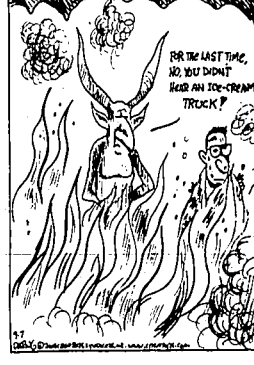
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# Mixing margaritas with the best of them

## Orange County Register

They were shaken, stirred and whisked. Recipes for cold concoctions rolled in. Bless our readers' margarita-swilling hearts.

We asked them to send us their favorite margarita formulas and they didn't disappoint us. Not only are our readers generous, they're darn good mixologists. So good, it seems that most are hounded at parties to produce their signature "ritas."

Ferretting out the best 10 was enough to make our heads swim, even before we cracked open the tequila.

We sought recipes with unique approaches, those that took different paths to achieve that signature sweet-and-sour margarita taste.

It's amazing how many ways there are to produce a drink that in its purist state is simply tequila, lime juice and orange liqueur (most often Cointreau).

Here's a sample of their now-not-so-secret recipes:

### FERTILITY GODDESS

How could you not fall for a drink that has an ingredient poured from a bottle shaped like the torso of a full-figured pregnant woman?

Damiana, a liqueur made from an herb that grows in Baja California, Mexico, replaces most of the traditional frothy French liqueur in Ted de Plomb's Margarita Ultima. He uses the Cointreau only as a small final flourish.

De Plomb says that his recipe is a result of more than 30 years of travels in Mexico and conversations with many, many cantineros. Don't you love a drinker who is willing to devote time and money to research a culinary project?

Start by squeezing fresh lime juice into a small saucer.

Dip rim of 8-ounce tumbler into juice, then into saucer of coarse sea salt to coat.

In the tumbler, mix 3 ounces Herradura white tequila, 2 ounces Damiana and 1 ounce freshly squeezed lime juice. Mix and add 5 small ice cubes. Add a dash of Cointreau and slowly stir.

Serve with a side-cut Mexican lime. Stand back, he says, and enjoy the applause.

### NOT THE LAZY APPROACH

Don Odom, a control systems engineer from Midway City, Calif., doesn't like to take shortcuts to produce his O'Rita. Oh, yes, Odom is a purist, but at the same time, he's willing to take risks. The purist side starts by preparing a giant batch of homemade sweet-and-sour mix using a special frozen "pure" lime juice (Nielsen's Frozen Lime Juice Concentrate, available at [www.nielsen-citrus.com](http://www.nielsen-citrus.com)). He fills a half-gallon container half full with Arrowhead distilled water, then he adds 1 pound of Trader Joe's Organic Sugar, stirring until the sugar dissolves. He adds 5 ounces of that special lime juice, fills the container with more distilled water and stirs. No chemical taste, he says.

The risky part comes next when Odom adds orange rum to the blend. He fills a jumbo cocktail shaker 2/3 full with ice, then adds 4 ounces Bacardi O (orange rum), 8 ounces Jose Cuervo Especial and 8 ounces of his homemade sweet-and-sour mix. Shake well and pour into 4 to 5 glasses that have been filled half-full with ice (whether you salt the rims depends on personal preference). Garnish each with half of an orange slice.

### GRIND IT, POUND IT, DRINK IT

As exacting as Odom's approach may have seemed, we were impressed to read Jonathan Monfort's approach to creating

the homemade sweet-and-sour element. Monfort, a project manager in the wireless telecom business who lives in Huntington Beach, suggests using a mortar and pestle. No slave to shortcuts, he says to cut a fresh lime in half, then cut one half into eighths. Place lime pieces in mortar, along with 2 generous tablespoons sugar, grind with sturdy wooden pestle.

Monfort says he based his margarita on a Brazilian drink called a caipirinha, using tequila instead of rum in his version. He puts the lime-sugar mixture in the bottom of an old-fashioned glass, then fills the glass

with ice and prime tequila. Three quick trips to the bottom of the glass with a spoon (to mix the concoction), then allow the room-temperature tequila to melt some of the ice," he says.

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In stylish bars across the country, bartenders who once mashed only mint for mojitos and juleps are bringing the rest of the herb roster into play. Among the cool drinks at Restaurant Eve in Alexandria, Va., are, from left: Tomato Water Bloody Mary, New Age Gibson, Lemon Thyme Cello, Purple Basil Cocktail and Pickled Martini.

## It's cocktail thyme: Herbs and drinks just go together

The Washington Post

In stylish bars across the country, bartenders who once mashed — or in, bar-speak, muddled — only mint for mojitos and juleps are bringing the rest of the herb roster into play.

Herbs are key ingredients in dozens of late summer cocktails. Cilantro, rosemary and mint are common. Every sort of herb garnish goes. And with home gardens and farmers' markets at a seasonal peak, plenty of fresh herbs are available.

On a recent evening in the small, busy bar at Restaurant Eve in Alexandria, Va., three young women celebrated a birthday sipping tall pink drinks with a dark, ruffled leaf floating on the surface. "It's a purple basil cocktail, smooth and delicious with no aftertaste," says attorney Lauren Allen. "People are really into herbal drinks. And my mom says it's huge in San Diego."

The trio had sampled thyme martinis while visiting Santa Fe, N.M., and sage mojitos in Hawaii. The man behind Eve's purple basil cocktail is manager and sommelier Todd Thibault. "I'm tired of fruity cocktails with mango and passion fruit. I'm looking for new ideas," he says. "With herbs, the cool thing is, not only is the flavor great but the aroma that comes off the glass is amazing."

Infusing liquor with herbs is a new way for bartenders to get more creative, says Shawn Kelley, spokeswoman for the Distilled Spirits Council, a trade organization. "All these things are going on in the kitchen. This is just translating it to the bar." Cocktail expert Gary Regan, author of "The Joy of Mixology," says today's herbal cocktails are actually a rejuvenation of an ancient trend, dating to the 1340s.

"During the time of the Great Plague, they thought herbal-infused spirits could alleviate symptoms or find a cure," he says. "Think of Benedictine." He adds, liqueurs infused with fruit peels and herbs first made by monks in the 16th century.

Regan, who conducts training seminars for bartenders and others in the liquor business, says herbal infusions make a lot of sense especially from a culinary standpoint. "Alcohol boosts flavor," he says. "It's the reason we make perfume with vodka sauce — the vodka boosts the flavor of the sauce. Herbal cocktails are a cuisine of sorts."

Which is why when bartender Gina Cheseval needs lemon verbena for a verbeno martini or mojito, she pops out the door of Poste Moderne Brasserie in Washington and into the chef's herb garden at the adjoining Hotel Monaco. In addition to the usual suspects — basil, thyme and rosemary — chef Robert Weiland grows heirloom cherry tomatoes and the stuffing for his stinging nettle ravioli.

Cheseval says her customers are "surprised to see me muddle fresh herbs. People assume it's a packaging thing." Herbal drinks are popular because "it's seemingly healthy even though you are drinking liquor," she says.

For Kara Carpenter, owner of Donkey Bar & Cafe in Washington, herbal cocktails are the logical choice for her Scandinavian/Slavic restaurant. "I was looking for flavors that would complement my food," she says. At the bar, the specialty is Baltic-style, house-made herbal aquavit — vodka flavored with herbs and spices. She pairs a pickled herring plate with a cocktail she calls the ogorki, flavored with dill aquavit and cucumber and spiked with potato vodka. "It's the perfect match," says Carpenter.

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# Are American olives losing respect?

Chicago Tribune

CORNING, Calif. — Heading north through the flat mono-culture known as the Sacramento Valley, you tend to focus upward to the snowy 14,000-foot crest of Mount Shasta in the distance, not on the miles of farm fields and sleepy towns. But the true grain in this community is not the ancient wildcane but a food product just a little bigger than a marble: the California olive.

Connoisseurs may sniff at them, but the millions upon millions of blue-black olives processed here every year by Bell-Carter Foods Inc., and packed under its familiar Lindsay Olive Co. label and a variety of store brands, represent the economic lifeblood for the 6,886 residents of Corning, the self-proclaimed "Olive City" located 160 miles north of San Francisco.

You know these olives. We all know these olives. They're the ones nestled whole in a cut-glass bowl on the Thanksgiving table, or sliced and strewn over pizza at the neighborhood pie palace, or chopped fine and mixed into chicken salad, tuna sandwiches or the stuffing for duck legs.

Yet California olives get no respect.

Blame it on America's ever-more sophisticated palate, said Dr. Judith M. Taylor, a retired physician who wrote "The Olive in California: History of an Immigrant Tree." "People began to travel abroad and taste ethnic flavors of all types," said Taylor, a San Francisco resident, referring to the post-war years when Americans took to the sky and the seas with gusto. "They tasted really well-cured Greek and French olives and they came back and had a California olive. It didn't taste the same anymore."

As glossy as a Hollywood starlet, and just as uncannily voluptuous, these olives are often accused of being bland, boring and lightweight. Even the San Francisco Chronicle, usually a booster for all foods Californian, began a 2004 story on the ever-wide range of olive varieties available with the memorable line, "Pity the canner Lindsay Olive."

Now, that's the pits. Especially since California olives are supposed to be low-key and buttery in flavor.

It is this mellow quality that makes California olives so appealing to Americans, who have spent 190 years, adding them to dishes to make them seem, well, more special.

The low-key character of California olives even makes them effective palate cleansers at wine tastings. Judges (including yours truly) at the recent Indy International Wine Competition in Indianapolis, the nation's third largest wine competition, gobbled down hundreds of ripened olives donated by C.C. Graber Co. of Ontario, Calif.

California olives need to be appreciated for what they are, insisted Marlina Spielner, the California-born author and food writer whose works include "Olives: Cooking with the Olive and Its Oil."

"They deserve a break, *p.r.* wise," said Spielner, now based in England. "They are great as they are. I think there is a place for

them in our olive-munching lives."

Like Taylor, Spielner said that California olives have to compete against the "cachet" of their European counterparts, which often have more pronounced flavors, glam packaging and the "exoticism of the foreign."

And you can't say the California olive people haven't tried to buy into that mystique. The California Olive Committee, a Fresno-based trade group, released in 2000 a 14-page booklet, "Recipes from Around the Mediterranean," that starts! California ripe olives. (The free booklet and additional recipes are available online at [www.calolive.org](http://www.calolive.org).)

The Bell-Carter firm, whose corporate offices are in the Bay Area city of Lafayette, offers more than the familiar pimiento-stuffed Spanish green olives from Spain.

The company markets specialty olives under its Lindsay label, including winery kalamata and crisp Sicilian, as well as olives stuffed with "exotic" ingredients such as anchovy, jalapeno and garlic.

California's other major olive producer, the Musco Family Olive Co. of Tracy, Calif., markets a similar line of specialty olives called "Mediterranean Pearls" in an echo of its well-known California ripe brand, "Black Pearls."

## DEVILED EGGS WITH TUNA, BLACK OLIVES AND TOMATO

Yield: 8 servings  
1 lbs. extra-virgin olive oil plus more for garnish  
2 tuna steaks, 5 oz. each, chopped  
2 ribs celery, minced  
1 green onion, minced  
1 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. curry powder  
Freshly ground pepper

8 hard-cooked eggs, halved, whites reserved, yolks mashed  
1 cup regular or low-fat mayonnaise  
1 tbs. chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

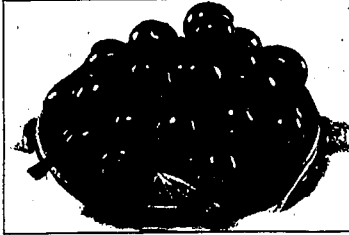
8 black olives, pitted, halved  
1 plum tomato, seeded, finely chopped  
Heat the oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat; add the tuna, celery, green onion, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, curry powder and pepper, to taste. Cook, stirring, until just cooked through, about 4 minutes. Set aside to cool, about 5 minutes; drain.  
Transfer to a large bowl. Add mashed yolks, mayonnaise, parsley, remaining 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and pepper to taste, stirring until you reach desired consistency.

Fill each reserved egg white half with a heaping teaspoonful of the tuna filling. Top each with an olive half; sprinkle with tomato pieces. Drizzle with olive oil, if desired.

Nutrition information per serving:  
367 calories, 79 percent of calories from fat, 32 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 239 mg cholesterol, 2 g carbohydrates, 17 g protein, 572 mg sodium, 1 g fiber.

## CHEESE AND OLIVE-STUFFED PEARS

Yield: 4 servings  
1 1/4 cup each: ricotta cheese,



California olives need to be appreciated for what they are, insists Marlina Spielner, an author and food writer.

blue cheese

12 green olives, pitted, roughly chopped  
4 dates, pitted, cut into thin strips  
1 rib celery, finely sliced  
1 tbs. honey  
1/4 tsp. sweet paprika  
4 ripe pears, halved, cored  
2/3 cup apple juice

1. Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Place the ricotta in a medium bowl; crumble in the blue cheese. Stir in the olives, dates, celery, honey and paprika.

2. Place the pears in a baking dish large enough to fit them snugly in a single layer. Divide the filling equally among the pear centers.

Pour the apple juice over and around the pears; cover with foil. Bake until pears are tender, about 20 minutes.

3. Remove the foil; heat the broiler. Broil the pears until lightly browned, about 3 minutes.

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SPORTSQUOTE

How devastated are the Sponer alumni? They just asked Bill Clinton and former President Bush to head up a search for an offensive line.

— Comedian Argus Hamilton, on Oklahoma's loss to Texas Christian

TRIVIA

QUESTION: The New York Yankees won three of the last four championships in the final years of the century of the 1900s. Who won the other one?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High School BOYS SOCCER**  
Preston at Minico, 4:30 p.m.; Burley at Century, 4:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Minico at Preston, 4:30 p.m.; Century at Burley, 4:30 p.m.  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
Buhl/Richfield at Shoshone, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

**Filer boosters meet Thursday**  
FILER — The Filer High School Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school forum room.

**Oakley golf team fund-raiser set**  
OAKLEY — The Oakley High School booster club and golf team will hold a fund-raiser golf scramble at the Burley Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 10. Check-in is at 9:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch follows at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in lunch only can pay only \$5.

The cost for greens fees and lunch is \$25 a person or \$100 for a four-person team.

Register by Sept. 7 by calling Trent or Terisa Robinson at 862-9224.

**Semi-pro league needs players, coaches**  
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Giants semi-pro baseball team needs players for the upcoming North West Triple B spring season next April.

The Twin Falls Dragons and Burley Cats need coaches and players. Call Carlos at 212-4044 to sign up.

**T.F. Parks & Rec extends deadline**  
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks & Recreation department has extended the registration date for the fall soccer league. Those registering after Monday, Aug. 1, must pay a \$10 late fee, along with the \$12-20 participation fee (depending on jersey needs).

The league is for boys and girls in kindergarten through 7th grade. Teams usually play two times per week for five weeks, with game times at 5:45 and 7 p.m. Also, volunteer coaches are needed.

Parks & Rec is also starting a "Freshlook Practice" soccer program for 4- and 5-year-olds.

The program will meet on Saturdays, from Sept. 10 through Oct. 1 at 10 or 11 a.m. It is an introduction to fundamentals in a noncompetitive environment. There are no tests or coaches, but parents must participate with their children.

The fee is \$12-15 and includes a T-shirt.

Registration for either program will be accepted at the Parks & Rec office located at 136 Maxwell Ave. or online at <http://www.tff.org>.

Call 736-2265 with any questions.

Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVA ANSWER:**  
The Florida Marlins, in 1997.

# Bruins stumble



Twin Falls setter Jessica Bond reacts as her team loses to Skyline Tuesday at the Bruins gym. The Bruins were swept by the Grizzlies.

## Skyline sweeps error-prone Twin Falls

By Nathaniel Garrabrant  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Perhaps the Twin Falls volleyball team took a few too many turns on the whirly rides at the fair over the weekend.

It just seemed inexplicable the way the ball managed to weave its way through holes in the Bruins' defense onto the floor of Bawn Gymnasium Tuesday evening. Even more implausible was how it often never made it over to their opponents' side of the court, with 12 Bruins service errors by night's end.

What if it was, for the first two games of its first conference match of the season, something wasn't right for Twin Falls. The Bruins finally oriented themselves, but too late, falling to the Skyline Grizzlies 25-12, 25-17, 25-23.

"I think we just came out scared," said Twin Falls coach Niki Walker. "I don't think the girls were mentally ready. We made mental error after mental error. Missing 12 serves, it's hard to beat a team missing 12 serves."

After getting routed in Game 1, the Bruins (3-1, 0-1) looked to have shaken it off

in the second. A 7-2 run put the hosts up 12-8, but Skyline (12-0, 1-0) quickly responded in force with a 11-1 run to make 12-22-16 and take control.

"I was just really glad that we were able to 'come back,'" said Grizzlies' coach Tommy Sorenson. "Twin Falls pushed us a few times and had us on the ropes. They're a very scrappy team. We had some experience on them and I think that was evident. Their offense wasn't as smooth as it will be the next time we play them."

The Bruins exploded from the gate for a 5-2 lead in Game 3, with setter Jessica Bond's jump serve forcing Skyline to work for digs for the first time in the match.

"It's just all about the intensity of the game," said Bond. "We had some good moments and some bad moments. We've got a lot of work to do. We've got to pick it up a lot. They were taking away our middles, so what we needed to do was push the ball to the outside. But our passing was just kind of off. They are a really good team and they just took it to us."

Among the Bruins few bright spots, Bond was a highlight reel every dig of the match, sprawling for over a dig with in reach of her 5-6 frame.

"Jessica's the quarterback on our team," said Walker. "She gets things going defensively. She's an outstanding player and as a setter she keeps us in the game. She puts the ball where we need it and we just have to get our hitters to get where they're supposed to be to make our offense work."

Skyline responded to the Bruins' surge with a 4-0 run to go ahead 9-7. Twin Falls managed to tie it at 10-10 off a service error, but never reclaimed the lead.

"I think we got more confident as the match progressed," said Walker. "Offensively they just needed to find their rhythm and once they found the rhythm we started playing better. Then we had a few serve-receive errors to throw us off. We'll be working a lot on serve-receive. There's a bit ahead of us right now but by the end of the year, we'll have the same record. So I'm looking forward to playing them again."

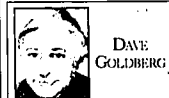
Leaders for the Bruins were Drew Brauter with four blocks and three kills and Amber Peterson who contributed three blocks.

Twin Falls travels to Wood River on Thursday for a triangular match with Pocatello and Wood River.

# Saints lose any way you slice it

Maybe the New Orleans Saints will beat the New York Giants on Sept. 19 and make moot the questions about why their "home opener" is at the home of their opponent.

But right now, a lot of NFL people wonder why the league moved the game to New Jersey and gave the Giants an extra home game.



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"I'd be smart not to comment on that," Dallas coach Bill Parcells said.

That's the public Parcells. It's safe to say the private Parcells is miffed, because a team in his division gets a better chance to win a game. It's also safe to say that opinion is shared by coaches of many marginal NFC teams (including the Saints) who might be competing with the Giants for a wild-card berth in a conference where two teams with 8-8 records made the playoffs last season.

Or there weren't a lot of options.

The decision on where to play the game was presented to several NFL owners and the competition committee, headed by Atlanta general manager Rich McKay and Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher, before it was approved. The consensus was that the Meadowlands was the best option, based on doing what was best for many evacuees from Louisiana who live in Texas.

Consider other choices for the game:

1. San Antonio. There are about 25,000 people from New Orleans there, most at Kelly USA, a former Air Force Base. The competition holds 65,000 fans, just about the same number as the Superdome.

San Antonio was ruled out because the city is still housing refugees and despite its capacity, the Alamodome would need more preparations to host an NFL game — from medical facilities to communications.

2. Baton Rouge. It's 80 miles

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# Shadowed by tragedy

## Red Lake players press on after classmate kills nine, himself

The Associated Press

RED LAKE, Minn. — There were prayers for the Red Lake high school football team before and after the game.

No high school in the country began its football season quite like the one at Red Lake Indian Reservation, where five months ago a student killed nine people and himself in this remote town in northern Minnesota.

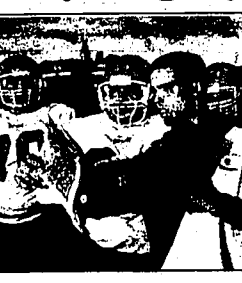
Students were scared to come back. Last month, teachers, parents and elders fanned over the reservation to encourage the kids to return.

Assembling a football team was no small thing. On Friday, the Warriors opened their season with a 44-0 loss to powerful Hillcrest Lutheran of Ferguson Falls in nine-man football.

"I thought they were very courageous just to keep playing as hard as they did," Hillcrest coach Charlie Brue said. "I just wish them well and hope that they see some success."

Red Lake went 1-6 last season. This season, sophomore Jeff Hay counted on to bolster the defensive line, is recovering from gunfire to the face. Two defensive backs decided along with recovering from a knee injury will miss more than half the season.

School starts Tuesday, and coach Mike Roy hopes a few more players will show up for football. In all, 23 players have



Red Lake assistant coach Tyler Kondos, foreground right, talks to players on the sidelines during the second quarter of their game against Hillcrest Lutheran Friday in Ferguson Falls, Minn.

practiced, though only 14 or 15 stuck with it. In a normal year, he would have more than 20 players wearing the Warriors' red and black uniforms for the first game.

On March 21, a heavily armed, 16-year-old walked through the school of about 300 students after killing his grandfather and his grandfather's girlfriend. He killed a security guard, a teacher and five students before exchanging gunfire with police. Eventually, he shot himself in the head.

"I had to do a little bit of recruiting, but I didn't want to force anybody to come back to the school," Roy said. "But what I get from being around these guys is that they want to get back to sports."

Hillcrest quarterback Jeff Risbrudt acknowledged this was no ordinary game.

"We prayed for them before the game and after the game," Risbrudt said. "I certainly feel for their situation."

# Horrors! Federer loses a set

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Federer sneered, tossed his racket in disgust. Horror of horrors, he lost a set.

For most of the U.S. Open, the defending champion and top seed had seemed to sleepwalk through his matches, playing only as well as necessary, waking up and painting lines when pressed. He made up shots as he went along — a sprinkling of aces at various speeds and angles, a backhand pass that got him out of trouble, a volley that came out of nowhere between yawns.

That was enough until he got into a little trouble against Nicolas Pietrangeli on Tuesday. Suddenly Federer had a reason to elevate his game and stir some emotion. Now he swept in toward the net, pounded winners from the baseline, stopped-wasting-time-and-offer.

Under just the hint of pressure, Federer produced his best tennis of the tournament to beat Williams, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-4 and hand safely in the quarterfinals.

Match point was a masterful final stroke — an inside-out forehand crosscourt that Federer tucked neatly in the corner, far from Kiefer's reach.

Women's top seed Maria Sharapova also yielded if set for the first time in the tournament before beating fellow Russian Nadia Petrova, the ninth seed, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4, to reach the semifinals against Kim Clijsters. She defeated Venus Williams, 6-4, 7-5, 6-1.

Sharapova won her first four matches in an average of 59 minutes.

Against Petrova, each of the first two sets took almost as long, and the match ran 2 1/2 hours before Sharapova, shrieking on nearly every point, ended it with a break in



Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts after winning his match against Nicolas Pietrangeli of Germany at the U.S. Open in New York, Tuesday.

the final game on a lurching backhand return that Petrova couldn't handle.

Lleyton Hewitt, the 2001 champion and runner-up to Federer last year, reached the quarterfinals for the sixth straight year with a 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 win over No. 15 Dominik Hrbaty, who drew more attention for his pink peacock shirt than his play.

"It made it a lot easier for me to beat him today," Hewitt said. "I just couldn't lose to a bloke wearing a shirt like that."

Nalbandian hopes to play Jarkko Nieminen, who became the first Finn to reach the quarterfinals in a Grand Slam event with a 6-2, 7-6 (1), 6-3 victory over Spain's Fernando Verdasco.

Federer next plays 11th-seeded David Nalbandian of Argentina, a 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-2 victor over Italian Davide Sanguineti.

Nalbandian holds a 5-2 record against Federer, though Federer won the last two meetings in 2003 and '04.

SPORTS

Castleford edges Lions in five

By Diana Philbin Times-Herald writer

CASTLEFORD — Castleford picked up their first conference win, 25-18, 25-23, 20-25, 20-25, 15-12, but not without knowing they had been in a battle with the Lighthouse Christian team. The Lions fought back to force a fifth and final game before falling to the Wolves. "The comeback was huge," said Lighthouse Christian coach Tobie Holman. "We are building confidence and are learning how to fight harder. With more experience, we are becoming more mentally stronger and our physical skills keep getting better." Lighthouse Christian junior Ambar Ulrich and sophomore Mike ...

the Lions (1-2, 1-2). In his debut, Ulrich picked up nine kills and Ulrich eight. Junior Julia Bekema registered two blocks for the Lions. "We made a couple of mistakes at the end," said Holman. "We are still learning how to win and finish. We need to maintain a better level of consistency." Seniors Brylee Cheney led Castleford with 11 kills and three aces followed by Angela Garrett with 10 assists and two aces. "Garrett and Cheney stepped up and fired up the team," said Castleford coach Oscar Flores. "We seemed to lose our energy level in the third game. And we really missed the floor presence of Alicia Lopez, our junior outside hitter who was injured last week against Oakley." The Castleford defense was led by senior Nancy Monge with nine digs. Sophomore Rachel Rodgers and Garrett each fol-

lowed with six. Cheney registered the only block for the Wolves. Lighthouse Christian plays on the road at Murtaugh and Castleford at Hagerman for Southside conference play on Thursday. **Glenns Ferry 2, Castleford 0** — Castleford fell in two games at home to Glenns Ferry, 25-15, 25-20. "We had 95-percent digs on their attacks," said Wolves' coach Oscar Flores. "So that looks promising for us." Sophomore Rachel Rodgers recorded five digs for Castleford and Jessica Elster had a pair of kills. Castleford (2-2, 1-2) visits Hagerman on Thursday. Glenns Ferry hosts Melba next, also on Thursday.

Jerome downs Wood River in thriller

The Times-News

**HALLS** — Jerome defeated Wood River 25-20, 22-25, 25-20, 19-25, 15-12 to open Great Basin West Conference play Tuesday in Halley. There weren't a whole lot of cheap points. "We had aces," said Jerome coach Rick Burke. Rashaya Lott put down seven kills while Megan Parish served up 12 points. "It was a long match," Wood River coach Tim Richards said. "Jerome played well as a team. Wood River committed a lot of unforced errors." Century defeated Jerome 26-24, 25-19 and then the Wolverines 25-21, 25-18 to complete the triangular. Parish recorded six blocks against the Diamondbacks. "Wood River (0-3) next hosts Twin Falls and Pocatello on Thursday. Jerome (3-3, 1-0) next hosts Kimberly/American Falls, also Thursday.

**Local sports** Improve to 2-0 in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play Tuesday night. Miranda Jucker pounded down 14 kills while Leslie Hunter added nine. Abbie Reynolds led the Indians' defense. "She played really well defensively," said Buhl coach Chris Waitley. "She was making plays." Buhl's frontline performed well in the match. Waitley added. **Magic Valley Christian 3, Murtaugh 2** — Magic Valley Christian defeated Murtaugh 25-19, 25-25, 24-25, 25-22 and 15-12 despite 13 kills and two blocks by the Devils' Drue Tolman. Kristen Egbert added 10 kills while Michelle Roseborough served 15 points. Senior Michelle Rinard pounded down six kills and aces served up two aces. Emma Aarveda added 15 points and 20 assists. Murtaugh (0-6) was unable to overcome 21 missed serves. The Red Devils next hosts Lighthouse Christian on Thursday. The Cougars (1-1, 1-0) host Oakley Thursday.

**pace**, said Oakley coach Kristen Jones. "We didn't start out with a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of intensity. We had some great passing. Some great hustle around the net." Hagerman and a team effort. Jenna Peterson had a really good game. She was the spark that got us going." Oakley plays at Magic Valley Christian Thursday. **Declo 3, Kimberly 0** — Declo — Serving was the key in the match as the Declo Hornets swept the Kimberly Bulldogs 25-18, 25-16, 26-24 on Tuesday. Jenna Wardle punched in five aces in a total of eight points. She was followed closely by Breanna Webb with another eight points and four aces. Jenna Wardle also had a strong night with seven points. Nicole Darrington had five blocks in the match for the Hornets. Declo (1-3, 1-1) plays Thursday at Gooding.

**Carey 3, Bliss 0** — BLISS — Carey picked up its second Magic Valley Northside Conference victory of the season with a sweep of Bliss Tuesday night on the road. "The scores were 25-8, 25-23, 25-11." Whitney Peck led the Panthers with nine kills, while Jessica Royna knocked down seven. Breanna Silver led Carey in blocks with five. Carey (3-1, 2-0) visits Wendell on Thursday. Bliss hosts Hellsfield Sept. 15.

**Hagerman 3, Raft River 0** — MALTA — Hagerman swept Raft River 26-26, 25-17, 25-16 Tuesday night despite seven kills, 10 digs and three stuff blocks from middle blocker Lindsay Hutchison. Breanna Sheridan, Cherry Ward and Nicole Harper all had 100 percent serving. "The girls played well. It was a tough match," said Trojans coach Cami Schumann. "You can't make too many mistakes. In the end, that's what hurt us." Raft River (4-1, 2-1 Southside) next plays Thursday at Hansen.

**Girls soccer** **Wendell 1, Minico JV 1** — WENDELL — Wendell captain Nicole Lorenzo scored a goal as the Trojans varsity tied with the Minico junior varsity 1-1 Tuesday. "Zollner got the Declo next Thursday.

**Pocatello 3, Minico 1** — RUPERT — The Minico Spartans fell in four games Tuesday night in nonconference play against Pocatello 25-18, 17-25, 25-20, 25-17. "The first game it just took us a while to get going," said Spartans coach Kris Christensen. "We had the momentum for the second game and then most of the third but we had an injury in the third game. The girls didn't recover. They just couldn't get their focus back." "The game for me was unavailable. Minico, 0-3, hosts Burley on Thursday for its first conference match of the season.

**Oakley 3, Hansen 0** — OAKLEY — Oakley swept Hansen 25-23, 25-10, 25-19 in Southside volleyball play behind three kills, three blocks and five digs by Jenna Peterson. Jessi Cooper added six digs while Lindsay Critchfield served up 24 points. "We had kind of a slow start, but after that we picked up the

**Boys soccer** **Declo 1, Buhl 0** — DECLE — The Declo Hornets came away with a narrow win over the Buhl Indians on a lone goal by Declo team captain Abel Tapia in the 57th minute. Senior Bobby Pecina led the way on defense with a narrow win by Scott Briggs and Shane Kelsey. Declo (1-0) hosts American Falls and Aberdeen on Saturday.

**Buhl 3, Filer 1** — BUHL — Buhl defeated Filer 16-25, 25-20, 25-15 and 25-13 to

for displaced people worrying about how and when they will resume their devastated lives than to walk across the street to see the Saints play, preferably for free! For the half of first aid kit contributions to the relief effort from the game, there's a lot to be said for the contribution to the morale of 25,000 people living on cots in an antiquated home. Saints owner Tom Benson has been fighting for years with the state of Louisiana for a new stadium. It has threatened to buy the Saints or sell them to a buyer who might move them to Los Angeles, where the NFL has pledged to put a team. He has auto dealerships and banks in Louisiana and a ranch outside the city and wouldn't mind moving them there, although that probably wouldn't meet much favor with the Cowboys, most likely forever. In a sense, Katrina forced the decision that Benson had been threatening to make — it got the Saints out of the Superdome, most likely forever. So Benson hasn't made a sound about the transfer of the game to New York and the league's plans for a Monday night doubleheader that also

**Saints** Continued from D1 from New Orleans and, unlike San Antonio, is considered part of the Saints-market. In fact, tentative plans are to play as much of the Saints' home schedule there as possible. But right now the city's population has doubled from 250,000 to 500,000 with storm victims and is much too occupied with rescue efforts to deal with football. LSU, scheduled to play Arizona State at home this week, ended, shifted its game to Tempe, Ariz., to get out of the way. In Houston, 360 miles from New Orleans, yes, the Texans are home on Sunday, just as the Jets are using Giants Stadium that day. But the game is being played Monday night. The Houston game was considered, but finally ruled out for the same reason as Baton Rouge. "We believed that the first priority was not to interfere with ority with any relief efforts that were accommodating the evacuees, and that included Houston, it included San Antonio, it certainly included Baton Rouge. Because, the league's executive vice president for communications and public affairs, said What could be better therapy

Devil Rays upend Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Second baseman Robinson Cano's error in the ninth inning allowed the go-ahead run to score, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays won the season series against the Yankees for the first time, beating New York 4-3 Tuesday night. The Devil Rays are 10-4 against the Yankees in 2005 after beginning the season 31-80 against New York since entering the majors in 1998.

**Red Sox 3, Angels 2** — BOSTON — David Ortiz hit a game-winning homer in the bottom of the ninth, and Tim Lincecum pitched his second complete game for the Red Sox. Wakefield (15-10) allowed two runs and eight hits and walked three, two intentionally. He struck out seven for Boston's fourth complete game of the season and second in three games. The Red Sox led 2-0 before the Angels tied it with runs in the sixth and seventh. Both teams squandered chances to take the lead until Ortiz connected off Scott Shields (8-11) started the ninth by striking out Edgar Renteria.

drive over drawn-in center fielder Brandy Clark on the first pitch.

**White Sox 6, Royals 5** — CHICAGO — Paul Konerko homered for the third straight game and Juan Uribe hit one for the second day in a row to lead the Chicago White Sox to their sixth consecutive victory, 6-5 over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night. Uribe homered for the third time during the winning streak, hitting a solo shot to lead off the three-run second inning. Konerko hit his 35th homer in his seventh, a solo shot off Jeremy Affeldt that gave the White Sox, who led 5-0 after two innings, a 6-3 lead.

**Indians 6, Tigers 1** — DETROIT — Cliff Lee allowed four hits over eight shutout innings, and Greg Sizemore, Crip Crisp and Jason Boone homered for Cleveland. Crisp had three hits and stole a base. Detroit scored in the ninth. Its first run in 27 innings, but took its third straight shutout, but first its sixth straight loss.

**Astros 2, Phillies 1** — PHILADELPHIA — Pinch-runner Eric Bruntlett stole two bases, then scored the decisive run on Jason Lane's single in the ninth inning to give the NL wild-card leading Houston Astros a 2-1 victory Tuesday night over the Philadelphia Phillies. The Astros moved 1.5 games ahead of Philadelphia in the wild-card race with their 11th consecutive win over the Phillies. Bruntlett's daring dashes made a winner of Roy Oswalt (17-11), who struck out eight, earned nine innings and one earned run in eight innings. Brad Lidge came in his 34th save. With one out in the ninth, Lance Berkman was walked by Billy Wagner (4-2) before Bruntlett came on. Philadelphia's run came on Ryan Howard's fifth-inning homer. Craig Biggio homered in the first for Houston.

**Rangers 10, Twins 7** — MINNEAPOLIS — Mark Teixeira's three-run homer in the ninth inning made him just the 10th player in major league history to hit 100 in his first three seasons and lifted the Texas Rangers to a 10-7 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night. Teixeira's 433-foot blast off a wild night at the Metrodome and allowed him to join Joe DiMaggio, Ralph Kiner, Eddie Mathews and Albert Pujols on the elite list. Trailing 7-6 against Nathan (7-4) in the ninth, Gary Matthews Jr. and Rod Barajas hit consecutive one-out singles. After David DeLucia struck out, Michael Young tied the game with an RBI single.

**National League** **Cubs 5, Cardinals 2** — ST. LOUIS — Glendon Rusch was perfect for six innings and pitched into the eighth for his first victory in more than two months, helping the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-2 on Tuesday night. Derek Lee hit his 40th homer on his 30th birthday and drove in two runs for the Cubs, who knocked out Matt Morris in the fifth and have won four of five. Corey Patterson also homered for the Cubs, who are 7-4 against the NL-leading Cardinals, but 60-67 against the rest of the league.


**Braves 3, Mets 1** — ATLANTA — John Smoltz outpitched Pedro Martinez, and Andruw Jones drove in two runs for the Braves. Facing Martinez for the third time this season, Smoltz (14-6) won his second straight in the matchup of former Cy Young Award winners. Smoltz allowed five hits and one run in seven innings, walking one and striking out two while leading Atlanta to its fifth win in six games.

**Reds 2, Brewers 1, 10 Innings** — CINCINNATI — Javier Valentin's RBI single in the bottom of the 10th inning gave the Cincinnati Reds a 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night. Adam Dunn singled with one out off Jorge De La Rosa (2-2) and moved to third on Sean Casey's sharp single to right that just got under the glove of second baseman Richie Weeks. Valentin followed with a line-

**Marlins 4, Nationals 2** — WASHINGTON — Florida's Luis Castillo went 3-for-4 with a homer and two RBIs, and Ismael Valdez won for the first time in more than a month. In a game between teams fighting for the NL wild card, the Marlins scored three runs in the third inning against Darrel Rasner, making his major league debut.

**Diamondbacks 4, Pirates 2, 12 Innings** — PITTSBURGH — Cincinnati coach Ryan Doumit's erratic throw on a rundown play in the 12th inning got Pete Mackanin's managerial run in Pittsburgh off to a losing start, a 4-2 defeat — Arizona that ended the Diamondbacks' five-game losing streak.

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49ers lineman Herrion died of heart disease

DENVER — San Francisco 49ers lineman Thomas Herrion died of heart disease when he collapsed after a pre-season game in Denver on Aug. 20, the Denver County coroner said Tuesday.

Spokesman: Armstrong comeback a 'possibility'

AUSTIN, Texas — Lance Armstrong is still retired — for now. After initially denying a report that the cycling great was thinking about making a comeback, Armstrong spokesman Mark Higgins said the "door is still open" for a seven-time Tour de France champion to come out of retirement.

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Players had finished listening to coach Mike Nolan

address them in a postgame meeting when Herrion collapsed. Medicine administered CPR on him and took him to an ambulance that rushed him to a nearby hospital.

Confirmed three years later, 49ers spokesman Aaron Salkin

announced that Herrion had died of a heart attack.

Herrion, a first-year player with the 49ers, grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, and played college ball at Utah.

Worth, he was remembered as a player who brought joy to everyone and who was dedicated to his family, his religion and to football.

Pirates fire manager Lloyd McClendon

PITTSBURGH — Lloyd McClendon was fired Tuesday as manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates by the team's new owner, Peter Karmanos Jr., after a disappointing season.

Lions QB will not need surgery on broken leg

ALEXANDRIA, Mich. — Detroit Lions backup quarterback Matt Ryan will not need surgery on his broken left leg.

Rhodes will miss opener

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes will not be with the Seattle Seahawks for Sunday's regular season opener in Jacksonville after being hospitalized for dizziness.

Rhodes, 54, was sent to a hospital by team doctors on Sunday for a series of tests.

Seahawks linemen coach John Marshall, whose 26-year NFL career includes stints as defensive coordinator in Atlanta, San Francisco and Carolina, will assume Rhodes' duties on a temporary basis under head coach Mike Holmgren.

Rhodes is a former head coach in Philadelphia and Green Bay.

It's a possibility, Higgins said.

Armstrong first hinted that he might ride again in comments Monday to the Austin Press after a phone conversation with the cyclist. "He said it's definitely something he's been thinking about, and that the door is still open," Higgins said.

Higgins said Armstrong did not intend to publicly comment on the matter Tuesday. "He was talking to the newspaper about his engagement when he used former performance enhancing drugs with the Tour de France," Higgins said.

"I'm thinking it's the best way," to anger the French, he told the newspaper. "I'm exercising every day."

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## DOWNSIZING YOUR CITY



Beth Gissinger and Luis Rivera stand on the back porch of their house No. 31 in Fairhaven, Mass. Smaller cities and towns, aided by advances in technology and lower housing prices, are luring away urban professionals seeking a better life.

### A small-town move may bring big rewards

**The Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK** — Living in Queens and riding a cramped subway into Manhattan each day for work, Luis Rivera and Beth Gissinger, 30-year-old married New Yorkers, resigned acceptance of the hassles and travails of life in one of the city's biggest cities.  
But the more Rivera, 34 and a native New Yorker, visited his fiancée's family in small-town Massachusetts, the more he started questioning why he was putting up with the expense, the crowds and the overall irritation of daily life in the Big Apple.  
"I gotta tell you, I just fell in love with how easy everything is out here," Rivera said, speaking

from the outdoor deck of his home in Fairhaven, Mass. "Growing up, I thought New York was how the rest of the world lived. But everything just seemed to be so much easier out here."  
For years, career mobility and security meant moving to larger and larger cities, living in the sticks was a death knell for promising professionals, and small communities were drained of young adults heading for major metropolitan areas for jobs. Now, however, smaller cities and towns, aided by advances in technology and lower housing prices, are luring away urban professionals seeking a better life.  
"There are a lot of people out

there, saddled with high mortgages on the coast, saying they can do the sophisticated work from the boonies," said Rich Karlgaard, publisher of *Forbes* magazine and author of "Life 2.0: How People Across America Are Transforming Their Lives by Finding Happiness."  
While one can argue about the lifestyle benefits of the big city versus rural areas, the economics of such a move are clear. According to a housing comparison by real estate agent Coldwell Banker, a home that costs \$450,000 in Queens, N.Y., costs \$234,999 in Portland, Me., \$180,000 in Bozeman, Mont. and just \$170,130 in Des Moines, Iowa.

For couples like Rivera and Gissinger-Rivera, that's the difference between home ownership and lifelong renting. For those who already own property in a big city, downsizing to a smaller town can mean big bucks in the current housing market.  
"If you bought something a while back, in particular, you have to ask yourself whether you want to cash out at this point," said Kathy Braddeck, co-founder of Brodbeck & Purcell, a New York real estate firm. "Most people don't get a windfall like that in their lives, and while New York has its own quality of life, it has to make people wonder."  
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### Wal-Mart at forefront of hurricane relief

**The Washington Post**  
**AT 8 a.m.** on Wednesday, as New Orleans filled with water, Wal-Mart chief executive H. Lee Scott Jr. called an emergency meeting of his top lieutenants and warned them he did not want a "measured response" to the hurricane.  
"I want us to respond in a way appropriate to our size and the impact we can have," he said, according to an executive who attended the meeting. At the time, Wal-Mart had pledged \$2 million to the relief efforts. "Should it be \$10 million?" Scott asked.  
Over the next few days, Wal-Mart's response to Katrina—an unrivaled \$20 million in cash donations, 1,500 truckloads of free merchandise, food for 100,000 meals and the promise of a job for every one of its displaced workers—has turned



A Wal-Mart distribution center in Brookhaven, Miss., has been moving supplies for the relief effort. Wal-Mart's response to Katrina has turned the chain into a lifeline for the Southeast and earned it near-universal praise at a time when the company is struggling with its image.

criticism for their handling of the storm's aftermath. Wal-Mart is being held up as a model for logistical efficiency and nimble disaster planning, which have allowed it to quickly deliver staples such as water, fuel and toilet paper to thousands of evacuees.  
In Brookhaven, Miss., for example, Wal-Mart operates a vast distribution center, the company had 45 trucks full of goods loaded and ready for delivery before Katrina made landfall. To keep operating near capacity, Wal-Mart secured special lines at a nearby gas station to ensure that its employees could make it to work.  
Wal-Mart has much to gain in this conspicuous largesse through its conspicuous generosity. While state and federal officials have come under harsh

### Experts advise caution on energy funds

**By Mag Richards**  
**Associated Press writer**  
As you pay more for gas and heating oil, energy stocks and the funds that invest in them are enjoying a tremendous run, but financial professionals say you should consider the risks carefully before you load up on this hot sector.  
On Wall Street, what goes up invariably must come down, which makes chasing performance of a dangerous strategy you might make the classic blunder of buying high and selling low. Sector funds are volatile in general, but few parts of the market are as volatile as energy, said Jack Brod, principal of asset management services at The Vanguard Group.  
"It's an investor behavioral trap that recent performance tends to attract a lot of attention, and clearly the energy sector has been providing extraordinary returns over the past several years," Brod says. "We are just trying to encourage

investors to be thoughtful about why they select funds."  
While Vanguard offers a wide range of specialty funds — including the Vanguard Energy Fund (VGENX), which has seen its share price rise more than 50 percent in the past year — they aren't for everyone, Brod said. For most individual investors, it's simpler and far less risky to build a diversified portfolio without them.  
"Sector funds can be extremely volatile and can behave more like an individual stock than a fund," Brod said. "They may have their place, but we recommend investors step back and take a look at their existing portfolios. They may not realize the stock funds they have may already have exposure to the energy sector."  
"If you've held a broad market fund for more than a couple years, your energy stake has long been on the rise. The 29 energy stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 made up almost 10 percent of the cap-weighted

index, up from 5.8 percent at the end of 2003. Energy stocks have historically accounted for about 2.2 percent of the index, according to S&P.  
Year-to-date, the sector has surged almost 36 percent. That follows a rise of 28.77 percent last year and 22.4 percent in 2003.  
"We haven't seen a run-up like that, God help me, since technology" observers at the investment services for S&P.  
Tech stocks, which now account for 15.36 percent of the S&P, swelled to 24.51 percent at the end of March 24, 2000. Then, as now, investors were eager to take advantage of the sector's run, which had lasted four years and seemed like a sure thing.  
If you're in the market for the long haul, limited exposure to commodities can bring value diversity to your stock and bond portfolio. But it's important to not see natural resource Please see **ENERGY**, Page D6

### Greenspan's successor will face tough economic climate

**By Rachel Beck**  
**Associated Press writer**  
**NEW YORK** — Not so long ago, it seemed like Alan Greenspan's successor as Federal Reserve chairman would have it pretty easy at first. The current economic climate of solid growth and tame inflation was expected to continue for many months to come.  
That seems like a distant memory now that Hurricane Katrina has sent gasoline, heating oil and natural gas prices soaring and crippled major U.S. commerce hubs. At the same time, the housing market looks more fragile than it did before, causing even Greenspan to worry that the real-estate boom could be losing steam.  
Greenspan, whose 18-year tenure ends in January, will leave behind a highly regarded and well-respected legacy as a strong inflation fighter. But his

skills, and those of the successor President Bush, will likely be put to the test in the months ahead.  
While Fed policy-makers have succeeded so far in keeping economic growth while holding back inflationary pressures — some economists call it the "Goldilocks" economy, not too hot or cold — by raising short-term interest rates 10 times since June 2004, some serious economic worries have emerged in recent weeks.  
That's why some investors are now betting the Fed will slow or stop its campaign of interest-rate increases, especially after Please see **GREENSPAN**, Page D6

### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### Analysts: Oil prices may be peaked

**CHICAGO** — The impact of Hurricane Katrina on petroleum and gasoline prices may have reached its limit.  
Prices for crude oil and gas at the pump appears to have peaked — and could even drop a bit — as workers revive hurricane-damaged refineries and Europe and Asia open their stockpiles of fuel, industry analysts say.  
The cost of crude oil and refined products like gasoline and diesel fell Tuesday. Although spread unevenly around the nation, retail gas prices also declined slightly.

Analysts say several factors are at work to restrain the price of petroleum and its distillates.  
The United States is set to release up to 30 million barrels of fuel from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Several nations in Europe and Asia are to release another 30 million barrels, much of it in the form of gasoline and diesel.

Venezuela, already a major supplier of petroleum to the United States, is ready to offer more oil. Executives at Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. said they could pump up exports by 1 million barrels of petroleum and a half-million barrels of gasoline a day.

Take time to help make your meals memorable  
For many, the battle of the bulge is its own personal war on fitness — a long slog with few tangible achievements, a nebulous finish date and countless victories about the definition of victory.  
Yet, the August issue of *Entrepreneur* from Consumer Reports, offers some concrete steps on eating properly for weight loss.

Pay close attention when you eat. Call it the phone as you sit at the Taco Bell drive-thru is a sure way to make sure you never register the 4 million calories you just ate.  
Make your meal all about the food. Sit down at a table, turn off the TV, smell the foods, turn a glass of wine with it, if that makes the dinner more memorable.

Also, choose foods that excite the senses and will make you feel full. If you like hot, spicy foods, go for it — they'll fill you up. Chew your food slowly to appreciate the flavors and texture.

Choose foods with high water content (beans, fruits, vegetables, whole grains) and those with abundant fiber.

#### Companies favor stock options for executives

Despite the political row over counting stock options as an expense, a survey finds that corporate America still favors such options as the cornerstone of executive compensation packages.  
Thirty percent of the companies have already started accounting for their options as expenses to earnings. The accounting rule mandating such a change — which proponents contend offers a truer look at a company's finances — takes effect for fiscal years that began

Stock option usage slid from 99 percent of the 250 largest public companies in 2003 to 90 percent in 2005, according to the study of the largest public companies listed in Standard & Poor's 500 Index.

The second most popular compensation, restricted stock, was used by 66 percent of companies last year, up from 49 percent in 2003.

#### Survey: Workers spend an hour per day online

The Internet's an easy time killer. And Americans hardly restrict all this Web activity to their personal time.  
But how much do you think people spend each day on the job with non-work-related Internet use?

A national staffing firm posed that question to 150 senior executives and found an average response of 56 minutes per day. And many employees forget that companies routinely monitor what you're sending and viewing on their computers.  
— compiled from wire reports

### Written career plans help give your dream a deadline

Chicago Tribune

Having a goal, a serious career plan is an important tool in professional satisfaction and advancement.

In fact, it's a must. "Setting and achieving goals help create a focus for your direction for your next career step," said Cynthia Kivland, founder and president of Career Performance Strategies, a consulting firm based in Prairie Grove, Ill.

Having a plan helps you to keep moving forward, to keep your eye on the prize and to minimize the distractions that could pull you off track.  
Kivland, who is a licensed counselor and has a master's degree in counseling education, emphasizes that "when you set a goal and write it down — which is really important — you're intentionally making a commitment to yourself that you're going to do something positive about your career."  
Your goal may vary. Kivland, who also is an executive coach, pointed out, "It may be meeting up, creating out moving across the organization or maybe moving down," she said. "But what creating a goal or plan does for you means you now to know what direction you want to move in."

A decade ago, everyone talked about having a five-year plan. But that idea has been superseded by a better one, according to Kivland.  
"It doesn't have to be a five-year career plan because in today's career climate there is a lot of uncertainty," she said. "It's better to do it with a one-year plan, an annual career checkup — whether or not you are employed — similar to your annual physical checkups."

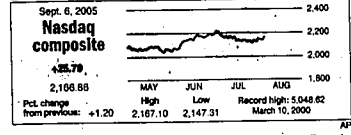
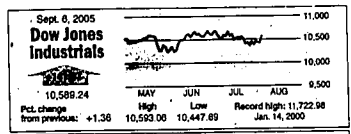
Some people prefer an even shorter timetable for their goals and do six-month plans. In any case, monthly evaluations should be done to see if you need to take any "new action," whatever the length of your plan.

Setting goals is a time of self-evaluation, Kivland says. "You have to discover exactly what you want now and what the next milestone is you want to hit," she said. "In your plan, indicate how you are going to manage setbacks or obstacles, or distractions that may get in your way — and how you are going to celebrate success."

When you've figured that out, the next step is to write down your goals and timetables. And the final step is often the most important one.  
"You have to create not only a plan but a support network to help you get there," said Kivland. "Show or tell your plan to three other people who will be advocates for you, people who will help keep you focused."  
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Stocks surge on declining oil prices Greenspan

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street rallied Tuesday as oil prices tumbled, the service sector reported strong growth, and investors embraced large-cap stocks such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Coca-Cola Co. and Home Depot Inc. The Dow Jones Industrial average gained more than 140 points.



above 50 indicates the sector is expanding, the August reading was the best since April 2003.

Hopes that interest rates would stop climbing also buoyed the markets. Last week's softer-than-expected economic data reinforced some traders' belief that the Federal Reserve would stop its year-plus campaign of short-term interest rate hikes earlier than had planned, said Russ Konerchik, senior portfolio manager at Barclays Global Investments in San Francisco.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 15.37, or 1.26 percent to 1,233.93, its best since index since April 21. The Nasdaq composite index added 25.79, or 1.2 percent, to 2,166.86, its best point gain since July 15.

Bonds fell as stock prices, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.05 percent from 4.02 percent last Friday. The U.S. dollar also mirrored other major currencies. Gold prices were lower.

Stocks started the session substantially higher after the positive report on business activity in the services sector. The Institute for Supply Management, which surveys 370-U.S. businesses, said its non-manufacturing index rose to 50.5 percent in August from 50.5 percent in July. Any reading

Even though the Fed has kept buying up short-term bonds over the last year, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note — which is a benchmark for mortgage rates — has remained relatively flat around 4 percent despite the Fed's efforts, which continues to fuel the housing boom.

Then, there is the housing market, which has seen dramatic price gains in recent years thanks to the low-interest rate environment that was created by the Fed to jump-start the economy after the 2000 stock market crash and recession that followed.

Downsize

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Karl Chavez wasn't necessarily looking to move out of Long Angeles, but when her husband's job was transferred to Denver, they were unable to purchase a much larger home for the Fed to jump-start the economy after the 2000 stock market crash and recession that followed.

Chavez, a public relations executive, found for former PNC firms in Denver and none that had openings. Instead, the mother of a 2-year-old daughter — deciding to go into business for herself. Within six months, Chavez successfully began representing authors and publishers on a part-time basis, "making more than part-time."

Most of Chavez' work is done via phone and e-mail, with only the occasional trip to meet new clients. Like many profession-

turnover will decline from currently historic levels, while home price increases will slow and prices could even decrease."

Recent data supports the Fed chairman's concerns. Sales of existing homes retreated in July from June's record highs and the number of unsold homes rose, according to the National Association of Realtors.

ance living in rural areas, she benefited from the continued growth and acceptance of Internet technology.

"I do think more and more employers are going to telecommute, or at least fashion a life that's maybe half-telecommute," Karigard said. "Technology is amazing, long-distance relationship. Sharp told his employer in New York that he was going to follow her, no matter where she went."

It's great to visit. It makes you feel like you're home, but it's not the same. It's great to come home, too."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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## Bush: Nominee list 'wide open'

### GOP urges selection of woman to fill court vacancy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said the list of possibilities for his second Supreme Court nomination was "wide open" Tuesday as Senate Republicans urged him to consider a woman and Democrats pressed him to consult with them before making his next pick.

The president said the Senate should concentrate on confirming U.S. Appeals Judge John Roberts to replace the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who was dying of cancer.

"I want the Senate to focus not on who the nominee is going to be, but the nominee I

got up there now," Bush said. Roberts' confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee will begin next Monday, one week after Bush named him to replace the justice he worked for as a Supreme Court law clerk. Roberts was originally slated to be Sandra Day O'Connor's replacement but Bush formally withdrew that nomination Tuesday and made the 50-year-old judge the chief justice nominee.

O'Connor has agreed to stay on until her successor is in place, Bush noted, ensuring there will be a nine-member court if Roberts is confirmed before the new term begins on Oct. 3.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and Judiciary chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said they expected to be finished with Roberts before then.

Specter and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas — who will be the Senate's No. 3 Republican next year — said Bush should choose a woman since O'Connor's retirement would leave only one woman on the court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"Two women, I think, are a minimum," Specter said.

Several senators suggested the president should wait before making any new selection public, given that the Senate is working on relief for the hurricane-stricken Gulf Coast as well

as Roberts' nomination. "We've got more than a full plate right now," said John Cornyn, R-Texas.

"I think you should do one nomination at a time, even though it would be nice to know who the president is thinking of," added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Democrats urged Bush to talk with them before replacing O'Connor, who sometimes has sided with more liberal justices.

"The list is wide open, which should create some good speculation here in Washington," Bush said, playfully glancing at Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who has been mentioned as a possible nominee. If Gonzales would become the first Hispanic justice on the Supreme Court.

## Study: 1.7M kids live with unsecured guns

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — About 1.7 million U.S. children live in homes that have loaded and unlocked guns, according to what is described as the first comprehensive survey of gun storage in homes across the country.

The study, published Tuesday in the journal *Pediatrics*, found that 25 percent of children live in homes with loaded and unsecured firearms. Estimates from the early 1990s had put the percentage at 10 percent. The new results suggest a decline in gun ownership since then's cause for celebration, said Catherine Okoro, a study author.

"That's still too many children to be put at risk," said Okoro, who also works with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study is based on a 2002 telephone survey of about 241,000 adults and is the first to provide data on gun storage in all 50 states and the District of

Columbia, its authors said. Nationally, 33 percent of adults said they kept firearms in or around their home. The highest percentage was in Wyoming, where 63 percent said they had firearms. The lowest percentage was reported in the District of Columbia, where 5 percent reported having guns at home. The district has long-standing bans on handguns and semiautomatic weapons.

A little more than 4 percent of the respondents nationally said they keep guns loaded and unlocked, and 2.5 percent reported having loaded, unsecured firearms in homes where children lived.

Alabama had the highest proportion — 73 percent — of homes in which children lived and guns were kept loaded and unlocked. The next highest states were Alaska (5.6 percent), Arkansas (5.6 percent), Montana (6.4 percent) and Idaho (5.2 percent). At bottom was Massachusetts, with 0.3 percent.

## Use of word 'refugee' sparks dispute

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — What do you call people who have been driven from their homes with only the clothes on their backs, unsure if they will ever be able to return, and forced to build a new life in a strange place?

News organizations are struggling for the right word. Many, including The Associated Press, have used "refugee" to describe those displaced by the wrath of Hurricane Katrina.

But the choice has stirred anger among some readers and other critics, particularly in the black community. They have argued that "refugee" somehow trivializes the displaced storm victims, many of whom have been black, are second-class citizens — or not even Americans. "It is racist to call American citizens refugees," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said, visiting the Houston Astrodome on Monday.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have expressed similar sentiments. Others have countered that the terms "evacuees" or even "displaced" are too clinical and not sufficiently dramatic to convey the dire situation that confronts many of Katrina's survivors.

President Bush, who has spent days trying to deflect criticism that he responded sluggishly to the disaster, weighed in on Tuesday. "The people we're talking about are not refugees," he said. "They are Americans and they need the help and love and compassion of our fellow citizens."

The 1951 U.N. Refugee Convention describes a refugee as someone who has fled across an international border to escape violence or persecution. But the Webster's New World Dictionary defines it more broadly as "a person who flees from home or



Hurricane Katrina victim James Hurst, 73, of New Orleans, is shown after his arrival Monday in Charlotte, N.C., a day after rescuers found him in an unworking electric wheelchair in his home. Some news organizations have come under criticism for describing hurricane victims as 'refugees.'

country to seek refuge elsewhere, as in a time of war or of political or religious persecution."

The criticism has led several news organizations to ban the word in their Katrina coverage. Among them are The Washington Post and the Boston Globe.

"We haven't used the word since the beginning of the crisis," said Kenneth Cooper, the Globe's national editor. "Some of us had different reasons, but we all came to the same conclusion: not to use it."

The AP and The New York Times are among those continuing to use the word where it is deemed appropriate. "The AP is using the term

'refugee' where appropriate to capture the sweep and scope of the effects of this historic natural disaster on a vast number of our citizens," said Executive Editor Kathleen Carroll. "Several hundred thousand people have been uprooted from their homes and communities and forced to seek refuge in more than 30 different states across America. Until such time as they are able to take up new lives in their new communities or return to their former homes, they will be refugees."

The Times was adhering to a similar policy. "We have not banned the word 'refugee,'" said spokeswoman Catherine Mathis. "We

have used it along with 'evacuee,' 'survivor,' 'displaced' and various other terms that fit what our reporters are seeing on the ground. Webster's defines a refugee as a person fleeing 'home or country' in search of refuge, and it certainly does justice to the suffering legions driven from their homes by Katrina."

William Safire, who writes the weekly "On Language" column for The New York Times Magazine, said he did not believe the term "refugee" had any racial implications.

"A refugee can be a person of any race at all," he said. "A refugee is a person who seeks refuge."

## Seized knockoff items distributed to hurricane victims

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Yves St. Laurent and Tommy Hilfberger labels may be phony, but the thousands of Hurricane Katrina victims getting knockoff items seized by federal customs officials probably don't mind.

Displaced survivors in the Houston Astrodome can choose

from counterfeit and abandoned clothing, toys, and even dog food.

More than 100,000 items were quickly taken from warehouses and more will follow, said Kristi Clemens, spokeswoman for the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection division.

The agency has some 1 million items stored, and Customs officials are going through their inventory to see what else would be useful. While the initial shipment went to Texas, officials are looking toward a wider distribution, Clemens said.

For humans, virtually anything that you can wear is available: underwear, jeans, baseball caps, T-shirts, shoes and socks. For

dogs: much needed food. For children, toys. For everyone: clean sheets and blankets.

Clemens said officials are looking for locations to deliver items in Louisiana and Mississippi, and then will scout for shelters in other states.

American businesses lose up to \$250 billion annually from knockoffs, reports say.

## Bob Denver, TV's Gilligan, dies after suffering from cancer

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bob Denver, whose portrayal of goofy custody Gilligan on the 1950s TV show "Gilligan's Island" made him an iconic figure to generations of TV viewers, has died. He was 70.

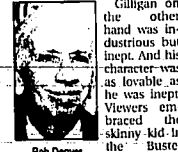
He died Friday at Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital in North Carolina of complications from treatment he was receiving for cancer, his agent, Mike Eisenstadt, told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

His wife, Dreama, and children Patrick, Megan, Emily and Colin were with Denver, who also had undergone quadruple heart bypass surgery earlier this year.

"He was my everything and I will love him forever," Dreama Denver said in a statement.

Denver's signature role was Gilligan, but when he took the role in 1964 he was already widely known to TV audiences as another iconic character, Maynard G. Krebs, the bearded beatnik friend of Dwayne Hickman's Doble in "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis," which aired on CBS from 1959 to 1963.

Krebs, whose only desire was to play the bongos and hang out at coffee houses, would shriek every time the word "twink" was mentioned in his presence.



Bob Denver, TV's Gilligan, died after suffering from cancer. He was 70.

Gilligan the other hand was in-lustrous but inept. And his character was as lovable as he was inept. Denver embraced the skinny kid-in-the-Buster Brown haircut and white sailor hat. So did the Minnow's skipper, James Grunby, who was played by Alan Hale Jr., and who always referred to his boss as affectionately as "little buddy."

"As silly as it seems to all of us, it has made a difference in a lot of children's lives," Dawn Wells, who played castaway Mary Ann Summers, once said. "Gilligan is a buffoon that makes mistakes and I cannot tell you how many kids come up and say, 'But you loved him anyway.'"

TV critics were less kind, dismissing the show as inane. But after it was canceled by CBS in 1967, it found new audiences over and over in syndicated reruns and reunion films, including 1981's "The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island" (it also led to the recent TBS reality series "The Real Gilligan's Island.")

## Students return to scene of killings

The Associated Press

RED LAKE, Minn. — Students who missed weeks of school last spring after a deadly shooting started the academic year Tuesday on a closed campus with armed security guards and metal detectors.

Red Lake High School Principal Chris Dunshee said 272 students reported for classes in the morning.

About 500 students are eligible to attend the high school on the Red Lake Indian Reservation, which was torn apart in

March when a student killed five schoolmates, a teacher and an unarmed guard at the school before taking his own life. Jeff Weise, 16, had earlier killed his grandfather and his grandfather's companion.

Though classes reopened in mid-April, as many as two-thirds of the student body stayed away for the rest of the school year.

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Bridge score table showing North and South hands with suits and tricks. North: ♠ A 10 8 2, ♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3, ♦ 10, ♣ 10 4. South: ♠ K 6 5 4, ♥ A Q 9 2, ♦ A J 6, ♣ A 6.

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Dbl. 2 Pass 2♥ 3♦ 4♥ All pass \*Unspecified single-suited hand

Opening lead: Diamond ace

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South West North East 1♥ Pass Pass 2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass 4♥ Pass

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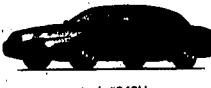
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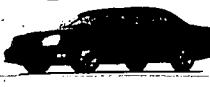
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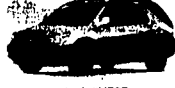
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