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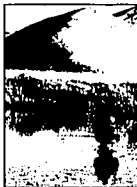
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# Katrina will force spending cuts

## Lawmakers say almost every program is on chopping block

By Christopher Smith  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — With Congress working to amend federal budgets to cut tens of billions of dollars from government spending to pay for hurricane relief and rebuilding the two Idaho members who sit on appropriations committees in Washington say almost every program is on the chopping block.

"We are in a situation here that Congress has never experienced before," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and part of a Senate majority task force

drawing up proposed spending cuts. "We have a deficit that we are struggling to control and all the sudden we are hit with one of the worst natural disasters in history."

Added Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, a member of the House Appropriations Committee: "We are going to have to go after entitlement programs, which is politically difficult to do, but we've got to go in and really reform programs like Social Security and crop payment programs and try to find some savings. People get real nervous when we start talking about that."

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has put forward a plan in the House to

make the first mid-session amendment to the fiscal budget resolution — the blueprint that dictates federal spending levels for the coming year — since 1977. It would cut \$50 billion from mandatory spending programs and order an across-the-board cut of an unspecified percentage on all discretionary spending programs.

Discretionary spending makes up about one-third of the yearly \$2.4 trillion federal government expenses and refers to programs where funding levels are decided annually by lawmakers on the appropriations committees. The rest of the federal budget is mandatory spending and goes to programs that people meet-



Craig

ing certain eligibility criteria are automatically entitled to, such as food stamps, Social Security and Medicaid.

Lawmakers are trying to find ways to avoid taking all the Katrina-related cuts from discretionary spending, since legislators like to demonstrate to voters back home their success in steering federal funds toward local projects. But some House Republicans, such as Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, are calling for a 2 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending, including defense programs, to help pay for Katrina costs.

# Powerball fever hits Idaho

## Jackpot reaches \$240 million

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sales of lottery tickets continued to climb Tuesday as the Powerball jackpot for tonight's drawing was estimated at \$240 million.

"The higher it goes, the more they play," said Willie Price, a cashier at Twin Stop Chevron on Addison Avenue West. "I'd say they're up by more than 40 percent," he said.

"Tomorrow afternoon (today) they'll be way up," said Price, who has been selling lottery tickets the past four years. "When it gets up to 100 or 150 million then sales go up quite drastically."

At \$240 million, the jackpot will rank as the fifth largest in Powerball in history if someone wins tonight, according to the Idaho Lottery. The jackpot has been building since the current Powerball run started on Aug. 13.

The Powerball jackpot has only been over \$100 million twice this year. But the last winner was an Idahoan, Brad Duke, who won more than \$220 million in May.

Meanwhile, the Twin Stop Chevron recently sold a \$100,000 winner, but Price said he hasn't seen an increase in sales because of it. "We're selling a lot of them all the time," he said.

Price said he plays the lottery himself, but only occasionally. "I've got to buy one for my daughter — me and my daughter buy them now and then. We'll split it if one of us wins."

According to the Idaho Lottery, the chance of winning a jackpot is one in 146 million.

The drawing can be seen live tonight at 8:55 p.m. on Twin Falls television station XXTE.



MEAGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News

Willie Price sells a customer a Powerball ticket Tuesday afternoon at the Twin Stop Chevron on Addison Avenue West in Twin Falls. Many lottery vendors say that business has been brisk since Wednesday's drawing reached the \$240 million mark.

# Suicides in military prompt questions

The Associated Press

DENVER — Chief Warrant Officer William Howell was a 15-year Army special forces veteran who had seen combat duty all over the world. Sgt. 1st Class Audie McDaniel was a military account manager. Jeremy Wilson repaired electronics.

They had little in common, other than having served in Iraq with the 10th Special Forces Group based at Fort Carson, Colo. They did not know each other, and they had vastly different duties.

Each, however, committed suicide shortly after returning home, all within about a 17-month period.

The Army says there appears to be no connection between the men's overseas service and their deaths, but Army investigators found no "common contributing cause" among the three. The fact they were in the same unit is only a coincidence, Special Operations Command spokesman Diane Grant said at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Others are not so sure. Steve Robinson, a former Army Ranger and veterans' advocate, said he suspects there were problems in the men's unit — namely a macho refusal to acknowledge stress and seek help. "It could be that there's a climate there that creates the stigma which prevents people from coming forward," said Robinson, executive director of the National Gulf War Resource Center. "The mentality of this particular group seemed to be 'ignore what you think and feel and keep doing your job and don't talk to me about that resplendent combat stress reaction stuff.'"

Special Forces soldiers specialize in what the Army calls "unconventional warfare" — commando raids, search-and-destroy missions, intelligence gathering. They go through specialized psychological screening. They also undergo rigorous physical training and learn survival techniques and other skills, including foreign languages.

Howell, 36, a father of three, shot himself March 14, 2004 — three weeks after returning home.

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A resident, trying to protect himself from the smell of decaying bodies, walks in the damaged streets of Muzaffarabad, Pakistan. The city was one of the towns that was hit by Saturday's earthquake.

# U.N. warns of outbreaks as quake toll hits 35,000

The Associated Press

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan — Heavy rain and hail grounded helicopters and stopped trucks loaded with relief supplies Tuesday, imposing more misery on hungry, shivering earthquake survivors as the United Nations warned of potentially lethal outbreaks of measles, cholera and diarrhea.

Dazed, desperate villagers fought over food packages and looted trucks as the first aid reached this devastated city in the mountains of Kashmir. The

Himalayan region was hardest hit by Saturday's magnitude-7.6 quake.

The Pakistani government said the death toll from Pakistan's worst quake was about 23,000, but a senior army official involved in the rescue operations and local officials said as-

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# Many immigrants shun appliance

The Washington Post

A couple of months ago, in the privacy of his Reston, Va., townhouse, Alan Chien made a final break from cultural tradition: a outfit filled decision he has yet to share with his parents.

He used his dishwasher. He knows his parents will not understand. "They don't believe in it," said Chien, 35, an engineer who emigrated with his family from Taiwan when he was a toddler. "Just because they never used it, I never used it, so it was just a mysterious thing to me."

In many immigrant homes, the automatic dishwasher is the last frontier. Long after new arrivals pick up football, learn the intricacies of the multiplex and the DMV and develop a taste for pizza, they resist the dishwasher. Some joke that not using the appliance is one of the grayer signs of immigrant heritage, whether they hail from Africa, Latin America, Asia or Eastern Europe.

If they have a dishwasher — and many do, because it is standard equipment in most homes — it becomes a glorified dish-



Mary Ngo, a Vietnamese American, and her husband, Bernie Fischer, do their dishes by hand and use the dishwasher as a drying rack. Many immigrants dislike dishwashers or feel there is no reason to use them.

rack, a Tupperware storage cabinet or a snack-food bin, it's never turned on.

Officials at appliance companies have noticed: Sears doesn't even highlight the appliances in its ads in Spanish-language media.

It's a quirk in the assimilation process that baffles social scientists. "It's really striking," said Donna Gabaccia, who studies immigration and culinary history at the University of Minnesota, in the home. "Technology is generally embraced by women. Certainly in terms of

technology, their homes don't look that much different from Middle American homes."

Gabaccia said one explanation could be that immigrants can absorb only so much change. The dishwasher is a U.S. invention that is rare in most countries, even among the upper-middle class.

Graciela Andrus laments that her daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren have abandoned washing by hand. "They do it the American way — they

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A clear, sunny day with light winds. High in the 40s.
Tonight: A clear, sunny night with light winds. Low in the 30s.
Tomorrow: A clear, sunny day with light winds. High in the 50s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI/LO Prep. Lists weather for various cities.

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

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The sun shows and sets early, a slow warming trend will be in place of moderate and partly cloudy overcast.

BOISE: Mostly sunny with a warming trend. High in the 50s.
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The week ahead will be mostly sunny with a warming trend. High in the 50s.



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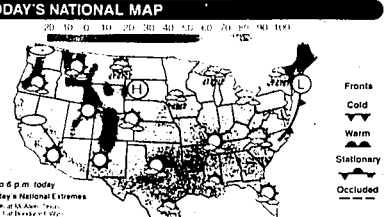
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NATION

# DeLay lawyers subpoena prosecutor

## Indicted lawmaker delivers accusation of misconduct

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Indicted Rep. Tom DeLay's attorneys turned the tables on a Texas prosecutor Tuesday, delivering a subpoena to compel his testimony about his conduct with grand jurors.

Defense attorney Dick DeGuernin, who contends there was misconduct by prosecutors, said Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle refused the subpoena at his Austin office when he declined to sign a paper acknowledging its delivery. Earle said he had voluntarily accepted the subpoena.

The subpoena is part of the defense tactic to have charges dismissed before trial against DeLay, R-Texas, who was obligated to temporarily step aside as House majority leader when charged with conspiracy and money laundering in a state campaign finance investigation. DeLay has denied any wrongdoing.

DeGuernin wants Earle and two of his assistants to testify, alleging prosecutors had improper contact with two grand jurors that indicted DeLay and one that refused to file charges.

DeGuernin said he would have Earle's subpoena refiled Wednesday. Earle responded

that it wasn't necessary.

"It was not a properly prepared subpoena but we accepted service voluntarily anyway," the prosecutor said.

DeGuernin also asked that grand jurors be released from their secrecy oath so they could answer questions about the prosecutor's conduct.

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DeLay wants Earle to answer 12 questions about conversations he had with grand jurors, including whether the prosecutor became angry when a grand jury decided against an indictment of DeLay and why that decision was not publicly released.

He also wants to know the details of Earle's conversation with William Gibson, foreman of a grand jury that indicted DeLay on conspiracy charges, whose term has since ended.

"If you did nothing improper, you should not be concerned about answering these questions," DeGuernin said in his letter to Earle.

Earle, leading a Texas campaign finance investigation that indicted DeLay and two political associates, went to three grand juries. He presented evidence on DeLay's alleged role in funneling corporate money to Texas legislative candidates in violation of state law.

The first grand jury indicted DeLay on conspiracy charges, the second failed to indict and the third indicted him on an allegation of money laundering.

# Google commits nearly \$1B to philanthropic arm

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google Inc. is fulfilling its promise to make the world a better place with an initial commitment of nearly \$1 billion to a philanthropic arm devoted to causes that mesh with the online search engine leader's crusade.

The altruistic effort, formally announced late Tuesday under the umbrella of Google.org, follows through on a pledge that the Mountain View, Calif.-based company made last year as it prepared its ballooned initial public offering of stock.

At the time, Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin vowed to create a company "that does good things for the world even if we forgo short-term gains."

But Brin and Page have since decided their company's ambition extended beyond the limitations of a traditional foundation, prompting them to pool all the company's philanthropy under Google.org.

"We hope someday this institution may eclipse Google itself in terms of overall world impact by ambitiously applying innovation and significant resources to the largest of the world's problems," Brin wrote.

# New Orleans man beaten by police revisits scene of struggle

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Robert Davis stood at the corner of Bourbon and Conti streets in the French Quarter and stared in disbelief at the brown stain on the sidewalk.

"Is that my blood? It must be," said the 64-year-old retired elementary schoolteacher, who was arrested and repeatedly punched by police over the weekend. "I didn't know I was bleeding that bad."

The confrontation, captured on videotape and broadcast across the country, has put another unwanted spotlight on the beleaguered, exhausted police force in this storm-struck city.

Three officers pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from the incident and the U.S. Justice Department opened a civil rights investigation.

Davis disputed contentions by police that he had been drinking.

"I haven't had a drink in 25 years," Davis said Monday. "I didn't do anything. I was going to get a pack of cigarettes and take my evening constitutional."

The two city police officers accused in the beating and a third accused of grabbing and shoving an Associated Press Television News producer who helped capture the encounter on tape, pleaded not guilty to battery charges and were released Monday.

After a hearing, at which trial was set for Jan. 11, officers Lance Schilling, Robert Evangelist and S.M. Smith were released on bond. They left without completing charges. They were suspended without pay Sunday.

Police Superintendent Warren Riley said any misconduct found in an investigation would be dealt with swiftly. He noted the video showed "a portion of that incident."

The actions that were observed on this video are



Robert Davis, who was punched and arrested by New Orleans police in the French Quarter on Saturday night, talks about the incident as he stands at the scene of the arrest.

of Hurricane Katrina, and police spokesman Marlon DeHilo said it would be up to their commanders to decide if they would face charges.

Davis had stitches under his swollen left eye, a bandage around a finger and complained of aches in his left shoulder and soreness in his back. His lawyer said he suffered fractures to his cheek and eye socket.

The confrontation came as the New Orleans Police Department — long plagued by allegations of brutality and corruption — struggles with the aftermath of Katrina and the resignation last month of Police Superintendent Eddie Compas.

Davis said the confrontation began after he had approached a mounted police officer Saturday to ask about curfews in the city when another officer interrupted.

"This other guy interfered and I said he shouldn't," Davis said. "I started to cross the street and — bam — I got it ... All I know is this guy attacked me and said, 'I will kick your ass,' and they proceeded to do it."

The APTN tape shows an officer hitting Davis at least four times in the head. Davis appeared to resist, twisting and falling as he was dragged to the ground by four officers. Davis' lawyer, Joseph Bruno, said his client did not resist police.

certainly unacceptable by this department," Riley said.

Davis is black; the three city police officers seen on the tape are white.

But Davis and police officials have said they don't believe race was a factor.

Two other officials in the video appeared to be federal officers, according to police. Nameless agencies have sent officers to help in the aftermath

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NATION/WORLD

Cholesterol levels fall in older Americans

Study says statin drugs play a part

CHICAGO (AP) — Despite the sharp rise in obesity in the United States, cholesterol levels in older Americans have fallen markedly over the past 40 years. ...

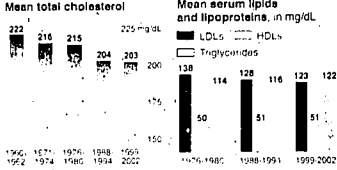
Statin — which include such widely used medicines as Lipitor, Zocor and Pravachol — can dramatically reduce levels of LDL cholesterol, the bad kind that can clog arteries and lead to heart attacks. ...

Between 1960 and 2002, average total cholesterol levels for men and women ages 20 to 74 dropped from 222 milligrams per deciliter of blood to 203, mostly because of declines in people 50 and up. ...

Also, in the study's final decade, the percentage of adults with high cholesterol — a reading of at least 240 — fell from 20 percent to 17 percent. ...

Lower cholesterol

In a recent study, notable declines in LDL cholesterol levels of the bad kind — were observed between 1976 and 2002. Levels of HDL cholesterol — the good kind — remained mostly stable.



SOURCE: JAMA

ing of at least 240 — fell from 20 percent to 17 percent, about eight years sooner than the government's goal of reaching the 17 percent mark by 2010. ...

Other government studies have shown that between 1998 and 2002, the percentage of overweight American adults climbed from 56 percent to 63 percent. ...

Searchers uncover jawbone of ancient 'Hobbit'

The Associated Press

Scientists say they have found more bones in an Indonesian cave that offer additional evidence of a second human species — short and hobbit-like — that roamed the Earth the same time as modern man. ...

The discovery of a jawbone, to be reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, represents the ninth individual belonging to a group believed to have lived as recently as 12,000 years ago. ...

The jawbones have enchanted many anthropologists who accept the interpretation that these diminutive skeletons belonged to a remnant population of prehistoric humans that were mated on Flores with dwarf elephants and other miniaturized animals, giving the discovery a kind of fairy tale quality. ...

It true, the discovery grafts a strange and tangled evolutionary branch near the very top of the human family tree. ...

The conventional view of human evolution is that several types of primitive ape-like ancestors appeared and faded over a span of about 4.5 million years. ...

Fully grown, Homo floresiensis would have stood about 3 feet tall, with a brain about the size of a chimpanzee's. ...

New England, speculate it evolved from Homo erectus, which had spread from Africa across Asia. ...

However, the researchers acknowledge that the Hobbit shares a bizarre and unexplained mixture of modern and primitive traits. ...

Rumsfeld OKs aid to C. America

IAMA, Fla. (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld approved the dispatch of military helicopters, food and other aid to help Central American nations inundated by massive mudslides mount recovery operations. ...

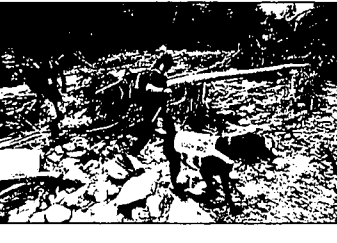
Such catastrophes are too much for any country to handle alone. Rumsfeld said Tuesday en route to meetings he is hosting in south Florida with security leaders from seven Central American countries. ...

Rumsfeld said the mudslides were exactly the type of crisis that require the countries in Central America to work more closely together. ...

A medical unit from the U.S. Air Force on the way to Guatemala and other parts of the region includes a mix of nine Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters, mostly from bases in the region, with at least six other helicopters getting ready to go. ...

Pardo-Mauer said the United States was sending food, water, plastic sheeting, medical supplies and other equipment and would be helping to improve communications. ...

Rumsfeld also spoke with Gen. John Abizaid, chief of U.S. Central Command, on Tuesday morning to coordinate a wide range of additional relief efforts for victims of the deadly earthquake in Pakistan. ...



Jeanne Menard, of New England Search and Rescue, leads Cheer, her search dog, through debris along what used to be Rts. 124/123 in flood-ravaged Aitstead, N.H., on Monday.

Crews search for missing after Northeast flooding

AITSTEAD, N.H. (AP) — Where Sally and Tim Canfield's home once stood, there is only open land. Their home was washed away by floodwaters, and two days after the rains subsided, their family found no trace of them. ...

Rescue crews and police dogs searched rivers and woods Tuesday for the Canfields and two others missing in New Hampshire after a weekend of heavy downpours that left at least 10 people dead from Maine to Pennsylvania. ...

"We didn't find any bodies," said a brother-in-law, Rick Mason, who spent time with crews looking for the Canfields. ...

At least one of those missing in New Hampshire, a 67-year-old kayaker, was feared dead. Gov. John Lynch said the floods were the worst the state had experienced in a quarter-century, and he sought a federal disaster declaration. ...

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Air Force grounded to support Army in Iraq

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Straining to find ground troops to maintain its force levels in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Pentagon has begun deploying thousands of Air Force personnel to combat zones in new jobs as interrogators, prison sentries and gunners on supply tracks. ...

The Air Force years ago banked its future on state-of-the-art fighter jets and billion-dollar satellites. Yet the service that long has avoided being pulled into ground operations is finding that its people — rather than its weapons — are what the Pentagon needs most as it wages a prolonged war against a low-tech insurgent enemy. ...

Individual branches have spent decades carving out their unique roles within the U.S. military and Air Force officials insist that the redeployment of its airmen is temporary. ...

As part of the effort, more than 3,000 Air Force troops are being assigned new roles. And airmen are being dispatched to combat zones for longer tours of duty — as many as 12 months rather than four. ...

The situation represents a reversal of sorts for the Air Force, which had played a dominant role in recent conflicts including the 1991 Persian Gulf War and the war to expel Serbian troops from Kosovo. ...

In the ongoing peacekeeping efforts in Afghanistan and the fight against insurgents in Iraq, Kosik said, the Army has been the dominant branch. ...

Air Force officials said they are expecting to commit another 1,000 airmen to missions such as prison guards and truck drivers over the next few years, but they don't plan to make these jobs "core competencies" within the Air Force. ...

Pentagon planners believe that the counterinsurgency battles being waged in Iraq and Afghanistan could become the norm, rather than the exception, for the U.S. military. ...

One urgent problem being addressed by the Air Force is the shortage of trained interrogators to question the thousands of detainees being held in U.S. military prisons in Iraq and Afghanistan. ...

The demand side is that there are people being put into the system that need to have folks talk to them," said Col. Steven Pennington, commander of the Air Force Operations Group. ...

The first Air Force interrogation teams were deployed to Afghanistan earlier this year. They went without receiving any special training because most were members of the Air Force's internal investigative service and had experience questioning suspects. ...

Air Force interrogation teams are being drawn from an array of unrelated jobs, and members are undergoing 16-week interrogation courses at the Army's intelligence academy at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. ...

They are not necessarily operating 100 feet outside their basic skill set, but they are operating in an environment they're not normally trained to operate in," said Maj. Brenda Campbell, an Air Force spokeswoman.

WORLD

# Sunnis agree on constitution

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)**—Iraqi negotiators reached a breakthrough deal on the constitution Tuesday, and at least one Sunni Arab party said it would now urge its followers to approve the charter in this weekend's referendum. Suicide bombings and other attacks killed more than 50 people in the insurgent campaign aimed at intimidating voters.

Under the deal, the two sides agreed on a mechanism to consider amending the constitution after it is approved in Saturday's referendum. The next parliament, to be formed in December, will set up a commission to consider amendments, which would later have to be approved by parliament and submitted to another referendum.

The agreement boosts the chances that the draft constitution will be passed Saturday. Shiite and Kurdish leaders support the draft and the United States has been eager to see it approved to avert months more of political turmoil, delaying plans to start a withdrawal of U.S. forces.

In return, the agreement guarantees Sunni Arabs the ability to try later to introduce major changes they want, aimed at reducing the autonomous powers that Shiites and Kurds would have under the federal system created by the charter, negotiators said.

"The important principle here is that this provides an assurance to Sunnis that this constitution is not the end of history but is subject to amendment," said Ridha Jawad Taqi of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, a top Shiite party in the government.

U.S. officials have pushed the three days of negotiations between Shiite and Kurdish leaders in the government and Sunni Arab officials, that concluded with marathon talks at the house of President Jalal Talabani late Tuesday.

A top Sunni negotiator, Ayad al-Samarraie of the Iraqi Islamic Party, said the measure would allow it to "stop the campaign rejecting the constitution and we will call on Sunni Arabs to vote yes." It was unclear if parliament would formally vote on the new deal with some lawmakers saying that measure may be ready to

the National Assembly on Wednesday.

But other major Sunni parties were not present at the negotiations, and at least one Sunni Arab party said it would now urge its followers to approve the charter in this weekend's referendum.

"The Islamic party was participating alone in these negotiations and making its own decisions," al-Mudraq said. "This is strange because the

Iraqi Islamic party does not represent all the Sunni Arabs but only a small percentage of them."

But the announcement was the first break in the ranks of Sunni Arab leaders and will likely deeply undermine the campaign to defeat the constitution at the polls.

Sunni-led insurgents have demanded a boycott of the election and threatened those

who would vote.

The agreement outlines four additions to the document considered Saturday that outline how future amendments will be made.

The draft constitution has already been printed by the United Nations and millions of copies are being distributed to the public for Saturday's vote, so the new additions cannot be included.

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## Al-Qaida letter:

### Be ready in case Americans leave

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—In a letter to his top deputy in Iraq, al-Qaida's No. 2 leader said the United States "ran and left their agents" in Vietnam and the jihadists must have a plan ready to fill the void if the Americans suddenly leave Iraq.

"Things may develop faster than we imagine," Ayman al-Zawahiri wrote in a letter to his top deputy in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. "The aftermath of the collapse of American power in Vietnam — and how they ran and left their agents — is noteworthy. ... We must be ready starting now."

Senior U.S. military commanders have said that Iraqi security forces are improving significantly and some U.S. forces could return home early next year. Yet some skeptics have raised concerns about whether such statements simply let the insurgency know how long they must wait for the U.S. to leave.

In a letter taking up 13 typed pages in its English translation, al-Zawahiri also recommended a four-stage expansion of the war that would take the fighting to neighboring Muslim countries.

"It has always been my belief that the victory of Islam will never take place until a Muslim state is established in the heart of the Islamic world," al-Zawahiri wrote.

The letter laid out his long-term plan: expel the Americans from Iraq, establish an Islamic authority and take the war to Iraq's secular neighbors, including Lebanon, Jordan and Syria.

The final stage, al-Zawahiri wrote, would be a clash with Israel, which he said was established to challenge "any new Islamic entity."

The letter is dated July 9, and was acquired during U.S. operations in Iraq. It was written in Arabic and translated by the U.S. government.



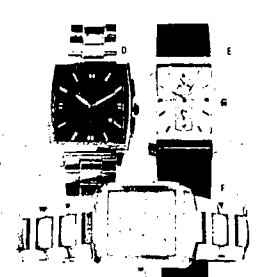
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OPINION

LETTERS

**Pledge lawsuit dictates one religious idea**

It was so much easier prior to the 1960s. Children were well disciplined and also taught to be respectful for other people and other people's beliefs. If a person didn't agree with the majority, he didn't participate in the activity. I remember a few children who didn't salute the flag in the classroom because of their religious beliefs. But they stood up with the rest of us out of respect for their fellow classmates. They just didn't say the pledge to the flag, and their parents didn't sue the school.

We live in a country with equal rights, freedom of speech and the pursuit of happiness for all citizens. Therefore, how can any court in this land rule that atheist Michael Newdow be allowed to force the rest of this country into his belief system? He has the right to believe what he believes, but he does not have the right to force the rest of us to believe his way.

Mr. Newdow, here is some food for thought: "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers—and it was not there... in her fertile fields and boundless forests—and it was not there... in her rich mines and her vast world commerce—and it was not there... in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great" (Alexis de Tocqueville, quoted by Dwight D. Eisenhower in his final campaign address, Boston, 1952).

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**Bush's war has our hands dripping blood**

Stupid people (not ignorant, but being polysyllabic, that's still an individual choice) who blindly follow this administra-

tion only perpetuate its evils.

The corruption that has been exposed in Washington lately is only the tip of the iceberg. Miers, Bush's dedicated Supreme Court nominee crony, has so little information available that a photo was posted showing her notifying Bush of the al-Qaida threat on Aug. 6, 2001. Ooops. [http://www.editorandpublisher.com/eandp/news/article\\_display.asp?nu\\_content\\_id=1001221205](http://www.editorandpublisher.com/eandp/news/article_display.asp?nu_content_id=1001221205)

Those who continue to defend Bush must be dedicated Fox fans. The General Accounting Office recently decided that White House payments to newsmen pushing White House policies were illegal; this despite White House counsel previously defending the use of our funds to manipulate our minds. Hmmm, isn't Miers White House counsel?

International law prevents the invasion of a sovereign country. Saddam or not, Bush-co knew they'd better manipulate intelligence to support their illegal decision. What has been done in Iraq is another Holocaust. Europe estimates there have been more than 100,000 civilian deaths. There have been unprecedented deaths of journalists, many by U.S. troops. It's become obvious

to those who do not depend on U.S. news sources (try the United Kingdom) that the hands of our country are dripping blood.

Since when are the lives of Iraqi citizens less deserving of consideration than U.S. citizens? What would you do if your country were invaded? We have allowed Bushco to make us a nation of murderers; both of Iraqi civilians and our own youth.

For those self-satisfied persons with pure funds of knowledge about our president, a little peek into another world might be an earthshaking experience.

Text of the Pentagon Torture Memo from WSI: <http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/military/0604.pdf> Could Bush administration officials be prosecuted for "war crimes" as a result of new measures used in the war on terror? The White House's top lawyer thought so. <http://www.truthout.org/cgi-bin/artman/exec/view.cgi/9/4593>.

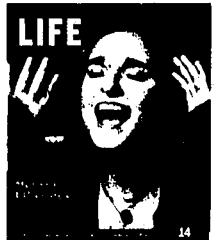
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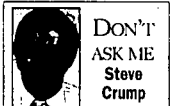
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## On Judgment Day, have an escape plan

Attended services at the Unitarian Church in Boise on Sunday, and everybody sat near the front of the sanctuary. Almost nobody sat in back. Needless to say, I was appalled.



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

In my lengthy and rather expansive church-going experience — Baptist, Catholic, Mormon, Lutheran, Presbyterian, I've even been to synagogue once or twice — nobody voluntarily sits at the front, and for good reason: God knows what you've been up to, and if you sit up front, the inevitable thunderbolt will strike you a second or two sooner than if you covered on a pew at the back of the room.

Every God-fearing soul understands this, and God-fearing is the operative expression here.

See, four things can happen when you sit at the front of the church, and they're all bad.

One, the preacher will fix you with his burning-coals eyes, denounce you for tap-dancing on the trapdoor to hell, and leave you a blubbering mass of confusion.

Second, somebody will volunteer you to do something, and thenceforth, everybody else in the congregation will think you're the pastor's pet.

Finally — and I can't emphasize this enough — if you sit at the front of the church, it's next to impossible to nap and not get busted for it.

Of course, there are religions — Mormonism leaps to mind — that shame you into sitting up front.

Want you, Brother, join the rest of us here at the front of the hall?

Whaddya gonna say? "No, I have to live up and feed the parking meter."

In most churches there is an understanding among sinners (of all degrees) that it's prudent to leave a clear escape path from church — something best achieved if you're sitting in the back row.

Baptists, I think, do this best. Baptists — and most other evangelicals, I suspect — understand that there is some risk to your body as well as to your soul at church.

As great admirers of the Old Testament, Baptists are conversant with all of the gruesome ways that the Deity has, from time to time, conveyed displeasure with human behavior.

Now I'm not suggesting it's likely that you personally will be stricken with a plague of boils, but if you don't pay to most to back From Genesis to Revelation, much of mankind's reaction to divine retribution has been to run away.

Besides, God probably considers it a sign of respect that you keep yourself no more than a half-dozen steps from the church's exit.

Where Lutherans sit in church, in my experience, depends on how long it's been since they've been to church.

Christmas-and-Easter-only Lutherans tend to slide up close to the pulpit in hopes that fellow congregants will forget how long it's been since they've seen them, while never-miss-a-Sunday Lutherans sit in back for reasons entirely Scandinavian.

That's because Lutherans of Nordic ancestry are big on self-denial, and sitting in back generally means that (A) the pastor is harder, and (B) they can't hear the preacher, which is not an unloyaled disadvantage.

And Catholics? Doesn't matter where they sit in church, it'll feel guilty that they didn't sit in the back.

So how about those inscrutable Unitarians? Well, among Unitarians just about everybody has a different idea about the nature of God. And if you're not sure about where the Almighty is coming from, then it's a waste of time to worry about getting out of his way.

Sit in front, sit in back — it doesn't matter. Wherever two or more Unitarians are gathered in a house, there's a committee.

# City Council supports local shelters

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — City Council supported two charitable endeavors Tuesday in separate actions for a women's shelter and a facility for the homeless. At the request of the South Central Community Action Partnership, Mayor Glenn Dwyight proclaimed Oct. 30 National Weather Day in Twin Falls.

The proclamation was read

by Councilwoman Elaine Steele on behalf of an absent Dwyight.

SCCAP Executive Director Ken Robinette said the action will help remind citizens that energy costs have jumped substantially this year and weatherization is a way to absorb some of the increase.

"The hardest hit will be the elderly living on fixed incomes, along with families with small children," Robinette said. He said SCCAP's weatheriza-

tion program has helped 200 homes this year; homes that may see an average energy savings of \$300 annually.

A special project later this month will be weatherizing Serenity House, a nonprofit facility "for women who have a sincere desire to begin a new way of life," Robinette said. Representatives from numerous government and business entities will pitch in on Oct. 28 to weatherize the building.

"We invite you to work with our crews side by side," Robinette said. "It's a one-day event."

The council also voted to support Valley House, a nonprofit organization that provides temporary housing for the homeless, by waiving one-half the fees for water and sewer hookups at a new triplex that is being built.

City Manager Tom Courtney said the hookup fees would have cost about \$1,900.

Valley House had requested a complete fee waiver, but Councilman Chris Talkington expressed concern that other nonprofit entities might expect the same break. "The city has some costs it simply cannot waive," he said.

Lori Bergma, a vice president at Valley House, thanked the council nonetheless. "Whatever help you can give us — everything we do there is donated — we're dealing with community dollars," she said.

## LITTLE ADVENTURE



Mike Baker helps his 20-month-old son Kaitorm negotiate the bumpy path Tuesday evening in the CSI corn maze.

## Hansen approves wastewater contract

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — Hansen residents will have a choice of four candidates for the two open city council seats in the November election. Incumbents Tom Kenney and Laura Nelson are running for re-election along with new candidates Bill Burns and Becky Adamson.

Debbie Dame, of the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreational Development Association (SCITRDA), spoke to the members of the City Council during their Monday night meeting about their future plans. The services that the association will provide for include the area from Hansen and the Hagerman valley on the west end of the county.

Hansen is the eastern portal of the recreational area and is the gateway to the South Hills and the stage stop at the Stricker ranch.

The council voted to renew the contract with Operations Management International to manage the wastewater plant for the next five years. The contract shows a 3 percent raise over the present contract, which raises the costs to \$87,000 per year.

Mayor George Urle announced Brockway Engineering had marked the area for the new wastewater plant, which is expected to begin within a few days.

## Board will adjust date of canal closing

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Water will be flowing through the Twin Falls Canal Co. system for a little longer than originally expected.

The board of directors of the canal company had answered recent requests by water users to postpone the canal shutdown date initially scheduled for Oct. 15, said Vice Alberdi, company manager.

The Twin Falls Canal Co. will begin reducing flows from Miller Dam on Oct. 15. Canal company members will still see water running through the system through Oct. 22, Alberdi said. The board also determined the annual operations and maintenance assessment for canal company members.

The board raised the fee to \$21 per acre over last season's \$20 share for Alberdi said. The increase can be attributed not only to rising fuel and concrete prices but also to the company's legal fees for its ongoing battle over water rights.

# Local soldiers awarded medals

The Times-News

FOB WARRIOR, Iraq — Eighty-seven soldiers from the 116th Brigade Combat Team's Task Force 2-116 Armor have been recognized for combat achievement.

The medals were awarded in an outdoor ceremony at Forward Operating Base Warrior in the northern city of Kirkuk. The 116th has been in Iraq since December and is expected to be back home in time to trim the Christmas tree.

"It's because of great soldiers like you sacrificing for your country that we live in freedom," 116th BCT Commander Brig. Gen. Alan Gayhart told them after personally pinning on the awards and congratulating each recipient.

Two soldiers were awarded the Purple Heart, which honors soldiers wounded or killed in combat. Nine soldiers received Combat Infantryman Badges, eight soldiers received Combat Medic badges and 70 soldiers received Combat Action badges. The two Purple Heart recipients also earned Combat Action badges.

Combat badges are awarded to soldiers who perform their duties while under enemy fire. Soldiers trained in the infantry specialty receive the Combat Infantryman badge; soldiers trained as medical specialists receive the Combat Medic badge, and those trained in other specialties receive the Combat Action badge, said Capt. Monte

## Among the honored

Local soldiers were presented with medals during a recent ceremony at their forward operating base in Iraq.  
Purple Heart  
Sgt. Ryan Parkinson  
Spc. Robert Schuler  
Combat Infantryman Badge  
Spc. Martin Baldwin  
Sgt. Chad Hill  
Sgt. Karl Jackson  
Spc. Bryan Jones  
Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Keller  
Staff Sgt. Stephen Kingan  
Spc. Steven Martindale  
Spc. David McKim  
Sgt. Walter Nau

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Hibbert, public affairs officer for the 116th, in a news release.

The 2-116th Armor has taken the lead in maintaining security and protecting Iraqi security forces in Kirkuk City since taking responsibility for the area last February. The 116th is one of several Army National Guard units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Its four-part mission in the larger Kirkuk Province includes maintaining security, assisting Iraq's new government, supporting economic development and facilitating communications. The 116th is comprised of headquarters and staff sections, two armor battalions, a mechanized infantry battalion, a support battalion, a field artillery battalion, an engineer battalion, and various intelligence, signal and specialized units.



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Alan Gayhart, commander of the 116th Brigade Combat Team, pins the Combat Infantryman Badge on the first of nine recipients during an awards ceremony at Forward Operating Base Warrior, Iraq.

# West Magic man dies in fifth-wheel trailer accident

TWIN FALLS — An 80-year-old West Magic man was killed Monday night when a fifth-wheel trailer fell on him.

Twin Falls Police identified the man Tuesday as Richard Gillespie, who was visiting relatives in Twin Falls. Police said West Magic is a small community near Magic Reservoir.

Sgt. Matthew Hicks said police were called about 8 p.m. Monday to the accident scene near the intersection of Minidoka Avenue and Jerome Street South. Hicks said Gillespie was apparently trying to unhook a fifth-wheel trailer from the back of a pickup.

"It appears that while he was

## Magic Valley in brief

trying to unhook it, it somehow jumped forward and pinned him to the truck," Hicks said. "It really is a tragedy," Hicks said. "All the indications are it was an accident, and that's how we're ruling it."

## Meeting will discuss Oakley school addition

OAKLEY — There will be a meeting Thursday at 5:30 in the Oakley High School Media Center. This meeting is to discuss a

proposed wrestling/multipurpose room addition. The public is invited to attend.

## Jerome Middle School holds teachers' workshop

JEROME — Jerome Middle School students will have the day off Monday, Oct. 24 while their teachers participate in a Site Development Workshop. The workshop, "Making Middle Grades Work," is being presented by Southern Regional Education Board. The goal of the initiative is to increase the percentage of eighth-graders who perform at the proficient level in core academic subjects and who

leave eighth grade ready for college-preparatory work in high school. Students will return to school on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

## Airport Authority votes to end expansion discussion

HALLEY — Tuesday evening's 1.5th Annual Memorial Airport Authority meeting found unanimous support for ending study of expansion at the current site. Authority Board Members also unanimously voted to uphold the 1994 document that promised no expansion at the current site.

At the meeting the Board will consider which of the three sites

put forward by the Site Selection Committee it will recommend to the FAA as the best overall site for Friedman Memorial's replacement.

Friedman Airport Manager Rick Bald has stated the past that Friedman has outgrown current boundaries as increasing numbers of C-130 aircraft choose to land here. According to FAA regulations, Friedman must upgrade to C-130 standards or risk the loss of funding by the agency. Additionally the airport cannot refuse service to aircraft requesting to land per FAA policies for facilities accepting FAA funding.

— compiled from staff reports

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DEATH NOTICES

Donald L. McGhee

WENDELL — Donald L. McGhee died Oct. 7, 2005. There will be no services held. A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at The American Legion Hall, 610 Main, Wendell, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, donations in Don's name to a charity of choice are suggested. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory. A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Jerry D. Fleck

OAKLEY — Jerry Duane Fleck, a 60-year-old resident of Oakley, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at the Oakley State Church of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center

Ave., with Bishop Eric Beckle officiating.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Helena Funeral Chapel, 314 N. Hodday, Helena, MT 59601. Arrangements are under the direction of Resurrection Funeral Home, Burley.

Guadalupe Rangel Sr.

BURLEY — Guadalupe Rangel Sr., a 70-year-old resident of Burley, died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at his home. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 until 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, at Resurrection Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. The funeral and burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, at Parlier, Calif. Arrangements are under the direction of Resurrection Funeral Home, Burley.

Richard Tremaine Gillespie Sr.

WEST MAGIE — Richard Tremaine Gillespie Sr., 80, of West Magie, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be made by White-Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Nellie McGuire

JEROME — Nellie McGuire, 82, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, at her home in Jerome. Arrangements will be made by Hoce-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome.

Billy L. Pruett

GLENN'S FERRY — Billy L. Pruett, 69, of Glenn's Ferry, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, at a Caldwell hospital. Arrangements will be made by Best Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel, Mountain Home.

Congressmen discuss effect of fishing on salmon

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Trying to apply what they called a "consent-settlement" to saving salmon, three members of Congress suggested Tuesday cutting back on the number of fish that can be killed by fishermen. "I have trouble, my little brain can't understand, how it's OK to slaughter the fish?" said Rep. Greg Walden, an Oregon Republican, who was joined by Reps. Brian Baird and Norm Dicks, both Democrats from Washington, for the first of three informal hearings to hear from various interest groups. Their approach provoked criticism from environmental groups, who say dams are responsible for killing many more salmon than fishing. It also raised fears among American Indian tribes, whose treaty rights have guaranteed that they can fish both wild and hatchery-raised salmon. The two types of fish can be distinguished because most hatchery-raised salmon have had their fin clipped — a move that was implemented two years ago through legislation sponsored by Dicks. Catch-and-release is not part of our culture," said Tim Strupph, the chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs. "The old way is that the Creator placed us here and the Creator also placed our fin there. What we promised the Creator is that we would take care of our brethren fish." All three congressmen stressed that dams, as well as the habitat of the fish and hatchery practices, cannot be ignored, but the government has spent billions of dollars on programs solely for fish and improved their habitat — and still salmon are declining. "We are increasingly hearing from those who are paying the bills for these efforts — a concern of the impacts of additional regulations on their lives, that they don't understand how we can ask them to support such costs and at the same time continue to harvest the wild salmon we're trying to protect," said Dicks. The lawmakers grilled several officials with government agencies in charge of regulating salmon about the Endangered Species Act, asking them how it is that salmon can be listed as protected under the act, yet still be fished. "I don't see my problem with the Endangered Species Act. We don't take any wolves," said Dicks. But when it comes to salmon, he said, fishermen are still allowed to take the endangered fish. "That just doesn't make any sense to me," he said. Sport and commercial harvests are regulated by state and federal agencies, and none allow fishermen to keep wild fish that are listed as threatened or endangered. However, fishing is allowed on rivers and in the ocean where protected fish are caught inadvertently and sometimes die after they are released.

SERVICES

Inez "Snooks" Voelzel Barber of Burley, graveside service at the Twin Falls Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Resurrection Funeral Home).

Brandon H. Besterford of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (White Mortuary).

Christopher Patrick Terry of Ketchum, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Thursday on the river at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum (Wood River Chapel).

Linne Linderman of Sagle, visitation from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Wood River

Chapel in Hailey; memorial service at 6 p.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey.

Emory Victor "Vic" Allen Sr. of Caldwell, and formerly of Kimberly, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; visitation from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday at the chapel.

Mary Margaret Moeller of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church.

William Carroll "Bill" Sellars Jr. of Olympia, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial Mass at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Church.

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Shawn LeRoy Wolford

TWIN FALLS — Shawn LeRoy Wolford, 31, of Twin Falls, and formerly of the Caldwell area, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2005, at Bridgeway Estates following a battle with cancer. Shawn was born on May 15, 1974, in Missoua, Ore., the son of Robert D. Wolford and Beverly Ann Norris. He grew up and attended schools in the Caldwell-Wilder area, graduating from Waldview High School in 1992.



During his growing up years and following graduation, Shawn and his brother, Mike, worked for family friends, Scott Shultz and Bev Martin at Bear Creek Ranch in Ola, Idaho. Shawn married Rebecca Wollschlaeger in 1993 in Burli, Idaho. Soon after they were married, they moved to Caldwell where he worked for Canada Security as a security guard for a number of years. Shawn worked a number of odd jobs around the valley before landing a job that he thoroughly enjoyed at Dell Computers in Twin Falls. He

lived in Caldwell, Idaho; his brother, Mike, Wolford of Emmet, Idaho; his grandmother, Lorraine Wolford of Caldwell, Idaho; as well as his special aunts, Barbara Wolford of Caldwell, Idaho, and Becky (Fred) Stephens of Nampa, Idaho. Also surviving are several aunts, nephews, half-brothers and sisters and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert W. Wolford.

A graveside inurnment service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at the Wilder Cemetery in Wilder, Idaho, with Pastor Allard Smith officiating. The family suggests memorials be given to a special fund set up for his two children. Contributions may be given to Shawn's aunt, Barbara Wolford, or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 312 Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lois M. Williams



MERIDIAN — Lois M. Williams, 79, of Meridian, Idaho, passed away Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her loving and devoted family. She was born July 18, 1926, in Twin Falls to Edwin Arthur Beem and Helen Marie Crump Beem. Lois spent her early years of life in Filer, Idaho, graduating with honors from Filer High School in 1944. She entered the University of Idaho in the fall of 1944 to major in secretarial studies. She also was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority at the University of Idaho.

In 1947, she started another chapter in her life by marrying George L. (Lennie) Williams on June 15, 1947, in Filer, Idaho. They settled in Nampa where Lois became a homemaker and Lennie began a career with the Mountain Bell Telephone Company. Lois spent the next years in Boise, enjoying motherhood after the birth of her two daughters, Gini and Becky. Not only was Lois comfortable in the kitchen, she sewed countless dresses, coats and outfits for her girls, with the finesse of an accomplished seamstress. Due to her husband's transfer to Pocatello, she spent the next seven years continuing support her husband and daughters. After returning to Boise, Lois enjoyed a varied

career utilizing her secretarial skills with the Girl Scouts, State Department of Insurance and Gen'l Health. She was a valued employee as an executive secretary and office manager. As Lennie was approaching retirement, Lois and Lennie decided to buy a motor home and travel with friends. They shared the "Volunteer" roles of managing an international Bell System family camping event in Filer. In addition, Lois and Lennie enjoyed excursions to the Oregon coast and various campsites in the Northwest. Lois was very active in PEO Chapter II and played bridge with her college Tri Deltis for over 50 years. She experienced great pride supporting her grandsons, Scotty and Chad. She enjoyed watching Scotty

play softball and sing in choir and Chad provided her countless hours of joy whenever he performed on the piano. Lois is survived by her husband, Lennie; daughters, Gini Williams of Geneva, Switzerland, and Becky Williams of Scotts Bluffs, Nebraska; sons, Scotty Spears and Chad Spears of Boise; sister, Pat Fisher and husband, C. Leonard, of Kimberly, Idaho; and special nieces, nephews and cousins. Her parents and her sister, Barbara Cobb, preceded Lois in death.

The family wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to the staff at the Life Care Center of Treasure Valley for their kindness and loving care. Special thanks, also, to nurses, Kristy and Tricia, and chaplain, Bob Anthony, of St. Luke's hospital.

A celebration of Lois' life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at the Cathedral of the Rockies, First United Methodist Church.

Following the service, everyone is welcome to visit the urn site at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. Contributions may be made to PEO Chapter II, c/o Diana Kofoed, 6110 N. Drake Way, Boise, ID 83705, or Delta Delta Delta Sorority at the University of Idaho in Moscow, ID 83843. Family and friends will miss Lois' quiet grace and her loyal service to others.

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Jamea Stalker, 15, of Kingsburg High School, pets her 247-pound Hampshire pig named Sox at the Big Fresno Fair on Tuesday in Fresno, Calif. Stalker is auctioning her pig tomorrow at the fair.

# Air Force distances itself from endorsing military evangelism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force has withdrawn from use by its chaplain service a code of ethics that endorsed the practice of evangelizing military service members who are not affiliated with any specific religion.

The move, disclosed by Air Force officials on Tuesday, came in the wake of a lawsuit by a Jewish graduate of the Air Force Academy, Mike Weinstein, of Albuquerque, N.M., who claims that senior officers and cadets illegally imposed Christianity on others at the school.

The code of ethics — issued by the Air Force Chaplain Service in January 2005 — includes the statement: "I will not actively proselytize from other religious bodies. However, I retain the right to instruct and/or evangelize those who

are not affiliated."

Jennifer Stephens, an Air Force spokeswoman, said the code of ethics was withdrawn "for further review" on Aug. 10.

She did not say why it was withdrawn, but she stressed that it was separate from a code of ethics written by the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, a private organization of religious bodies that provides chaplains to all of the military services.

That group's code also says military chaplains reserve the right to evangelize those who are not affiliated with any religious faith, but Stephens said the Air Force's top lawyer wrote in a letter to an attorney for Weinstein that an Air Force

chaplain service document "might have been understood to represent such a policy statement" on evangelizing but that the document was withdrawn from use.

Stephens said Walker was referring to the Air Force code of ethics statement.

Weinstein filed his suit last week in federal court in New Mexico. Among the evidence he cited was a July 12 article in The New York Times that quoted the Air Force's deputy chief of chaplains, Brig. Gen. Cecil H. Richardson, as saying, "We will not proselytize, but we reserve the right to evangelize the unchurched."

In her letter, Walker disputed that statement.

"There is no existing Air Force policy endorsing 'proselytizing or evangelizing' the unchurched," she wrote.

# Vaccine helps keep number of West Nile horse deaths lower

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — West Nile virus has killed nearly 200 horses in California so far this year, but an active vaccine campaign kept that number from climbing even higher.

The state did a radio campaign in some areas and veterinarians spread the importance of the vaccinations through word-of-mouth.

"We try to get them to bring their horses to clinics we have all over the state," said Jim Real, president of the 30,000-member California State Horsemen's Association.

The association has 4 clinics open to all horse owners where veterinarians vaccinate horses for about the cost of the shots, about 60 to 80 people shows up at the last clinic, Real said.

"The vaccine — a pair of shots that are good for a year — cost an owner about \$50 per horse. The vaccine is cost-effective in the long-run, but hard on ranchers with a lot of horses."

"Think about the people that have maybe 100 horses. That's thousands of dollars for them this year," said Bob Fox, a lobbyist for several horse

organizations in the state.

And in areas where horses may be more susceptible, the vaccine is recommended every six months, Alcott said.

"There are two available vaccines. They should be administered by a veterinarian, he said, though vaccines are sometimes available at feed stores.

"Unlike birds, horses are a 'dead-end host' for the virus: They don't pass it on. West Nile only replicates in horses' cerebral-spinal fluid, which is separate from the blood. So a mosquito bites a horse with West Nile, it won't transmit it," Alcott said.

The disease affects the horse's spine, brain or both. It can cause muscle weakness and twitching.

"Like people, the great majority of horses that get the virus will not show symptoms," said Steve Lyle, a spokesman for the state agriculture department.

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# Babbitt: Mistakes were made in monument

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt says the 1986 creation of a 1.7 million-acre national monument in southern Utah was a terrific idea that was poorly executed.

Babbitt said the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was one of the great environmental triumphs of the Clinton administration, but that he and President Clinton made a mistake when they announced the creation of the monument from Arizona with little warning to Utah officials.

Babbitt discusses the monument in his new book "Cities in the Wilderness," which he will be in Salt Lake City this weekend to promote.

Utah leaders were given no advance word of the 1996 announcement. The ceremony was held at the south rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona, which didn't help matters, Babbitt said.

Babbitt's book recalls that the creation of the monument spawned lawsuits from the state of Utah and created a lot of hostility among southern Utah residents. At one point, both he and Clinton were hanged in effigy (slung from the lampposts of the streets of Escalante)," he said.

The Denver-based Mountain States Legal Foundation in September asked the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse a lower court ruling last year that dismissed a lawsuit challenging the monument.

Attorneys for the Department of Justice and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance argued before a three-judge panel that former President Clinton was within his rights when he invoked the Antiquities Act to create the monument.

The judges have not indicated when they will rule.

The creation of the Grand

Staircase was a major chapter in the history of our public lands," Babbitt said Monday from his law office in Washington, D.C.

"As time goes on, more and more residents of Utah will come to see it as a great benefit for the entire state."

Looking back, Babbitt called the conflicts that arose from the monument's creation a great learning experience that has since helped shape how the Interior Department interacts with local governments.

"We certainly could have done a better job of advance consultation," he said. "One of the great lessons of Grand Staircase was that need for advance consultation, which we (later) used across the West with great success. But traditionally, monuments were created in this way, at the 11th hour. In that context, Grand Staircase wasn't all that different but it taught me about how we can do it better."

# BYU-Idaho gets new president

REXBURG (AP) — A longtime Harvard University educator and administrator was installed Tuesday at the helm of Mormon-run Brigham Young University-Idaho, where he promised students the school wouldn't be hampered by rigid academic tradition as it sought to cut costs, boost student numbers and improve the quality of its education.

The ceremony welcoming Kim B. Clark included appearances by Gordon B. Hinckley, the president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, whose request earlier this year lured Clark away from Boston, as well as Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Harvard University President Lawrence Summers.

Clark, 56, said his three chief aims — cutting costs for students, boosting enrollment opportunities for church members and raising educational standards — only seemed impossible to accomplish when tackled simultaneously.

"We are not bound by tradition, nor are we limited to our own understanding or to the wisdom of men," Clark told students, faculty and church members at BYU-Idaho's Hart Auditorium, the Idaho Falls Post Register reported.

Until five years ago, BYU-Idaho was a two-year school known as Ricks College. Hinckley announced in 2000 that it would expand to include four-year degrees.

In May, Hinckley persuaded

Clark to end his 35-year association with Harvard to head the church school located in tiny Rexburg — population 15,000 — in eastern Idaho.

Clark, a Utah native and Mormon bishop who grew up in Spokane, Wash., had been dean of the Harvard Business School since 1995, and a faculty member there since 1978.

"I thought a some questioned Clark's decision to abandon one of the most respected U.S. institutions of higher learning for virtually unknown BYU-Idaho, religious scholars told The Associated Press earlier this year that the move was both a sign of Clark's allegiance to his church and a symbol of his elevated status in Mormon ecclesiastical circles.

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# Governors advocate primary in 2008

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The governors of New Mexico and Utah will try to recruit other Rocky Mountain and Western states to hold presidential preference contests early in the 2008 presidential campaign.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a Democrat, joined with Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, a Republican, on Tuesday in calling for a Western regional presidential primary or caucuses on the first Tuesday in February 2008.

If enough Western states hold early contests, they say, it will increase the fast-growing regions' clout in picking presidential nominees.

"For too long, the West has been a flyover region and Western issues" have not been

emphasized," Richardson said at a news conference with Huntsman.

"We had little or no impact and our issues were easily ignored. If we're successful in putting together several Western states, then that will change."

Richardson was accompanied in his trip to New Mexico by Republican and Democratic legislative leaders from Utah as well as the chairmen of the states' Democratic and GOP parties.

He and Richardson expressed confidence that at least three states — New Mexico, Arizona and Utah — will hold their presidential primary in early February 2008.

"That to my mind is critical mass," Huntsman said. "That's

enough to do it outright. But if we can add to that another two or three, that would be icing on the cake."

New Mexico Democrats held a presidential caucus on Feb. 3, 2004, the same date Arizona had its primary.

Leaders of other Western states expressed interest.

Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn, a Republican, said Tuesday that he supported a Western presidential primary and "would recommend that its successor ask legislators in 2007 to approve the proposal."

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer "is generally supportive of any measure that would bring attention to the issues of the West," said Sarah Elliott, a spokeswoman for the Democratic

governor. "However, so far the Montana Legislature has not approved the idea or the necessary funding."

The Montana Legislature rejected a proposal earlier this year that would have moved the state's presidential primaries from June to February or March.

Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, a Republican, "likes the idea of a regional primary and he looks forward to seeing what the governors propose," said his spokesman, Mark Salley.

A Western presidential primary isn't a new idea. Former Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt tried to get more than a half dozen states to hold a regional primary in 2000, but New Mexico and others didn't go along with the proposal.

# Father of teen killed by police skeptical of inquest

BOISE (AP) — A father who saw his teenage son shot and killed in front of his Boise home last December by a Boise police officer has doubts about the fairness of an Ada County coroner's inquest hearing planned for next week.

At the hearing, which will start Monday, county prosecutors will question witnesses and present evidence to a six-person jury. The jury will decide who was responsible for the Dec. 10 death of 16-year-old Matthew Jones, who was shot by Officer Andrew Johnson after brandishing a rifle with a bayonet attached and whether there is any evidence a crime was committed.

"When I met with police, we told them the only thing we wanted out of this was integrity of the investigation, so that this doesn't ever happen to another family," Bruce Jones, Matthew's father, told The Idaho Statesman. "We told them we weren't going to sue and were hoping that everything that was going on would be transparent, especially that the criminal investigation would be made public. It didn't turn out that way."

"Without complete disclosure of that information or having an independent prosecutor presenting evidence, I think there is about a 99 percent chance the outcome has already been determined going in."

"So is the coroner's inquest going to help help my family? I doubt it."

Only two people witnessed the shooting — Johnson and Bruce Jones — and they have differing accounts of what happened. Because investigations are ongoing, Johnson cannot speak publicly about the shooting until the hearing, a police spokesman said.

In December, then-Interim Boise Police Chief Jim Tibbs said that Johnson arrived at the Jones family's home around 5 p.m., responding to a call about a teen causing trouble and punching holes in the ceiling with the bayonet of an M16 rifle.

Tibbs said Johnson reported that the teen was in the driveway and the boy charged him from some bushes with the bayonet rifle. Johnson told investigators he moved away, but the bayonet hit him in the back and he turned around, wanted the boy, and fired.

Johnson estimated his distance from the boy at about six feet. Three Jones, who was standing in the driveway several feet away, said Monday his son was moving toward Johnson but never got close enough to touch him with the bayonet.

He said his son was at least 12 feet from Johnson, and the officer never issued a verbal warning before he shot the teen, four times.

In the four previous Ada County inquests involving fatal Boise police shootings since 2000, juries have found the people who died, not the officer, caused their own deaths.

# Interim president starts at Idaho State University

BOISE (AP) — A former Idaho State University administrator has been chosen as the school's interim president.

Texas native Michael Gallagher, 62, started work Tuesday. He said he will try hard to promote ISU and to work with faculty and students, but doesn't intend to apply for the president's job.

"I'm looking for my replacement as soon as possible," Gallagher said.

Gallagher replaces Richard Bowen, 72, who worked his final day on Monday. As ISU's 11th president, Bowen served 21 years and had been scheduled to retire next June. But after faculty votes opposed a vote of no confidence in September against Bowen and two top administrators, he announced he would leave early.

Gallagher said little about the reasons that preceded Bowen's departure, instead focusing on what he hopes to accomplish in his time in Pocatello. Gallagher, who recently retired as president of Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colo., worked at ISU from 1987 to 1996, first as the dean of the College of Business and then as vice president for academic affairs.

"I spent nine years at ISU and grew a great deal personally and professionally during that

time, and this is my way of paying back and helping the school at a time when there's a bit of a leadership gap with the president," Gallagher said. "I worked for Dick Bowen, and I learned a lot from him."

ISU has nearly 14,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs in Pocatello and at centers in Idaho Falls, Twin Falls and Boise. The state Board of Education is taking applications and expects to name a new president early next year, the board said in a statement.

Gallagher won't be directly involved in the search for a president. But "there's a lot of things I can do, although I'm not on the search committee, by just creating a very positive environment," he said.

The no-confidence votes that prompted Bowen to leave were a demonstration of anger from faculty over pay raises as high as 28 percent that Bowen approved earlier this year for 36 ISU administrators when faculty members only received marginal raises.

Kay Christensen, Faculty Senate chairwoman, met Gallagher for the first time Tuesday.

"Dr. Gallagher seemed open to hearing about what we have to say, and that makes me feel very optimistic," she said.

## ANTICIPATION



Mason Williams holds a pair of flags to his head as he waits for his father, Staff Sgt. Warren McCrary, to return with the 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron on Tuesday at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. McCrary was deployed to Kunsan, South Korea, in May 2005.

# Pocatello boosters pay to lure business

POCATELLO (AP) — In a \$200,000 gamble, the Pocatello Development Authority is paying half the bill for a test at the Idaho National Laboratory in hopes of luring 100 to 150 high-paying jobs.

The test will determine if INEL's advanced nuclear reactor can be used by Isoltay Medical, based in Richland, Wash. The only way to conduct the test is to shut down the reactor, PDA chairman and Pocatello City Councilman Harry Neuhardt told the Idaho State Journal. That will cost \$400,000. Battelle Energy Alliance, which runs INEL, and Isoltay will pay the other half.

If the test turns out well, Neuhardt said that Isoltay has promised to build a facility in Pocatello. If the test goes well but Isoltay decides not to come to Pocatello, Neuhardt said Isoltay has agreed to reimburse the PDA the \$200,000. If the test fails, the PDA is out \$200,000.

Isoltay manufactures Cesium-131, a radioactive isotope used in the treatment of prostate cancer. The manufacturing process includes placing the chemical boron into a nuclear reactor.

INEL, an 890-square mile U.S. Energy Department complex headquartered in Idaho Falls, houses an advanced reactor that is one of the largest in the country. The test will determine if the

reactor can be used both by Isoltay and the U.S. Navy.

"We have to run a test to make sure that putting boron into the reactor will not contaminate the Navy's fuel rods that are prepared in that reactor," Neuhardt said. "Chemists, physicists, all those who understand these things say no, it won't be a problem."

Roger Girard, chairman and

chief executive officer of Isoltay, said his company has not yet decided to relocate to Pocatello.

"No decision has been made about anything at this point," Girard said. "We have been for about a year in serious discussions with (Pocatello) about locating there. We will probably end up with facilities in Washington, Idaho and Europe and potentially Pennsylvania."

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# ARMY OF RESCUERS

## Pickaxes on their shoulders, volunteers help quake victims

BALAKOT, Pakistan (AP) — Sijjad Rehman came from a town down the road, walking the last 10 miles with a pickaxe over his shoulder. Hassan Duraini came from near the capital, bringing milk and rice and cooking.

Muhammed Patan said simply that he came from "over there," pointing into the mountains that surround this small town, which sits almost at the epicenter of Saturday's earthquake and where nearly every building was destroyed. Like an army of rescuers, thousands of people have marched on Balakot and other badly damaged Pakistani towns over the past couple of days, bringing what relievers they can to places that have so far seen little of it.

Tuesday morning, the road to this town, closed to all but official vehicles, was crowded with men walking. Many carried crowbars or hammers or shovels. Some were coming in search of relatives, whether in Balakot or in more distant villages still cut off further up the road.

But most seemed to know no one here. They'd heard the reports and seen the pictures of the little riverside town where building after building was turned to rubble.

So they came to help. Patan, who carried a plastic bag of green sandals in small sizes, was handing them out to parents whose children looked to be in need. "When I have given them away, I'll go home," he said, shrugging.

Rehman, who came from the nearby town of Manshara, went straight to Shaheen, a school on the edge of town where anywhere from 200 to 400 children are thought to have been killed, and where at least five survivors were pulled out Monday.

"I am here to bring out more children alive," said Rehman, a strong-looking man with sun-weathered skin and the red-tinted hair many men here favor. But more than 72 hours after the quake, with temperatures dropping into the 30s at night and rain showers regularly pelting the area, he knew there was little chance of that.

Throughout the day Tuesday, volunteers found corpse after corpse.

By a small wheat field behind the wreckage of the school, the bodies of students were wrapped in plastic sheets and carefully laid out. Townspeople came by regularly,



A Pakistani earthquake survivor, center rear, is kissed on the cheek by a loved one after he was dug out of the rubble by rescuers in Balakot, Pakistan, on Tuesday.



An injured Pakistani earthquake survivor is carried from the rubble of a building on Tuesday in Balakot, Pakistan.

slowly turning down one shroud after another. Every hour or so, the sound of crying could be heard as a child was identified. Then the body would be taken away for burial, a small group stepping their way through the rubble of the town as they carried the child on a broken door or a wooden bed.

The need, in places like Balakot, is nearly impossible to imagine.

Estimates vary wildly on how many people died here. Before the quake, the population was about 30,000. The smell of rotting corpses hangs over parts of town, a reminder of the basic tasks yet to be done.

But even when survivors are found, it's a long way to get to help. The nearest large hospital

is in Abbottabad, about 25 miles away. While Pakistani military helicopters now churn in and out of town all day, and ambulances ferry out some of the injured, no one has taken responsibility for Balakot. Soldiers claim to be in charge, but few go out of their way to make sure people find their way to help.

"These soldiers are donkeys," said Nanyar Fida, spitting out the words as he watched the rescue efforts at the Shaheen school, where his 23-year-old sister, Majnun, was a teacher. There has been no sign of her since the quake, and Fida has little hope she remains alive.

He said a Pakistani military detachment had passed through the first day after the

quake, but simply watched as he and other frantic villagers clawed at the school's rubble. The soldiers couldn't begin work, they told the townspeople, until they had orders to do so.

"It's only the volunteers, he said, who have really brought relief. Most welcome are the professional search-and-rescue teams, such as a French group who found the five children at the school. But they were gone by Tuesday and only the men with the sledgehammers and the crowbars were left, hacking their way through layer after layer of the flattened building, and shouting out in fear at the occasional rumble of the aftershocks.

There's no way to measure how much the volunteers have accomplished. They are completely unorganized, few have training and aid distribution is so haphazard that there were 3-foot-high piles of donated clothing in some areas, soaking in the rain.

But they have also dug out dozens, and probably hundreds, of bodies. They've brought food and clothing to people who need it. Perhaps most importantly, they are proof to the residents of Balakot that people do care.

"We're very proud of these people," said Fida, motioning toward the volunteers. "Some don't have food for themselves, but they still brought food for

## Who deserves a Nobel prize? Judges don't agree

NEW YORK (AP) — What does it take to win the Nobel prize in literature — daring politics or great writing? Justified fame or unjustified obscurity?

A Nobel official's harsh words about the laureate of 2004, Austrian feminist writer Elfriede Jelinek, suggests that not even the award academy can come up with an answer.

Blame some of it on Alfred Nobel himself. Nobel, who died in 1896, decreed in his will that the literature prize should go to "the person who shall have produced ... the most outstanding work in an ideal direction," a phrase vague enough to confound even the most distinguished scholars.

But one longtime Academy president, Knut Ahnlund, apparently has a theory. On Tuesday, he launched a rare and bitter attack on Jelinek's work, which he labeled "a mass of text that appears shoveled together without trace of artistic structure."

Concerned about the prize's reputation, Ahnlund wrote in the Swedish newspaper Svenska Ka Dagbladet that Jelinek's selection had caused "irreparable damage to all progressive forces" and "confused the general view of literature as an art."

Ahnlund, who for years has not been part of the selection process, declared: "As of now, I consider myself an outsider."

Members have exited themselves before. Kerstin Ekman and Lars Gyllenstein left in 1989 to protest the academy's failure to express support for Salman Rushdie after an editor calling for his death was issued by Iranian Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Active academy voters dismissed Ahnlund's criticism, adding it had not affected their choice for this year's winner.

which will be announced Thursday. But in selecting Jelinek, whose books include "The Piano Teacher" and "Lust," the academy continued to alternate between the famous and the unknown, between authors defined by what they write and authors defined by what they believe.

Since the first prize, in 1901, the Nobels have reflected an ongoing evolution of "ideal direction." The academy originally favored conservatives such as Rudyard Kipling, while snubbing Leo Tolstoy and Emile Zola. During World War I, several prizes went to Scandinavian authors, the academy sought to avoid the appearance of taking sides with fighting countries. In the 1930s, "ideal direction" was reinterpreted as "artistic interest," with popular authors such as Pearl Buck and Sinclair Lewis among the beneficiaries.

Now, the Academy seems headed in all directions, aiming to please and to provoke.

"I wouldn't be surprised if there were opposing camps within the academy, and that there are trade-offs. We know that prizes get decided that way, sometimes," says Jonathan Galassi, president and publisher of Farrar, Straus & Giroux, which has published Nadine Gordimer, Eugenio Montale and other Nobel laureates.

Recent picks such as V.S. Naipaul and Gunter Grass were established authors whose Nobels were greeted by knowing nods from the literary community.

Others, including Jelinek and Italian playwright Dario Fo, inspired a collective scratch of the head. Jelinek was called too political. Another choice, South Africa's J.M. Coetzee, was criticized for not being political enough.

## Rice wins OK on bases

The Washington Post

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — After months of back and forth talks over continued U.S. access to a military base in Kyrgyzstan, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice won a formal agreement Tuesday from the new Kyrgyz leadership for open-ended use of the airfield for the war on terrorism and humanitarian programs in nearby Afghanistan.

Rice and President Kurmanbek Bakiyev announced the deal at a joint news conference here after what a senior U.S.

State Department official described as difficult negotiations between the two countries.

Kyrgyzstan is now requesting additional payment for services and facilities provided to the roughly 1,000 troops who have been based here since shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States, plus an accounting of past funds paid to the Kyrgyz government that was ousted in the so-called "Tulip revolution" last March. The deal, Washington now pays between \$40 million and \$50 million per year.

## Doctor notes link between beer, colorectal cancer

Newsday

A doctor who describes himself as a former beer drinker has found that significant beer or other alcohol consumption — with the exception of red wine — increases the risk of colorectal cancer.

"I switched over from beer to wine. Yep, based on my own study," said Dr. Joseph C. Anderson, an assistant professor of medicine at Stony Brook University Hospital on Long Island, N.Y.

Anderson said he's no longer a beer drinker, but he encountered no problems. What he found, though, were serious health issues in many of his beer- and spirits-imbibing patients.

The discovery was personally eye-opening. Anderson said he will never go back to the stuffer stuff. His patients drank eight or more glasses of beer or about the same number of

stronger alcoholic beverages per week had a significantly elevated chance of having precancerous polyps or fully developed colorectal cancers.

"Beer and spirits are probably just as important as a family history of colorectal cancer when it comes to risk," Anderson said during a recent interview.

Reporting in the September issue of the American Journal of Gastroenterology, Anderson

and a team of Stony Brook researchers examined 2,291 patients undergoing routine colonoscopy screenings.

Patients who drank eight or more glasses of beer or stronger beverages per week were more than twice as likely to have precancers or full-blown cancers than those who drank less or who chose wine instead.

Earlier studies have suggested that alcohol has a powerful effect on the colon and increas-

es the likelihood of cancer development because of the increased amount of aldehyde, a noxious compound that forms as alcohol is processed.

These studies also have suggested that alcohol can instigate a perilous cascade of events: DNA damage, immune system suppression and the activation of a class of proteins known as p-450 enzymes that spur the liver to produce so-called carcinogens.

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# Bush lauds progress in rebuilding

— **PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. (AP)** — President Bush, focusing on progress since Hurricane Katrina, praised the fast construction of their newly reopened school and hammered nails into a home for a storm victim. Still, everywhere he went, there were signs of the rebuilding's slow pace.



Bush

In this hard-hit coastal Mississippi town, Bush celebrated the return to school of 1,100 elementary students. He encouraged the presidential dreams of one boy standing among dozens of classmates in a grassy courtyard.

"Someday you may be Bush," Bush said. The president told a classroom of kindergartners to be proud of a school system that is "vibrant and alive" and committed to maintaining its former excellence. With many students' friends missing, the reopening was bittersweet. The classes being held

at Delisle Elementary School combine students from two schools, which, before the storm hit six weeks ago, together educated 2,000. Earlier, in the pitch-dark hour before dawn, Bush spent nearly two hours at a bustling Habitat for Humanity construction site in Covington, La. Aiming to support the effort to find housing for those displaced by Katrina, Bush — donning a hard hat, work gloves and a giant wraparound leather tool belt — briefly joined Habitat volunteer builders, then chatted, signed autographs and posed for pictures.

The project had been on the schedule, for the community, which appeared mostly unscathed, before the hurricane hit. And the construction of two homes — meaning just four days before Bush's deadline for getting the more than 32,000 people still in shelters into sturdy accommodations — paled before the larger task at hand. The president's last stop of the day was in Jefferson Parish, La., where he met with local officials and the commander of the military's hurricane-relief effort in Louisiana, Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honor.

# Cruise ship life bores displaced residents

**Knight Rider News Service**

NEW ORLEANS — With "satellite TV, gourmet food and a cruise ship cabin provided at taxpayers' expense, one might expect Creola Oliver to be living large.

But the elderly New Orleans woman, who lost her Uptown home to floods wrought by Hurricane Katrina, doesn't feel she is.

"All I do is walk around, look at the soap operas on TV," Oliver said. "Nothing to do, nowhere to go."

Oliver is among 5,600 people who are living on three cruise ships rented from Carnival Cruise Lines in a controversial \$192 million deal to find housing for police, firefighters and other people left homeless by the storm.

The six-month federal contract has spurred a congressional call for a special office to investigate spending on hurricane relief. Critics point out that the contract costs about \$2,550 per guest per week, about four times the base price of a seven-day Caribbean cruise, which would include cruise-line expenditures for entertainment and fuel.

Carnival, which canceled 120,000 reservations to make the ships available, isn't making any extra profit from the arrangement, said Irene Lal, a company spokeswoman. The contract — which brought the Lestat and Sensation ships to New Orleans and the Holiday to Mobile, Ala. — was made in only 26 hours, and assumptions had to be made about costs, fuel, water and other taxes, she said.

"In the end, the company will

make approximately the same amount that they would have earned had they kept these ships in regular service," she said.

Carnival's lost income, including tips, casino operations and alcohol sales, is figured into the contract.

The controversy doesn't matter much to folks such as Oliver, whose post-Katrina life doesn't live up to Carnival's "fun ships" slogan.

The bars are closed because no alcohol is allowed aboard, and the casino is shuttered. No Las Vegas-type shows take the stage at the Fantasia Lounge and no one cruises at the piano bar. Sted drum bands, a staple of any Caribbean excursion, are absent. Instead, Muzak favorites such as the love theme from "The Titanic" play softly over the PA system.

Few people onboard seem to be thinking about what they'll do and where they'll go when their time on the ship runs out. It seems impossible to believe that their homes — and their lives — will be rebuilt in such a short time.

But while they're on the ship, there are a few perks. They're treated to free movies — PG-rated films such as "Because of Winn-Dixie" — at 9 p.m. daily, and the video arcade is free. Those inclined to exercise may use the aerobics room, lift weights or jog around the outdoor track on the Sun Deck. No one has to pick up towels or make beds; maid and linen service is provided every other day.

Meals are prepared in the ship's kitchens, and just about anything can be had at any time, a stipulation of the contract.

# New Orleans colleges hit recruiting road

— **DURHAM, N.H. (AP)** — The college fair at a University of New Hampshire gymnasium is a regular stop on the homecoming circuit through the Northeast. Her job is taking up Loyola University of New Orleans — its Jesuit service mission, its strong core curriculum, its academic programs and sports teams. All it goes well, maybe she persuades a handful of students to apply.



Liz Seely, left, an admissions counselor from Tulane University in New Orleans, listens as displaced Tulane students who are now attending classes at New England colleges answer questions about Tulane during a recruiting session on Sept. 26 at the Providence Marriott in Providence, R.I.

But this year, as students and parents snake along the rows of tables toward Loyola, they look surprised to see her.

"Are you under water?" seely asks. "When will you re-appear?" Some offer friendly encouragement, other crack jokes within carboil. "I hear their best major now is scuba diving," one man says to his son as they walk past.

Mena smiles patiently and stays on message: Loyola was not badly damaged; television coverage of the hurricane school will be running when they arrive next fall. Maybe by then Mena will get to answer some of the questions that used to seem normal, like "What SAT score do I need?" and "Could I study abroad?"

The New Orleans colleges that were closed at least temporarily by Hurricane Katrina face monumental short-term obstacles simply to reopen their campuses, and next year's freshman class won't arrive for nearly a year. Nonetheless, recruiting is an urgent priority. New students are the lifeblood of any college, and for schools such as Loyola,illard and Xavier — and even for wealthier Tulane — the future depends on filling classroom seats and collecting tuition.

For the admissions officers venturing out of scattered fields and offices, this may be their most challenging and important recruiting season ever.

"We need to be out there and show the flag," Mena says, setting up her Loyola table a few minutes before the fair begins. "People walk by and you see them say, 'You're here, are you OK?' And you can start that dialogue."

The challenge is enormous. Admissions officers first had to get their own lives in order after the storm, while at work, important records and plans were destroyed.

Against that backdrop, recruiters' salesmanship on the road must be better than ever. There may be just a few moments to persuade a potential applicant that — the chaotic television images notwithstanding — New Orleans will rise again as a great college town.

The colleges acknowledge that enthusiasm from new prospects has been muted so far. But they also insist students who had already expressed interest haven't crossed the New Orleans schools off their lists. They are counting on current

students and alumni to help. Late last month, a half-dozen Tulane students showed up at a recruiting event in Providence, R.I., some coming from Boston, 45 minutes away.

"Tulane is the greatest place in the world," sophomore Bridget Cheney, taking classes temporarily at Providence College, told the audience. "Every single

person I know is going back."

Tulane admissions officer Liz Seely, a 2004 graduate, emphasized that the school, which plans to reopen next semester, was not badly damaged. She even talked about unique service opportunities, New Orleans, she said, "is going to be an amazing place to be involved next year."

"I really believe it's going to be the same wonderful place it was a month ago again," she said. Then she put the topic to rest, turning to Tulane's facilities, its plans to hire more faculty, its alumni network. Even during the question-and-answer session, the audience ignored the storm, asking instead about academic programs, housing and sorority life. The students, at least, seemed unperturbed by the state of New Orleans. Their parents appeared more concerned that its 15,000 miles from home.

"I think it might even be an interesting opportunity to be there and be part of the rebuilding process," said Kaleigh Alquist, a high school junior from Providence. Said her mother, Kathy: "I don't think it's going to be any worse than sending her off anywhere else."

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## Slow cookers offer simple serenity

I love the simplicity of slow cookers. It is such a relief to be able to spend a mere 10 to 15 minutes preparing a meal that can cook all day and be ready when I come home in the afternoon. All I ask is that the recipes be uncomplicated, the food taste great and the slow cooker work properly.

Some slow cooker recipes have a long list of ingredients. This might be fine for a weekend meal or on a morning when I happen to get up earlier. Most mornings, however, are a frantic rush to get the kids ready for school and the breakfast and lunches ready, not to mention my own grooming issues. It's vital that I have a group of slow cooker recipes that will only take a few minutes to assemble.



VALLEY COOKING  
Becca Tateoka

Although a recipe might be simple, that doesn't mean it should have a plain taste. The joy of a slow cooker is that the herbs and spices have a chance to seep deeply into the meat and vegetables. This means I won't have to add a great deal of spices, simply because a little goes a long way in the flavor of the slow cooked dish. It also means that I'm going to end up with a flavorful dish.

Uncomplicated recipes and great taste only go as far as the quality of the slow cooker. For example, I have a tried-and-true beef stew recipe I've used for years, but about two years ago, I bought a large slow cooker that I thought would be in my prayers. My prayers changed with my cooker. I prayed that the vegetables would cook in under 10 hours, even on high. You may think I'm joking, but I cooked my beef stew for 20 hours on low, and the potatoes were still hard. Needless to say, I am the proud owner of a different slow cooker.

Cooking food the slow way makes my life happier. When I know that I'll have a meal that is simple to make, tastes great, and is cooked well in my new slow cooker, my life is a little less worry-filled and a little more carefree. Hopefully, these recipes will have the same effect on your life.

### MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN

(10 minutes prep time)

- 1 jar (1 lb. 10 oz.) Old World-style pasta sauce
  - 1 large onion, sliced
  - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 1/2 c. sliced pitted ripe olives
  - 1/4 c. chicken broth
  - Pinch ground cinnamon (optional)
  - 3 to 4 lbs. chicken, cut into serving pieces
  - Hot cooked rice
  - Fresh rosemary
- Combine pasta sauce, onion, garlic, olives, broth and cinnamon in a slow cooker. Add chicken to slow cooker, coating with sauce. Cook on low 8 to 10 hours or high 5 to 6 hours. Serve, if desired, over hot cooked rice, and garnish with rosemary.

### ROPA VIEJA

(10 minutes prep time)

- 1 1/2 lbs. flank steak
  - Salt and pepper to taste
  - 1 1/2 lbs. olive oil
  - 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
  - 1 jar (1 lb. 10 oz.) chunky pasta sauce
  - 1/2 c. beef broth or water
  - 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chiles, drained
  - 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- Season steak with salt and pepper. Heat olive oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Cook steak for 3 to 4 minutes or until just browned. Combine pasta sauce, green chiles and red pepper flakes in slow cooker. Add flank steak, covering with sauce. Cook on low 8 to 10 hours or on high 4 to 6 hours or until meat is fork tender. Return with two forks, shred meat. Return to slow cooker and heat through.

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# How do local wines stack up?



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## South-central Idaho's fast-growing wine industry still looks for respect

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As a longtime Magic Valley resident, Tom Ashenbrenner would love nothing more than to feature south-central Idaho wines in his Twin Falls cooking and specialty foods store.

"But I don't carry very many local wines," said Ashenbrenner, who owns Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise. "I haven't found many that I really like."

As south-central Idaho's winemaking industry grows — and it's not just a Magic Valley business any more; there are now two wineries in the Wood River Valley — it's still struggling to find respect among wine connoisseurs. Undaunted, according to Neil Glancey, winemaker for Glens Ferry's Carmela Vineyards.

"There are some excellent grapes grown in this area and some excellent wines made here," he said. "Magic Valley grapes are being shipped to wineries in Washington now. That tells you something about the quality."

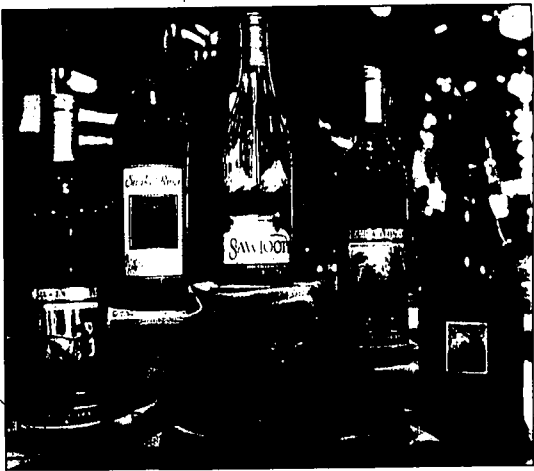
Winer Jamie Martin, perhaps the person who knows the most about the south-central Idaho wine industry, says that after some fits and starts, Magic Valley wine grape growers and winemakers deserve respect.

"It used to be that Canyon County didn't pay any attention to Magic Valley grapes and winemaking," said Martin, a 20-year veteran of the local industry who operated a Hagerman-based winery and is now the Southern Oregon University climatologist said he believes Idaho's wine-growing region is warming right along with Washington's, Oregon's and California's.

"When I started researching climate, I didn't think about including Idaho because there was not a critical mass there," he said. Krista Shellie, a scientist with the Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture based in Parma, says limited data show a warming trend. "If you look at the past 10 years' data it is pretty interesting. It has been quite a bit warmer, the seasons are longer, there's longer frost-free periods and we have been able to successfully ripen late-maturing varieties," she said.

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Idaho wines sold by Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in Twin Falls, such as these, include relatively few representatives from Magic Valley vineyards.

### Idaho wine country heating up

Is southern Idaho's climate becoming more like France's balmy grape-growing regions?

"What's interesting is that cabernet sauvignon is a late-maturing variety and less cold-hardy than the whites, but we have the acreage there to indicate we are not as cold a climate as the 30-year record would say we are," said David Wilkins, assistant professor of geosciences at Boise State University. "We have the heat units to ripen them, and the climate history says we shouldn't."

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FOOD & HOME

Find a long-simmering tradition in pasta sauce

By Judith Weinraub  
The Washington Post

Some people store bicycles in their basements. Or suitcases, summer furniture, children's books long after the children have gone. Marilyn and Greg Haase store home-made tomato sauce in their Arlington, Va., basement — the 100 to 120 quart glass jars she fills every year.

From mid-August through mid-October, Haase transforms 50 to 75 pounds of tomatoes into sauce every weekend, and the rest of the year, using sterilized glass jars. Making each batch takes an entire day. And then there's the cleanup. "You can't believe what a mess it makes," she says. "I do it to keep my heritage alive."

Haase, 48, grew up in an Italian-American family in Washington, Pa., 20 miles south of Pittsburgh. Her mother did the cooking, and her grandfather, a barber, filled the back yard with basil and tomatoes and cucumbers. Nightly dinners included parents, grandparents, sister, uncle and aunt, as well as the friends and other extended family who often joined them. Sunday meals always included a sliced roast of meat with tomato sauce.

Haase enjoys emulating that tradition, welcoming family and friends to her table. "If you can make people comfortable in our house, and you feed them, it's nourishment for the soul," she says.

The expansive house on a leafy cul-de-sac where the Haases family live is a commitment — and a century — away from her southern Italian roots. And she worries that the culture she used to take for granted could fade away.

The family tomato sauce is part of that culture. So, using the coldpack canning method her grandmother taught her 23 years ago, Haase makes the sauce she remembers from her childhood.

It's a dense, rich sauce whose ingredients vary — sometimes red peppers, garlic, onions, tomatoes, bay leaves, oregano, cayenne pepper, sugar and chili. But even when she sticks with the same recipe, the flavor changes with whatever heat, cook the peels and seeded tomato pulp, stirring frequently, until it reaches a thick, pureed consistency, about 45 minutes to 1 hour, if put through a tomato squeezer, the tomatoes will take 2 hours to reach the desired consistency as they retain more water than when processed by hand.

Meanwhile, in a large pot on medium-high heat, heat the olive oil. Add the onion and cook for 5 minutes or until it is golden.

Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute, being careful not to burn it. Add the celery, carrots and bell pepper and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Pour the tomato puree into the pot with vegetables. Add the salt to taste, pepper, Italian seasoning, oregano, bay leaf, thyme and the crushed red pepper flakes, if desired. Adjust the heat to medium-low or keep at a slow simmer and cook for 30 minutes to 1 hour. Taste and adjust seasonings as necessary; add the light-brown sugar in teaspoon increments, stirring and tasting after 10 minutes each time so that the flavors can meld.

Cook the sauce uncovered for 2 to 3 hours at a slow simmer, tasting and stirring every 30 minutes. Adjust seasonings as necessary.

About 30 minutes before serving or preparing to can the sauce, add the red wine, parsley and basil, being careful not to overcook the last 3 ingredients as they may turn bitter. At this point, the sauce is ready to serve or store as needed.

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SAVORY ITALIAN SAUSAGE STEW  
(10 minutes prep time)  
1 1/4 lbs. mild Italian sausage, cut into 1-inch pieces  
2 cups (16 oz.) frozen Italian-style vegetables  
2 medium zucchini, sliced  
2 lbs. brown steak, cut into large chunks  
1 can (26 1/2 oz.) four-cheese spaghetti sauce  
1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 can (16 oz.) tomato paste  
Brown sausage in large skillet; drain. Combine sausage, vegetables, zucchini, steak, pasta sauce, tomatoes and tomato paste in slow cooker. Stir to blend. Cook on low for 8 to 10 hours or high for 4 to 6 hours.  
—All recipes from Rival's "Recipes for Every Occasion"

Christmas season looms on the horizon

Here it is Christmas time again. But before you start fussing about commercialism and rushing the season — even before Halloween — let's stop and think about some really special gifts you want to give to a handful of friends. Such as a potted, blooming gift. For that, you need to start early.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

You can either assemble all the parts and use a beautiful pot as part of the wrapping, or you can start the flowers and give the gift already blooming. Paperwhites, grown from bulbs readily available now, are especially easy to force. Well, we don't force them to do anything — we just fool them into thinking it's spring and time to show off.

Paperwhites like to be grown in a shallow pot or bowl with drainage holes in the bottom. Here's how:

- Fill the pot two-thirds full with gravel (make it colored gravel for fun), stones or even pretty beads or marbles.
- Put as many bulbs as will fit on the gravel with the pointy

side up. Remember that bulbs, like people, sit on their wide end. Fill in the gravel around them, leaving the top halves exposed. Remember to put a generously sized saucer underneath to catch excess water.

• Add water up to the base of the bulbs and replace as needed.

Put the container in a cool place. I like to start bulbs in the garage, where the light is low and the temperature is cool but not freezing.

In a few days strong roots will appear. As they grow, they can sometimes push the bulbs upward. When green shoots appear above, move the pot to a cool, sunny spot. The roots will continue to grow rapidly. In about three more weeks, you'll have masses of heavily scented white flowers.

The whole project should take about five or six weeks.

Amryllis make a stunning holiday gift, too. The bulbs, as well as the resulting flowers, are huge — mine usually grow to at least six inches across, and they're easy to grow.

When you buy them all done up as a boxed gift, you'll usually get one bulb. Give yourself six weeks' advance time, and you can do better than that. In fact, start a new pot of them every couple of weeks for continuous winter-through-spring bloom. Here's how:

• Choose a pot only slightly bigger around than your bulbs. (A group of three looks smashing.) Make sure the pot has a drainage hole and a saucer underneath. I prefer the clear plastic kind available for less than a dollar. They catch a lot of water, and the clear plastic doesn't interfere with the pot design.

• Put several inches of soil and the bulbs in the pot — pointy end up — with the neck and bare shoulders of the bulb just peeking over the top of the container. As with all bulbs, they

would prefer not to touch one another.  
• Fill in with soil and gently pat down, leaving the neck and shoulders of the bulb(s) exposed.  
• Water well.  
• Put in a cool sunny spot.  
• Stand back.  
Water sparingly at first. After the first sprouts appear in about two weeks, step up the water. In four to six weeks you'll have huge, exotic-looking red, pink, white, peach, orange or multi-colored flowers.  
Amryllis grow tall and top-heavy. To keep them upright, try double potting. Use a lightweight pot inside a heavy, decorative container. Or put several pots inside a basket and decorate their tops with pine cones, moss or Christmas ornaments.  
After blooming, water sparingly. My Amryllis always rebloom in late summer.  
— Merry Christmas.

What's bugging your gardener? Cathy Walworth is the author of this newsletter or e-mail her at: cwvalworth@msn.com.

paper napkins that can be ripped off when soiled at the holiday party to reveal another layer of dish towels, feed sacks, chiffon and tulle. They were decorated with rickrack, lace and embroidery. Some were handmade, others machine-made.  
"Aprons were worn for real housework. Whatever that is!" Vining wisecracks.  
For historical context, Vining relies on a copy of "Aprons: Icons of the American Home" (Running Press) by Joyce Cheney — a coffee-table book with images from a traveling exhibit. But in truth, experts are really not necessary. "I'm sure the aprons in here," she says pointing to the book, "aren't any more interesting than the ones you bought here today."

I studied a 99-year-old woman's shows off the apron she made in home economics class back in 1920. Another elderly woman stands to model her gingham apron and matching dust cap, both made in 1930.  
"They get into it. They get up and get nostalgic about it," Vining says later. "Almost everyone can go to a dresser or trunk and pull out an apron that their mother, grandmother or Aunt Lizzie made."  
Of course, Vining says, "most women on farms didn't look like lene Cleaver with a beautiful apron just off the ironing board."

Aprons remain an icon of the American kitchen

By Jill Wendthoff Silva  
Knight Ridder News Service

Jane Cleaver wore one. So did Marion Cunningham, Lucy Ricardo and Edith Barker. And we're talking about aprons, of course. Neat, frilly little squares of cloth cinched at the waist, aprons were a symbol of domesticity in their heyday. Never mind that 1940s and 50s TV moms rarely got a peek of foot on their aprons.

In the kitchen, real-life moms were doing the real work. They knew how to sling the hash, and their everyday aprons showed the spatters and splashes. Enter the hostess apron. In the case of the mom who was multitasking before her time, the reversible apron. Simply turn the soiled apron around to reveal a fancier version perfect for entertaining.

By the '70s, women were eager to cut the apron strings and wear the pants — which were available in a variety of wash-'n'-wear fabrics. It's easy to blame feminism for the near-obliteration of this cultural icon, but even aprons appear to be part of fashion's spin cycle.

Today the aprons our moms and grandmothers wore are considered retro chic. Glimpses of them have been seen in the pages of Country Living magazine, on the Food Network and even on New York fashion runways. Cruise the Internet, and you'll find more than 1,000 aprons available for sale on eBay.

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Flounce that features new fabrics with retro designs. Meyers also sells novelty aprons, such as a faux fur apron that looks like milk made by Manual Woodworkers and Weavers.

For Meyers, wearing an apron is second nature. She wears long, utilitarian aprons at work and switches to a half apron with big pockets for cooking dinner at home. "Some people are very sensitive and think it domesticates them. But for me, I just feel more domestic in an apron," she says. "I think it's a wonderful thing."

City slickers aren't the only ones rediscovering the joys of wearing an apron. Aprons are also making a nostalgic comeback in the rural communities of Kansas.  
"I don't know that people are really wearing them," says Pat Van der Bruggen of a Kan. "But they're fun to talk about."

A farm wife with a penchant for history, Vining doesn't wear an apron often, nor does she collect them. Yet she is fascinated by what they represent. Recently she hosted a lecture at an Ottawa, Kan., church titled "Every Apron Has a Story," and nearly 40 women showed up, treasured aprons from their families' past in hand.

There were crisply starched white Harvey Girl aprons, crocheted aprons, convertible aprons that double as a bonnet, a novelty apron for a man and an apron made out of disposable

Learn about 'Mother Sauces'

The Times-News  
TWIN FALLS — Chef Kristin Trevino will teach "The Mother Sauces" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise.  
Cost is \$35.  
"Sauces are often considered the greatest test of a chef's skill," said an announcement from the downtown store. "Whether they are classics or more contemporary creations, sauces demand the highest technical expertise. Uncovers the principles behind these pairings will form a foundation for the skill and artistry of cooking in general."  
The class menu: demi-glacé, veloute, bechamel, tomato sauce, and hollandaise sauce.

Trevino studied at Arizona's Scottsdale Culinary Institute, a Le Cordon Bleu-accredited school, and in Utah she taught cooking classes at a kitchen store and operated a home-based catering business.  
A change in jobs for her husband brought Trevino to her hometown of Rupert. She plans to start her in-home catering business in the Magic Valley as soon as their home is finished. The Rudy's announcement said, "Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, at 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls can be reached at 733-5477."

Kiwanis plan Oktober Feast

The Times-News  
TWIN FALLS — Get ready for a robust harvest feast.  
The Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls plans its Oktoberfest — an evening of German dinner and entertainment — from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Local German band will play from 5 to 7 p.m.  
Tickets — which may be purchased at the door — cost \$9 for adults; \$7 for seniors (before 6 p.m.); and \$25 for families. All proceeds go to support community children and youth programs, the Kiwanis Club said.

The evening's menu: bratwurst, sauerkraut and rot kohl (red cabbage), potatoes and onions, rolls, soft drinks and beer.  
— Schf gut.

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# ONE TIME, AT BREAD CAMP

## Loaves and wishes: Camp for bread's best bakers

By David Colkar  
Los Angeles Times

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO** — Up at the crack of dawn, the campers were bused to a nondescript building in an industrial district. Inside, men and women in uniform were calling out orders.

"Action, action! Let's go!"  
A military encampment? No, it was Camp Bread 2005, a celebration of artisan bread sponsored by the Bread Bakers Guild of America that brought together bakers from the United States and Canada last month for three days of demonstrations, lectures and, best of all, hands-on classes taught by some of the superstars of bread.

And if the teachers, dressed in crisp, white baker's jackets, got a bit insistent at times, you didn't hear any complaining. This total-immersion weekend was heaven for the bread-obsessed. Within a week of the announcement of the event, all 200 attendee slots were filled and a waiting list started.

Most of the students were professionals (only about 20 percent were home bakers). Many were from Northern California and the Pacific Northwest — the mother lode of artisan bread in this country.

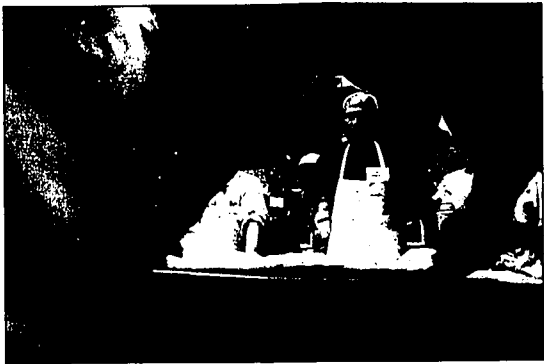
Camp Bread actually was less like a camp and more like an extremely lively academic conference, with labs, except that you could eat the results.

Artisan bread-making processes are based on those used in Europe for centuries to make hearty breads. They often begin with a starter (sourdough or one made with commercial yeast) that's allowed to develop for at least 12 hours.

The main dough is mixed for a relatively short time, just four or five minutes in some cases. Then the risings of the main dough — professionals call the first rising the fermentation stage, and the second the proofing — can take as many as three hours.

The general rule: small amounts of leavening and large amounts of time to develop flavor.

The scene was intense, with simultaneous workshops unfolding throughout the San Francisco Baking Institute's training center building. In a



Among the key lessons was how to shape a loaf. Jeffrey Hamelman demonstrates his technique.



Students are all ears and eyes as Jeffrey Hamelman teaches one of the many classes at Camp Bread in San Francisco.

supply room, poplar author Peter Reinhart demonstrated his baguette methods before rapt attendees, while in the vast kitchens, King Arthur Flour bakery director Jeffrey Hamelman taught techniques for rye breads, and legendary teacher Didier Rosada took a group step-by-step through the mysteries of sourdough.

"Someone is doing it all wrong," Rosada said, looking directly at me as I tried to shape dough into a round boule loaf. "But no names, no names," he continued with a laugh as he rushed over to show me how to save the woefully mishapen

mass by gently cupping my hands around the dough and moving them in a circular motion as I dragged the mass across the tabletop. The combination of the hand motions and friction brought the dough together in a taut ball. Well, at least on the third or fourth time I tried it. Rosada, the French-born head of production at Uptown Bakers in Maryland, is known for his vast knowledge of the field.

His sourdough class began with a half-day lecture on techniques and science. The next day, he started the daylong kitchen session earlier than

scheduled to demonstrate how to tell, by feel, when a dough is adequately mixed. It should be quite sticky, he preached — the water content of his breads are much higher than in the usual homemade loaves. Then, during the first fermentation, the dough periodically was poured out onto a lightly floured board and folded like a letter from all four sides before being put back in the tub.

Time and the folds built up the strength of the dough, transforming it into a springy mass.

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The next day, William Leaman of Essential Baking Co. in Seattle took us through hand mixing, a short kneading process and the risings (with folds). Finally, each of us divided our developed dough into six equal pieces, giving us six chances to learn how to form a baguette. As we watched, Leaman folded one into a taut cylinder and then put his hands, one over the other, at the center. He began rocking the dough back and forth, applying gentle pressure, and then gracefully drew his hands apart as he worked. It took him about 10 seconds to stretch the dough into a long baguette shape.

"I learned more about forming a baguette in a few minutes of that class than I have in years



Jeffrey Hamelman slashes dough before the loaves go in the oven.

## Bread by the book

Here are some guides for baking great bread.

• **"Artisan Baking Across America"** by Maggie Glezer (Artisan, 2000). This is a terrific guide for bakers just entering the world of artisan bread-making. Glezer's adaptations of bakery techniques for the home kitchen are reliable, and her instructions are clear. The book sports beautiful photos by Ben Fink. Under the shortened title "Artisan Baking," it's also in paperback this month.

• **"The Bread Baker's Apprentice"** by Peter Reinhart (Ten Speed Press, 2001). Reinhart is probably the most popular of all artisan

bread teachers — his classes nationwide regularly sell out. Serious bakers could quibble with the fact that this tome, his latest, lists no metric alongside the English weight measurements, but Reinhart's writing style is undeniably inviting, especially for beginners.

• **"Bread: A Baker's Book of Techniques and Recipes"**, by Jeffrey Hamelman (Wiley, 2004). Geared toward the intermediate or advanced home artisan baker, this is a treasure trove of formulas and instructions from the director of the bakery center at King Arthur Flour. Try the wonderful potato bread with roasted onions.

of trying to get it right," said home baker Chuck Robinson of Mountain Creek.

Not all the learning came during classes. During meal breaks, the famed bakers talked shop and examined each other's breads. Cutting open a baguette that came out of a Reinhart session, Maggie Glezer, author of "Artisan Baking Across America," peered at the inner structure with the intensity of a scientist examining a rare specimen.

Throughout the cream-colored interior were large, irregular holes that had formed during the dough's final expansion in the oven. This was a good sign that the bread was light and chewy, as is fitting for a baguette. The edges of the holes were slightly shiny, the result of a high water content contributing to a silken texture. And it was all wrapped in a dark brown crust spotted with tiny char marks.

The structure is just this little obsession we bakers have," Glezer said.

Then she broke off a piece to taste and passed it around. The chewiness of this baguette, interior, mixed with the crunch

and slight smokiness of its crust, provided a flavor so complex and satisfying that it was hard to believe it came only from flour, water, yeast and salt, the four basic (and in this case, sole) ingredients of artisan bread.

While traditional home-baked bread still has its place, it only takes a taste of bread of this caliber to know that a whole other level is possible. Glezer put down the bread with satisfaction.

"We talk on and on about the structure and the science, and all of that is important," she said. "But in the end, it all comes down to this, the taste. That's what it's about."

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(approximately 12 by 8 inches) and fold them loosely into thirds, like a business letter, arranging the folds so the last seam is slightly off center. Try to handle the dough as little as possible to avoid deflating it.

7. Place the dough seam-side down on the floured cloth and sprinkle more flour over the top. Cover the loaves with folds of a couche or more tea towels. Let them proof until they are very soft and well-expanded and barely spring back when gently pressed, about 45 minutes.

8. Immediately after shaping the dough, arrange a rack on the oven's second-to-top shelf and place a baking stone on it. Clear away all racks above the one being used. Heat the oven to 450.

9. When the dough is ready to bake, place a sheet of parchment paper on a peel. Gently flip the loaves onto it so they are seam-side up and stretch them very slightly to make them vaguely rectangular. Don't be afraid to handle the dough; just be gentle.

10. Dimple the dough all over with your fingertips, pressing down to the paper without breaking through the dough. Slide the breads on the parchment paper onto the baking stone. Bake the breads until very dark brown all around, 45 to 50 minutes, rotating them halfway during baking. Let cool on a rack before slicing. Bread is best eaten the same day.

Note: From "Artisan Baking Across America" by Maggie Glezer.

- Yield: 12 servings (2 loaves)**
- Biga (the morning of the day before baking)**  
1/4 teaspoon active dry yeast  
1 cup warm water (110 to 115 degrees)  
1 1/2 cups unbleached bread flour  
2/3 cup unbleached all-purpose flour  
2 tablespoons whole-wheat flour, preferably coarsely ground  
2 tablespoons whole-grain rye flour, preferably coarsely ground  
3/4 cup water (see method for temperature)
1. Sprinkle the yeast into warm water, stir and let stand for 5 to 10 minutes.
  2. Mix the bread flour, all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour and rye flour in a bowl. Measure one-half teaspoon of the yeast into the flour mixture. (Throw the rest away.)
  3. Add the three-fourths cup water, using ice water in the summer and warm water in the winter. Thoroughly mix the biga; it will be stiff, but it has a very long fermentation and will soften considerably. Knead for one hour or two of water if you absolutely must.
  4. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and let the biga ferment for 24 hours in a cool spot in the summer or a warm one in the winter. Don't be alarmed if it does nothing for at least 10 hours; this is correct. The biga is ready when it doubles or triples in volume and smells aromatic.
- Bread-baking day**
1. 2 cups plus 3 tablespoons unbleached all-purpose flour, plus additional 1/3 cup for flouring dough, board and hands
  - 1 teaspoon active dry yeast

1. Combine the flour, yeast and salt in the bowl of a mixer.
  2. Stir in the water and biga by hand to form a rough dough.
  3. Using a paddle attachment, beat the dough on medium speed until it is fairly smooth, about 5 minutes. If the dough is very firm, add water. This should be a very soft gloopy. If your dough is not really gloopy, add extra water until the dough is soft enough to spread your flour wrap. Let it ferment until light and doubled in bulk, about 2 1/2 to 3 hours, turning the dough every 20 minutes for a total of four times. Turn the dough, sprinkle the top of the dough (while still in the bowl) and the
- work surface with flour; scrape the dough out of the bowl and onto the floured work surface. Sprinkle the dough with flour again, then gently spread the dough out, then gently to deflate the bubbles. Fold it up into a tight bundle by folding the left side into the center, followed by the top, the right side and the bottom. Turn the dough over so that the smooth side is up, and fold it in half again, only if it still feels loose. Place it, smooth side up, into the bowl and cover tightly.
5. After the fourth turn, at 80 minutes, leave the dough undisturbed for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until well-expanded.
  6. Thoroughly flour a baker's couche or two tea towels. Flour the top of the dough and the work surface, then turn the dough out. With a dough scraper, cut the dough in half. Gently stretch the pieces out

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# Autumn is the season of plenty

By Russ Parsons  
Los Angeles Times

Autumn has always been an especially sweet season for me. When I was a kid I'd get a thrill seeing the neatly lined up boxes of fresh pencils and rows of unmarked notebooks in the stores.

I feel the same way now about the fall fruits and vegetables overflowing the stands at farmers markets. Well, there is one difference: While the idea of new notebooks and pencils was irresistible, I wasn't so crazy about what I'd have to do with them. I have no such qualms about fall produce.

Sweetness, in particular a specifically honeyed kind of sweetness, is one of autumn's hallmarks. You find it in familiar crisp apples as well as in quinces, persimmons and, perhaps most emphatically, Asian pears, which sometimes taste so frankly of honey it seems like they must be coated with it.

Indeed, it seems appropriate that Iosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, has as part of its ritual the eating of a slice of apple dipped in honey.

If it weren't apples, though, it could have been grapes, like the late Thompson Seedless we've come to love, or pears. Or, perhaps even more appropriately, the first, semi-dried Barbic dates, which taste like nothing more than honey candy.

How comforting to have the sweet begin at a time of year so plenty, rather than in the bleakness of winter.

Besides having that particular honeyed flavor, autumn also has other kinds of sweetness. A few of the examples have a taste and texture like an extremely concentrated jam. This throws off some people. Last recently, a farmer offered to give me a substantial discount on a box of perfect, nearly collapsing soft figs because they weren't as pretty as the firm (and almost certainly dry and starchy) ones. My wife insisted as a matter of fact that I pay full price and not take advantage of his ignorance, and so, grudgingly, I did.

Autumn's sweetness isn't limited to fruits. It's there in some of the season's vegetables as well: in late-summer hotboxes such as red peppers and tomatoes and cool-weather crops including fennel, broccoli and cauliflower.

Sweetest of all, there is winter squash, so-called because its hard rind preserves it through the cold, even though it is harvested — and most flavorful — in autumn.

Whatever it is, this sweet abundance can be a little over-



ERIC BORTZ/Los Angeles Times

## DUCK BRAISED WITH QUINCE AND SOUR CHERRIES

Servings: 4

**Note:** During fall and winter, you can find fresh duck legs at many Asian markets and specialty markets. The rest of the year they're available frozen, which works fine in this dish. Use a top-quality frozen beef stock. Sour cherries are sometimes labeled as tart. Serve this with herbbed rice or consensus.

- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon whole allspice
- 3 whole cloves
- 4 duck legs
- Salt
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 onion, minced (1 1/2 cups)
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 cup red wine
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup beef stock
- 2 tablespoons orange zest
- 2 medium quince (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 1/3 cup dried sour cherries
- 2 tablespoons minced pars-

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Grind the peppercorns, allspice and cloves to a fine powder in a spice grinder.
2. Rub the duck legs and pat them dry. Cut away the backbone, if it is still attached there's almost no meat, but lots of bones. Lightly score the skin on both sides, cutting through the skin but not completely through the fat. Season liberally with salt and the spice mixture, rub it in.
3. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. When the oil is hot, add the duck legs, skin side down. Cook until golden brown, about 15 minutes, and then turn and cook the other side. The duck will sizzle at first, but the skin will redden with a gentle jiggle when it has browned enough, so don't force it. Also, don't rush the process; in addition to browning the skin, this step renders a lot of fat, because

- duck legs are quite large, you may need to do this in two steps or in two pans.
4. While the duck legs are browning and after they're rendered, some of the fat, spoon about 3 tablespoons of the fat into the bottom of a large, heavy braising pan. Add the onion and cook over medium heat until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the shallot and cook another 3 or 4 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside until the duck legs are done.
5. When the duck legs have browned on both sides, transfer them to the braising pan, arranging them on top of the onions, with the "knives" facing the center. They may overlap slightly. Add the red wine, balsamic vinegar, beef stock and orange zest and bring to a gentle simmer. Place a sheet of aluminum foil over the legs, pressing lightly to minimize the amount of air. Cover and

- place in the oven for 30 minutes.
6. While the legs are cooking, peel, quarter and core the quince. Slice each quarter crosswise into 2 pieces.
7. When the duck legs have braised for 30 minutes, remove them from the oven. If there is fat floating on the surface of the liquid, skim as much as you can with a large spoon. Place the quince on top of the duck and give the pan a shake to settle them into the liquid. Season the braising liquid with salt to taste. Replace the foil and the lid and continue cooking until the duck is tender enough to be easily penetrated with a skewer and the quince is quite soft, about 40 to 45 minutes.
8. Gently stir in the dried sour cherries, replace the lid and let stand at room temperature until they soften slightly, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with the minced parsley and serve immediately.

whelming. Used in-judiciously, it's easy to wind up with a dish that's just short of gooey. The trick is harnessing the sweet rather than letting it run away with the dinner, pairing it with partners that will keep it from getting cloying.

This is especially true when combining sweet ingredients with savory. While this is a halloved fall tradition — think of duck with figs, fish with grapes, foie gras with Sauternes — it is to be approached with great caution. As wonderful as the

combination can be, it can also turn into a train wreck of flavors. Consider carefully what kinds of savories you're going to pair with the sweets — not everything works equally well. In general, the best rule is the fatter the food, the better.

Cheese is almost a category of its own. One of the real pleasures of autumn dining is the return of a good cheese plate. And just as sweet wines provide the surest pairings with cheese, I try to include a sweet element with the cheese; either sliced

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fresh fruit, cooked-down essences like "membrillo" or even a drizzle of something like slightly bitter chestnut or eucalyptus honey. And of course, a handful of fresh walnuts is always welcome.

Also, pairing sweet and savory ingredients entails more than just throwing them together in a pan. You have to carefully bring them together. There are several ways to do this.

First, of course, is remembering to balance the sweetness with acidity. Even the most luscious dish needs an element of rigor. Vinegar is one obvious solution, certainly not so much as to make your eyes sting, but just enough that it cuts through the fat and sweet and provides a kind of backbone for the dish. Fruits with high acidity work, too — dried sour cherries, blackberries and raspberries or citrus.

Without a healthy shot of sweet-tart balsamic vinegar, braised duck legs with quince would taste simple and one-dimensional. It's the acidity that throws the flavors into relief so you can appreciate them.

Texture is important, although we rarely think about it in this context. Foods that are sweet or fatty tend to seem a little flabby. Pair them with something crisp or crunchy. Raw vegetables such as fennel or watercress can provide this. So can ground nuts. Contrast soft pickled figs with crisp fennel.

All of these ideas apply to desserts as well as sweet-and-savory combinations. Sliced Fuyu persimmons taste simple until you dress them with tart citrus juice and spruce them up with whipped cream, take on another dimension if you first drizzle a little liqueur over the fruit. At the same time, it's the texture of the crisp crust of a

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## Chipotle chilies add spice to salmon

By Robin Mather Jenkins  
Chicago Tribune

### PAN-BROILED SALMON WITH ORANGE-CHIPOTLE MAYONNAISE

Yield: 4 servings

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 salmon fillets, about 6 ounces each
- 1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo sauce plus 1 teaspoon of the sauce
- 1/2 cup low-fat or regular mayonnaise
- Grated zest and juice of 1 orange

into a plastic storage container. They'll keep for months in the fridge, with no ill effects, because cooking nasty can grow in

1. Heat a large, heavy skillet over medium heat. Add oil; heat. Add the salmon; cook 2 to 12 minutes. Turn; cook to medium doneness, about 2 1/2 minutes, or more.
2. Meanwhile, place the 1 chipotle pepper, plus the 1 chipotle pepper, in a small bowl. Stir in 1 teaspoon of the adobo sauce, mayonnaise, orange zest and juice. Serve with the salmon.

the acidic tomato sauce. Then I've always got some on hand to add to scrambled eggs, or in case my friend Jim drops by,

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# Autumn

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fruit tart, or a crunchly almond topping over nearly melting, baked Asian pears, that makes those dishes special.

Another key is finding a bridging flavor, a strong enough taste that provides a link between the sweet and savory, or at least distracts you so your differences are not so jar-

ring. Even something so simple as sprinkling fresh parsley over the braised duck legs and quince changes the dish. Suddenly, it's no longer about the contrast between sweet and sour, but about the harmony of the two.

The warm flavor of toasted nuts can do the same thing. This was brought home when I

was preparing the fennel salad with pickled figs. It was good the first time I made it when I tried using thin shards of salty "ricotta salata" as a bridge. But when I made it with toasted walnuts instead, the dish became something much, much better.

It's the combination of all these elements that makes any

dish — great or small — work. Think of the best apple you've ever tasted — there is sweetness balanced by bright acidity and snappy crispness. Remove one of these elements — dull the sweetness, dim the acidity or make it mushy in the mouth — and even the best autumn apple becomes just another mediocre piece of fruit.



Fennel and red onion salad with pickled figs.

ERIC BOLTZ/Los Angeles Times

## FENNEL AND RED ONION SALAD WITH PICKLED FIGS

Servings: 6

- Quick-pickled figs
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups red wine vinegar
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 (1 1/2-inch) cinnamon stick
- 4 whole cloves
- 6 whole allspice
- 8 black peppercorns
- 12 fresh figs, purple or green (about 3/4 pound)
- 1 in a small saucepan, bring the water, vinegar, sugar, cinnamon, cloves, allspice and black peppercorns to a boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook 10 minutes.

- 2. Place the figs in a bowl and pour the pickling mixture over. Let cool, then transfer to a plastic zipper storage bag. Let stand at least 1 1/2 hours at room temperature or refrigerate up to one week.
- Salad and assembly
- 2 fennel bulbs
- 1 cup thinly sliced red onion (about 1/2 onion)
- 1/2 teaspoon whole coriander seed
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil mixed with 2 tablespoons walnut oil
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

- Quick-pickled figs
- 1. Trim the fennel branches from the bulbs, and cut the bulbs in quarters lengthwise. Trim the solid core in the center and then slice the quarters lengthwise as thinly as you can.
- 2. Place the sliced red onion in a strainer and rinse under hot tap water. Pat dry.
- 3. Prepare the vinaigrette by toasting the coriander seeds in a small, dry pan over medium heat until it is fragrant, about 3 minutes. Grind the seeds fine in a mortar and pestle and stir in the vinegar. Slowly stir in the oil to make a smooth emulsion.

- Season with salt to taste.
- 4. Toast the walnuts in a small, dry pan over medium heat until they darken slightly and become fragrant, about 5 minutes (you can use the same pan as for the coriander seeds).
- 5. Combine the fennel and the onion in a large mixing bowl. Pour the dressing over and toss to coat lightly.
- 6. Divide the salad evenly among 6 plates, mounding it in the center. Remove the tough stems from the pickled figs and slice the figs in quarters. Arrange the figs over each salad; scatter the toasted walnuts over the top, and serve.

# Spaghetti squash deserves some respect

By Lauren Chapin  
Knight Ridder News Service

Put spaghetti squash on the short list of indigenous American foods, alongside corn, tomatoes and pecans.

Pity the squash, though. While corn, tomatoes and pecans are mainstays in most American diets, the lowly squash is mostly ignored.

That's too bad. This cultivar of the squash called C. Pepo started showing up in 1930s gardens. But its popularity has flat-lined.

My hunch is that folks just don't know what to make of the oval-shaped squash that's about the size of a regulation Pop Warner football. On the outside, the spaghetti squash looks pretty but not inspiring.

Inside, though, a corn-kitchen chemistry thing happens when the squash is baked. Its pale-yellow flesh becomes a tangle of spaghetti-sized fibers with nifty uses.

Scrape it out with a fork, and you're rewarded with mounds of veggie spaghetti — a fiber-rich vegetable that can be used like pasta, sautéed in olive oil and sprinkled with parmesan or baked into a gratin. Log on to

www.fabulousfoods.com for recipes as varied as spaghetti squash Alfredo and oysters and spaghetti squash.

Maybe with a little luck and a little PR, spaghetti squash will shed its Rodney Dangerfield reputation.

Choose ones that are firm and not discolored. The rind should be dull, not shiny. A shiny rind indicates that the squash was harvested prematurely and won't be as sweet as a mature one. Store in a cool, dark place for up to one month.

The cooked flesh also can be frozen in sealed freezer bags. Squash Alfredo before using and then steam until tender about 5 minutes.

Chef and cookbook author Madeleine Kamman recommends baking the squash whole. To do so, prick the squash two or three times with a fork, then bake 1 to 1 1/2 hours in a preheated 325-degree oven. Insert a sharp, clean paring knife to pierce the skin. After the squash cools, cut it in half, remove the seeds and scoop out the stringy flesh with a spoon.

It can also be boiled, microwaved, steamed or cooked in a slow cooker.

## SPAGHETTI SQUASH GRATIN

Yield: Makes 6 servings

- 1 (2 1/2-pound) spaghetti squash
- 9 fresh sage leaves, divided
- 1 garlic clove
- 2 1/4 cups grated Swiss Gruyere cheese, divided
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Cut the squash in half lengthwise and place halves, flesh side down, in a baking dish with enough hot water to come 1/4 inch up the sides of the squash. (The water prevents burning and helps steam the squash so it cooks more evenly.) Cover with aluminum foil and bake until the squash is soft when poked with a knife, 1 to 1 1/2 hours (or cover with a lid or plastic wrap and microwave 15 minutes).

Spoon out and discard the seeds. Scrape along the pulp with a fork and pull out and reserve the shreds. (Leave the oven on, unless you're baking the squash in advance.)

Butt the bottom of an 8-cup or slightly larger gratin or baking dish with butter.

Finely chop 6 of the sage leaves and toss the "spaghetti" with the chopped sage, garlic, 2 cups of Swiss Gruyere, the heavy cream and salt to taste. Spread the mixture in the baking or gratin dish. The squash layer should be about 1 inch thick — and sprinkle over the rest of the cheese. Arrange the 3 remaining sage leaves on top of the gratin. Bake for 15 minutes. If the top of the gratin doesn't turn golden brown in minutes in the oven, slide it under the broiler about 1 minute to brown it. Grate over some fresh pepper and serve immediately.

## ASIAN PEAR CRISP WITH ALMOND TOPPING

Servings: 6

- Butter
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup Bourbon
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds (as fresh as possible)
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon sugar, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) chilled butter
- 3 Asian pears (about 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 pounds total)
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/3 cup whipping cream
- 1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter 6 (one-half cup) ramekins or baking cups. Place the raisins in a small bowl and cover them with the Bourbon until they soften slightly, about 30 minutes. Place the almonds on a baking sheet and toast in the oven until they are fragrant and have darkened slightly, about 3 to 4 minutes.
- 2. To prepare the topping,

combine the almonds, flour, 2 tablespoons sugar and the salt in the work bowl of a food processor. Pulse 2 or 3 times to chop the almonds coarsely; you don't want them finely ground.

3. Cut the cold butter into cubes and scatter over the dry ingredients. Pulse until the butter is cut up into small clumps, about the size of peas. Do not over-process. Set aside.

4. Peel the pears and cut them in half lengthwise. Use a melon baller to scoop out the core and stem. Cut the pears in neat one-half-inch dice. You should have about 3 1/2 to 4 cups.

5. Place the diced pears in a large bowl and gently toss with the honey and lemon juice. Drain the raisins and add them to the bowl, reserving the Bourbon. Fold together gently to avoid breaking up the pears.

6. Spoon the pears into the prepared ramekins, filling all the way to the top (the filling



will settle some during baking). Divide the topping and spoon evenly on top of the pears. Do not pat firm — left a little loose it will make a crispier crust.

7. Bake until the top is evenly browned, about 1 hour. Cool slightly before serving.

8. While the baked crisps are cooling, whip the cream to firm soft peaks. Beat in the remaining teaspoon of sugar and one-half teaspoon of the reserved Bourbon, discarding the rest.

9. Top each crisp with a small dollop of whipped cream and pass the rest of the cream at the table.

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Past those, veering right brings you to the family room, while angling left puts you in the kitchen.

In the living room, French doors open into a den that could serve as a home office. Those doors also offer access to the utility room, a two-section bathroom, and secondary bedrooms.

In the dining room, another wide opening leads into a hallway and on to the kitchen. The fireplace serves as a focal point in the Spencer's spacious family room, especially on dark days and long nights when its warmth and colorful flames are most welcome. When the evening bright light washes in through tall, double-hung windows on both sides of the hearth.

A wide opening links the family room to the kitchen. Sliding French doors offer access to a partially covered and vaulted patio.

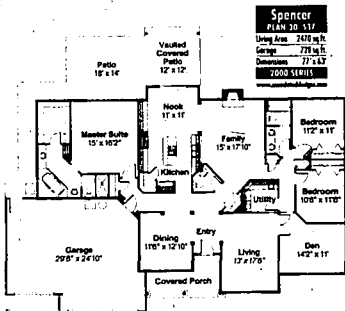
The kitchen island is larger than most. A raised eating counter runs along one side, and a cook top is opposite. Cab-



inets and counters are in abundant supply, including a roomy, walk-in pantry. More cupboards and a long counter span one wall of the nook.

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Older gas furnaces allow for a little more home maintenance than newer condensing furnaces.

## Gas furnaces require proper maintenance

DEAR JIM: I have my old gas furnace serviced every two years. With gas prices so high now, I want to do some simple maintenance myself to reduce my heating bills. What can I do without harming the furnace?  
—Michael P.

DEAR MICHAEL: Gas and propane prices will be at record highs this year, so even small improvements can save quite a lot. Since the furnace blower and ducts are used by your central air conditioner, you also will reduce your cooling bills.

Even if you do your own periodic tune-ups, they should not replace regular service by a technician. You won't have the testing equipment or the know-how to do it all yourself. Although furnaces are safe, they burn a flammable fuel which can be hazardous if something malfunctions.

There is more you can do yourself to maintain an older gas furnace with open burners than on a new condensing furnace. With your older one, check the combustion air inlet for soot. This may indicate improper combustion. Also, look at the opening. The flames should be blue and steady, not yellow and dancing. If you notice any of these problems, call a technician immediately because these can lead to carbon monoxide hazards.

On any furnace, put a couple of drops of soapy water on each of the gas line fittings. Dishwashing liquid works great. Small gas leaks, even ones too small to smell (odor chemicals are added to natural gas), will cause the soapy water to bubble up. Tighten any leaky fittings and test them again. The wall thermostat is an integral control component of your heating and cooling system. Buy an outdoor thermostat at your home center store. Select one which shows the same temperature as most others to get an accurate one. Tape it up to your wall next to the thermostat to check whether it actually starts the furnace at its set temperature.

If it is off, you may have always had your house hotter or cooler than you thought, and this wastes energy. If you can snap the cover off the thermostat, gently clean away any dust from inside.



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Switch off the electric power to the furnace and remove the blower cover. Clean off as much dust as possible with a vacuum cleaner brush attachment. Wipe the blower wheel with a damp cloth. Wear gloves because sheet metal often has sharp edges. Also change or clean the furnace filter.

Inspect the blower motor for tiny oil holes at each end over the bearings. Just a drop or two of oil in each of these is all that is needed.

When you replace the cover, make sure it is seated properly and the screws are tight to minimize air leakage. Carefully inspect the ductwork for leaks. You want heated air to get to rooms, not leak out in the basement, utility room or attic. Seal leaky spots with duct tape or a spread-on sealer, Gorilla Glue, (800) 966-3458, has the most sticky tough tape I have used.

Make sure the duct dampers are set for winter and the damper to the humidifier is open.

DEAR JIM: I have a double-wide wood garage door. Whenever it is damp outside, the garage opener opens it only 18 inches. I have to try several times to get it open. What is causing this and how can I fix it?  
—Shir E.

DEAR SHIR: There are several possible causes of this problem which can be fixed. The wood door may swell when it gets damp, and this may cause it to bind somewhere. Inspect it carefully for any tight spots and lubricate them.

The torsion springs on the door may be weak. When the door is damp, it is heavier. By adjusting the "force" screw on the opener to give it more opening force. Don't try to adjust the torsion spring yourself. This can be dangerous.

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## Patio furniture needs protection from weather

By Stacy Downs  
Knight Ridder News Service

It's best to start protecting patio furniture before all the leaves have fallen.

Autumn's wind, rain, changing temperatures and leaves damage even the most durable furniture over time. Umbrellas won't last more than a season if they're left uncovered outside.

The top method of caring for outdoor furniture during the cold months is to store pieces in the basement, garage or shed.

"They'll get the longest life that way because they'll be away from the elements," says Dale Johnson, manager of Seasonal Concepts in Overland Park, Kan. A few things to consider when storing your furniture inside:

Cleaning: It's recommended to wash furnishings before you store them indoors. It's also important to clean them before you return them outside in the spring because they're probably dusty.

Cushions: Wrap them in an old bed sheet. Make sure they're completely dry before you put them in a container, otherwise they'll be moldy when you're ready to put them outside in the spring.

Umbrellas: Keep them upright, leaning against the wall or hung from the grip hooks. Keep them off the ground where they can be chewed by mice and insects.

The second best way to protect furniture takes an investment: Outdoor covers start at \$12 per chair. They're a solution for those who don't have storage space and have heavy furniture.

Covers are available for Adirondacks, stacking chairs, chaises, gliders, tables, ottomans and umbrellas. Barbecue grill covers should be kept on grills when they're not in use year-round.

"You want grills to be sanitary because you cook on them," says Steve Sweet, president and owner of Fireplace & Bar-B-Q Center in Overland Park, Kan. "Covers are a good way to protect surfaces from bird droppings and other debris."

Some furniture covers can protect entire patio sets. They start at \$45 for a small, round table and four low-back chairs

### Cleaning patio furnishings

Aluminum: Wipe with a clean cloth dampened with a mixture of water and a mild dishwashing detergent. Rinse by hosing down. To protect the finish and shine, apply baby oil with a soft cloth every two to three months.

Umbrella: Open umbrella and carefully lay it on its side. Mix a solution of 3/4 cup liquid color-safe bleach and a squirt of dishwashing detergent with 1 gallon warm water. (Avoid using bleach

on acrylic prints.) Wear rubber gloves and use a soft-bristle brush to scrub one section at a time. Rinse by hosing down. Dry metal hardware with a cloth. Let fabric dry before storing.

Wicker: Vacuum wicker with the soft-brush attachment to remove dust and flaking paint, then wipe with damp cloth.

Wood: Use a soft scrub brush dampened with water and a mild oil-based soap, such as Murphy

Oil Soap. Rinse by hosing down. To get the gray out, use a water-based test protector to return it to its natural color.

Wrought iron: Wipe with a clean cloth dampened with a mixture of water and a mild dishwashing detergent. Rinse by hosing down. To remove rust, lightly sand the affected area and wipe thoroughly with a clean cloth.

Source: [www.heloise.com](http://www.heloise.com); [www.realsimple.com](http://www.realsimple.com)

and go up to more than \$190 for a 102-inch-long oval table and a dozen chairs.

"When using patio set or table covers, Johnson suggests placing a cardboard box or beach ball on the furniture's flat surface. The resulting tepee shape sheds water more effectively. Here are some other considerations in buying outdoor furniture:

Material: Go with a tear-resistant, heavy-gauge vinyl or texitane, a high-thread-count plastic. Some covers have a felt-like lining. Make sure the material is breathable so it doesn't trap moisture. Avoid using cheap tarps because they easily puncture and blow away in the wind.

Coverage area: Ideal protection means covering the object from the ground up. But some mid-table and patio set covers stop mid-leg, exposing the bottom half of the furniture. You don't want birds or squirrels taking shelter under the cover.

Fasteners: Make sure adequate fabric fasteners and/or

drumsting ties secure the cover.

Lifespan: Most last three to six years.

Color: The covers will be on from October until April so it's important to like how they look. Covers commonly come in

beige, gray and dark green. Some are reversible. When outdoor furniture covers aren't in use, they too should be protected. To remove rust, lightly sand, air dried and stored in plastic containers—inside.

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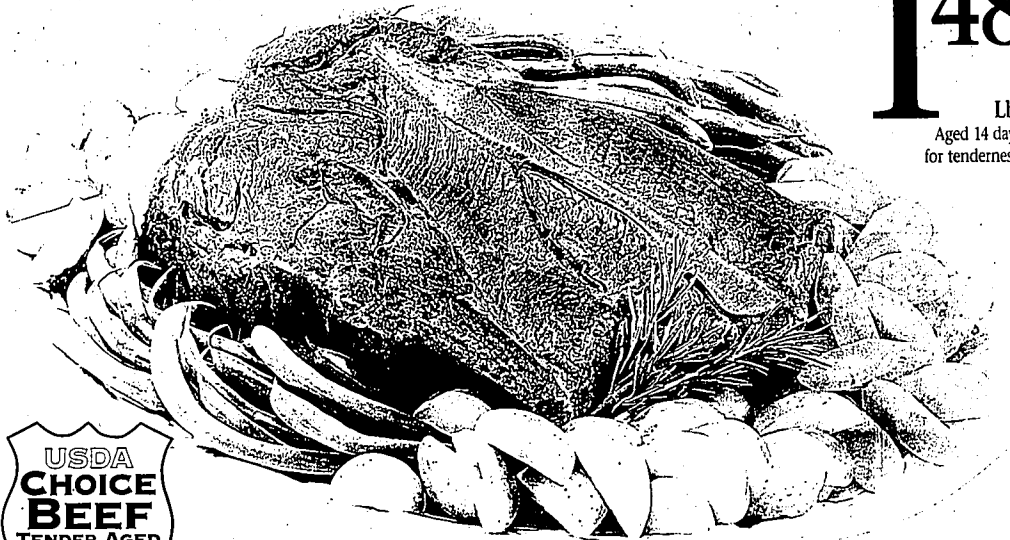
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I'm going to continue, playing hard and out of control, like a wild animal that needs to be caged in.

— Ron Artest

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Of the 11 times a player has scored more than 161 points in an NHL season, Wayne Gretzky has done it nine times. Who performed the feat the other two times?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High School BOYS SOCCER**  
Minico at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.  
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Minico, Burley at Preston Invitational, 4 p.m.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Jerome at Wood River, 4:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls at Minico, 4 p.m.  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
Minico/Burley at Pocatello, 6 p.m.  
Buhl at Wood River, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Shockley cards hole-in-one

TWIN FALLS — Ron Shockley carded an ace Monday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, hitting a 7-wood on the 190-yard Hole No. 2. The ace was witnessed by Bob Slater, Gary Roland, Bruce Cameron, and Ken Stagnemyer.

M.V. Junior Football holds championships

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Junior Football will hold its fifth and sixth grade championship games tonight at Twin Falls High School. Game 1 will be at 5:30 p.m. between No. 4 Jerome 2 and No. 3 Kivanis. Game 2 will be at 7:30 p.m. between No. 1 Merchants 1 and No. 2 Donnellys. Admission is \$2.

Snake River Bowl offers fund-raiser

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Domestic Violence Task Force will hold a bowling scramble at 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at the Snake River Bowl, 725 Mindoka Ave., Burley.  
Dinner will be served at 9 p.m., followed by bowling at 9:30 p.m. and awards at 11:30 p.m.  
Team and individual prizes will be awarded. Individuals are \$35, team sponsors are \$150 and sponsor signs are \$25. There will also be a prize for the team that most sponsor signs. There is a limit to 25 five-person teams. Individual or team fees include bowling, prizes and food.  
For more information or to sign up call Pam at 679-6700 or Snake River Bowl at 679-2695.

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.

Nicklaus caddie dies of cancer

CANTON, Ohio — Angelo Argea, who spent two decades on the bag for Jack Nicklaus, died of liver cancer. He was 75. Argea died Monday night at the home of his nephew, according to friend Bill Taylor.  
They went on to win about 40 in the U.S. Open, British Open and PGA Championship.  
Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Mario Lemieux, with the Pittsburgh Penguins, did it twice (168 points in the 1987-88 season and 199 points in the 1988-89 season).

## Bruins sweep Jerome

By Wes Smalling  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — It was a sweet senior night in more ways than one Tuesday for the Twin Falls Bruins in their final home match of the regular season.  
The team's lone senior — outside hitter Lauren Davis — led the 5A Bruins to a three-game sweep of the 4A Jerome Tigers with her match-high 14 kills.  
Steady serving was another key factor that helped the Bruins topple the Tigers, 25-23, 25-16, 25-16, in the nonconference match.

Game 1 was a tight contest in which the two teams swapped leads several times to a 17-17 tie. Then Davis' sixth kill of the game, assisted by junior setter Jessica Bond, put the Bruins ahead for good and they held out to win, 25-23. Bond would finish the night with a match-high 23 assists.

Strong serving by Twin Falls in Game 2 kept the Tigers digging and unable to mount many attacks. Bond and six-foot junior/middle blocker Drew Brauer each tallied two aces for the Bruins, in a 25-16 win.

In Game 3, the Tigers built a tenuous 8-5 lead, but that soon crumbled when Davis and the other Bruin hitters took control, and pounded their way to a 25-16 victory. Five different Bruins recorded kills in the third game.

Jerome head coach Rick Burke said his team made a few mistakes but, despite the loss, had played well overall.  
"It's not that we played that badly. We didn't play poorly," Burke said. "Basically, Twin put the ball in play and didn't make any mistakes. They served very well."

Megan Parrish, a 5-foot-10-inch junior, led Jerome with seven kills for the evening. Senior setter Jennifer Bingham netched 10 assists for the Tigers.

Jerome, which is undefeated 6-0 in the 4A Great Basin West Conference, slips to 14-5 Region Four-Five-Six will play at Highland on Thursday in their final regular season match before next week's regional



Mackenzie Mangum of Jerome sets the ball Tuesday night in the Tigers' nonconference match at Twin Falls High School.

next week.  
The Bruins (9-4 overall, 1-3 Region Four-Five-Six) will play at Highland on Thursday in their final regular season match before next week's regional

tourney begins.  
"I think it's anybody's game when the tournament comes. Everybody's 0-0. I think we have just as good a chance as anybody else," said Twin Falls head

coach Niki Walker. "We've been serving pretty consistently for the past few weeks. I guess the girls just realized you have to serve well to get points, to get ahead."

## Tired Angels take Game 1

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim will have plenty of time to rest. Right now, they're too busy winning.

Paul Byrd pitched effectively in a pinch, Garret Anderson homered and the travel-weary Angels edged the Chicago White Sox 3-2 Tuesday night in the opener of the AL Championship series.

The Angels were supposed to be more than a little fatigued. Sunday night, they were on the East Coast, playing the Yankees. Monday night, they were back on the West Coast, beating New York. Now, they're in the Midwest, with no off-day until Thursday.

Seeking their first World Series berth in 46 years and first championship since 1917, the White Sox got another outstanding outing from Jose Contreras but couldn't manage much offense.

The Cuban right-hander worked into the ninth inning but lost for the first time since Aug. 15, ending his nine-start winning streak.  
Chicago had won eight games in a row going back to the regular season, but fell short against a Los Angeles team playing in its third time zone in three nights.

Recovering from a throat infection, ace Trevor Lincecum was slated to pitch Game 2 for the Angels on Wednesday night against All-Star starter Mark Buehrle.  
Scott Shields' return to manager Paul Konerko with two on and led the eighth. Francisco Rodriguez worked around third baseman Chone Figgins' error to begin the bottom on the ninth and struck out Joe Crede to close it out. The Angels won Game 1 for the first time in six postseason series under manager Mike Scioscia.

The Angels lost in New York on Sunday, forcing them to fly cross-country overnight for a decisive Game 5. They made a pit stop at home for a series-clinching victory Monday night, then jumped on a redeye to the



Los Angeles Angels' Chone Figgins steals second base safely over a diving Chicago White Sox second baseman Tadahito Iguchi of Japan in the eighth inning of Game 1 of the American League Championship Series at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago, Tuesday.

Midwest and arrived at their hotel around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. But Los Angeles was plenty fresh for the ALCS opener, thanks to Byrd and his bullpen.  
The 34-year-old right-hander worked only 28 batters all season and his throwback delivery, with arms rocking back behind him like a right-handed Willy Ford, belongs in a flickering old cut of black-and-white film footage.  
A 12-game winner during the regular season, Byrd got the Game 1 start because he was the only option left. The first-round series took a toll on Los Angeles' pitching staff, and ace Bartolo Colon was left off the ALCS roster because of a shoulder injury.  
Fireworks boomed before the game and video boards just

## Jerome's Tolman wins Gooding Invitational

By Nathaniel Garbrandt  
Times-News sports writer

GOODING — For Jerome senior Tyler Tolman, Tuesday evening's performance at the Gooding Invitational cross country meet might well encapsulate his season in general: hanging back, pacing himself well, then cutting loose full bore at the end.

With a time of 17:02 on the 3.1-mile course at the Gooding Municipal Golf Course, Tolman collected his first individual victory of the season after placing as the Tigers' top runner the previous three races.

"It was a tough race," he said. "I was pretty cold today. So I just stayed behind the leader the whole time until the last 400 yards. Usually I have a pretty good kick at the end, so I just saved it all for that and just came out good in the end."

For much of the race, the leader was Gooding senior Tyler Pickens, with Richfield's Harlie Amy also jockeying for the front spot. Tolman, however, elected to take a patient approach and decide the race at the end.

"I'm not usually the type of guy who likes to lead," said Tolman. "So one guy passed me and I just stayed behind him. Another kid passed him, but I stayed behind the leaders. They were keeping a pretty good pace. And then I just gave it all that I had. It was a dog race. It could have been anyone's right there, but I just turned it on at the end and came out on top."

Said Amy of the race, "I don't know that Jerome runner has a heck of a kick. I just kept on trying to keep my focus. I just kept telling myself, 'Strong runner, strong runner.' To help take my mind off the muscles getting tired."  
Concluding the race with four runners in the top 10, the host Senators collected the team

honors, finishing 12 points ahead of Jerome.

"Basically, I'm just really proud of the kids for what they did tonight," said Senators coach Jack Nelson. "They've been working really, really hard. We've been doing a lot of hard workouts."

Valley sophomore Lisa Romer completely dominated the girls race, taking first by a massive 40-second margin in addition to finishing as the only girls runner to break the 20-minute mark in a time of 19:50.

It was a mark that owed largely to a strong finish, as Romer ended the race in a dead sprint.  
"I don't know where I got that," she said. "I was really tired, and I just went as hard as I could."

The victory, along with a pair of other teammates in the top 10, helped propel the Vikings to first place in the team totals, beating out Jerome by 10.

"It was our best performance of the year," said Valley coach Don Wight. "Everybody had good times, each one of them. I could've been proud."

The Community School's Mall Noyes grabbed second, with defending 4A state champion Carissa Lee finishing a strong third in a time of 20:40.

"It's coming along great," said a very positive Lee, who is making a late start on the season after recovering from knee troubles. "In two more weeks are regionals. I'm going to be up there. I'm going to be competing to get me up there. I did pretty good. The uneven ground, sometimes it throws my knee off, but other than that, I think I did really good here."

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SPORTS

No fightin' words when Cards, Astros get together

ST. LOUIS (AP) — They are members of the same division. They're perennial playoff teams. And they're meeting for the second year in a row with a trip to the World Series at stake.

All right. Let's have some fightin' words between these old-timers.

"They run a classy organization over there," said Lance Berkman of the Houston Astros. "We have a lot of respect for them."

"I hum, maybe we'll fare better at stirring things up in the opposing clubhouse."

"They're a good bunch of guys," said David Eckstein of the St. Louis Cardinals. "It's hard to dislike them."

Clearly, this isn't Middle America's version of Yankees-Red Sox. In fact, it's not even close to being the best rivalry in the NL Central — that distinction belongs to the Cardinals-Cubs.

That's at a different level because of the lynchpin, Eckstein conceded. "I don't know that you'd find a Cardinals fan who says he hates the Astros more than the Cubs."

But when it comes to performance on the field, the Cardinals and Astros have risen to the top of the senior circuit.

They're back for the first NL championship series rematch in 13 years, which begins with Game 1 Wednesday night at home in new stadium, set to open in 2006, is rising next door.

"It's a classic from a baseball standpoint," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "Maybe you don't get as much passion from the fans during Cardinals-Astros as you do for Cardinals-Cubs. But we're building a pretty good passion base for our fans and for each other because we play so much."

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES. Houston 89-73, St. Louis 100-62. Game 1 stats: Houston (Petite 47-9), St. Louis (Gardner 22-5).

Roger Clemens in Game 7. Houston is making its sixth playoff appearance in nine years and looking to reach the World Series for the first time in franchise history.

"The Astros made a breakthrough last year by escaping the opening round in a perennial nemesis Atlanta. They knocked off the Braves again this year, advancing with an 11-inning win Sunday — the longest game in postseason history."

Now, even after meeting 16 times during the regular season and preparing for Astros-Cardinals II, both sides say it's impossible to drum up the sort of hatred that signifies a truly passionate rivalry.

Houston finished 11 games back, but managed to pull out the wild card after falling 15 games under .500 early in the year.

"It's not really going to be a rivalry until we start beating the Cardinals a couple of times," Astros' manager Phil Garner said. "When they go home mad, then it will be a rivalry. Right now, it's kind of one-sided."

Blues 4, Blackhaws 1. ST. LOUIS — Jay McElreath scored his first NHL goal on a penalty shot and added an assist to lead St. Louis to its first win of the season.

Senators 4, Canadiens 2. MONTREAL — Daniel Alfredsson scored twice and Ray Emery stopped 26 shots in his first start of the season as Ottawa extended its winning streak to four and handed Montreal its first loss.

Richfield. Continued from D1. assistant coaches. Emery is in his fourth season as head coach. Richfield enters sub-district play Saturday.

Tolman. Continued from D1. Richfield's head coach District Board of Trustees met Monday and heard concerns from parents and athletes

Buhl claims SCIC volleyball top seed

The Bulls Indians completed a season sweep of Gooding Tuesday to finish 8-0 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference and garner the top seed at this weekend's district tournament.

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They were good games. We just didn't take advantage when we could," coach Tene said. Gooding plays at Kimberly Thursday before heading to Wendell in Declo Saturday night.

Kimberly 3, Filer 1. KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Bulldogs came back after losing the first game to defeat the Filer Wildcats 25-15, 25-20, 25-19, 25-17.

Richfield 3, Bliss 2. RICHFIELD — Richfield and Bliss battled for five games before Richfield pulled out 25-11, 25-10, 17-25, 17-25, 16-14 home.

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Local sports

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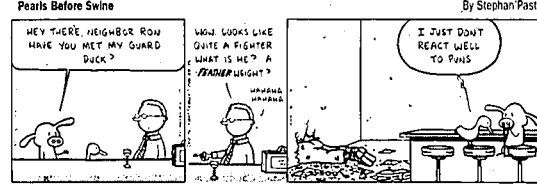
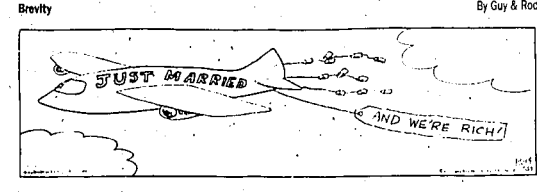
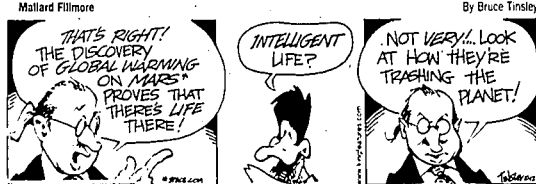
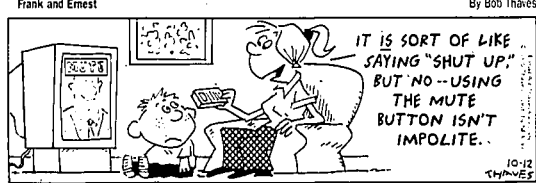
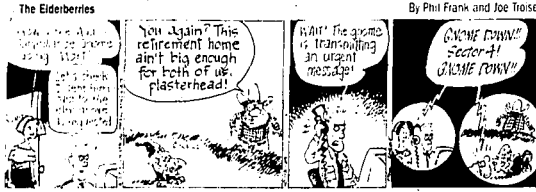
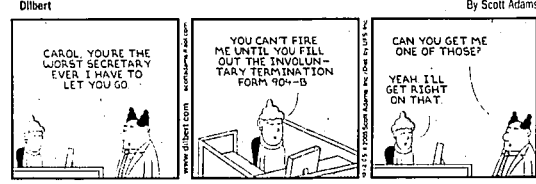
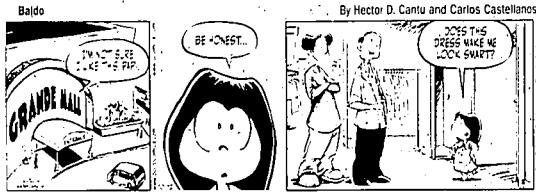
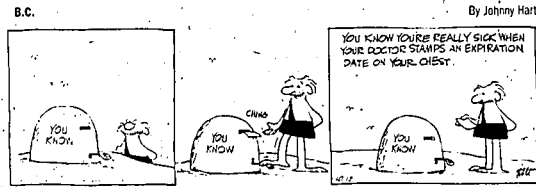
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# COMICS



## Hum while you work, Aries

IF OCT. 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you don't have to do everything. Peace and tranquility are yours this fall, especially if you let others take the lead and carry some of the burden. You can be a helpmate when those close hum with ambition. Relax and take it easy. Starting next February, and until the fall of 2006, the planet Uranus will be dancing close to your sector of the zodiac. Your attitude may be out with the old and in with the new as you discard things that no longer hold your interest and start off in a fresh direction.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to work we go. You may hum the tune from "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" as you put finishing touches on a big project. Pamper the "Snow White" in your life.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't change horses in mid-stream as reaching an important goal is just within view. Friends or delightful new acquaintances could interrupt your work schedule for the next day or two.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Complete big projects to make room for new ones. Things may be coming to a head in regard to a key relationship. Networking for business purposes might

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

upset plans already in motion.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Explore your spiritual shorelines, but don't wade in over your head. The moon in Aquarius today may rivet your attention on spiritual issues as it pairs up with Neptune for a few hours.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Just a little more effort may serve to drive the nail of ambitions in the sticking point. Someone close may bare their inner essence or charm you with otherworldly sensitivity to your needs.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Over the next few days you may be sharp as a tack and able to leap tall mental buildings in a single bound. Plan to tackle computer programs you have wanted to master or chat up new friends.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Let someone else carry the load while you take a needed time out to smell the roses. Your romantic heart may be geared towards peace and quiet and sentimental journeys while others toil.

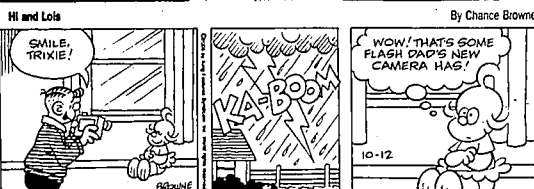
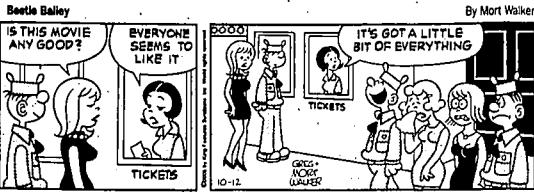
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Some days you're the grasshopper; some days you're the ant. Hard work to store goodies for the future may bring big rewards in the end. A deserved break is just around the corner.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** All work and no play may make lack a dull boy—but this isn't the time to slack off when you are so close to reaching the prize. Take a short time-out to recharge your mental batteries.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** A feeling of cosmic connectedness may draw new friends closer. You may have a fleeting urge to give someone the shirt off your back or a few hours when you dream of peace and quiet.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** With the moon crossing through your sign, you may dream about cosmic meanings or be more sensitive to the atmosphere around you. Be an angel about what you own, and buy.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Find a quiet haven to retreat to if hustle and bustle gnaw at your nerves. A short break from routines will restore your energies. Avoid abrasive people, as you are a bit more sensitive than usual.

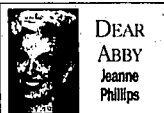


# Athlete should race away from doctor's patronizing comments

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 55-year-old female who competes in triathlons for fun, fitness and health. I consulted my doctor because I was having foot pain. When I told him I was a runner and was preparing for a triathlon race, his response was, "At your age, you could hardly call it a race."

I was shocked. I repeated the insulting comment to my husband, who has never supported me in this nor attended my races. He replied, "Well, you don't actually consider yourself an athlete, do you?"

I am so offended that I want to dismiss both my doctor and my husband. I just finished a race with 5,000 women. Every one of them was fabulous and serious, no matter how old or what they looked like. It was the spirit of the sport that mattered. At what age does one stop being an athlete?



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

attempt at humor was demurring, and he should practice his profession only if he's wearing a muzzle. I wouldn't blame you if you "laugh" your way to another doctor who practices preventive medicine by encouraging and supporting his patients' fitness regimens.

**DEAR ABBY:** My son, a rodeo cowboy, wants to know the proper etiquette for a groom wearing a cowboy hat during the wedding ceremony. The ceremony will take place next July in a small Methodist church in Kansas. He really wants to wear his cowboy hat. Can he?

**SMACKOVER, ARK.**  
**DEAR SUZIE:** Hats have become a standard part of many men's wardrobes in recent years, and the rules for wearing them have become less rigid. According to "Family Post's Etiquette" (17th Edition), "Hats can be left on... at religious services, as required." However, your son should check with the clergyman who will be officiating at the ceremony, just to be sure it's acceptable in his or her church.

**— OLDER ATHLETE, EUGENE ORE.**  
**DEAR OLDER ATHLETE:** When one becomes a couch potato—perhaps like your husband. According to Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (11th Edition), an athlete is "a person who is trained or skilled in exercise, sports, or games requiring physical strength, agility or stamina." And whether your husband chooses to acknowledge it or not is beside the point.

**DEAR MISERABLE:** You have I want this divorce more than I want to breathe. I feel I deserve some happiness, too. Please help me. I have been to counseling. My counselor agrees that I need to do this for me, but my husband will use every kind of emotional blackmail at his disposal. Any advice you can give will be greatly appreciated.

As for your doctor, I'd say his

**— MISERABLE IN NORTH CAROLINA**

## Doctors who play video games make fewer mistakes

Springs, here's something to kind on your parents when lobbying for that Xbox 360. Researchers with Beth Israel and Iowa State University found that doctors who play video games at least three hours a week make about 37 percent fewer mistakes in laparoscopic surgery and worked 27 percent faster than their counterparts who did not play video games.

"This day in history," "The Rock" aka Alcatraz Island, officially became part of the U.S. Department of Justice, on Oct. 12, 1933. As a prison, Alcatraz held some of the most infamous criminals in U.S. history, like George "Machine Gun" Kelly, Al Capone and "the Birdman of Alcatraz," Robert Stroud. Alcatraz shut down as a prison on March 21, 1963, and today is managed by the National Park Service.



**RANIXMI KINDES FINACINESS**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

The original 1952 Mr. Potato Head came with no body, just a Styrofoam place holder that held all the attachments until you could find a real potato and begin play.

Typhoons get their name from the Cantonese word tau-fun that means "a mighty wind." "Hurricane" entered the English language through the Spanish, who picked it up from a West Indian tribe's word hurakani. And tornado came from the Spanish word tronar ("thunder") merged with tornar ("turn").

Quick: Do you know the only state that has just one syllable? It's Maine.

The ancient Olympic games had begun in Greece in 776 B.C. The Roman emperor Theodosius I felt the pagan origins and ceremonies of the games weren't consistent with his Christian beliefs, so he banned them.

The only Olympic game in 776 B.C. was a kilometer foot race. It wasn't until later games that the Olympics added discus, javelin, long jump, boxing, wrestling, pentathlon and chariot races.

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco is the location for more suicides than any other landmark in the world.

Midnight Blue, a popular Crayola crayon color, was once called Prussian blue. During the Red scare of the 1950s, the company feared "Prussian" sounded too much like "Russian," and so they changed it.

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# BIG BUCK

## Photo Contest

# BULL

OCTOBER 13TH THRU  
DECEMBER 15TH

Take a photo of your "Big Buck" to Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls & you could win "Big Bucks"!

One winner each week will have their photo published in the Times News on Thursday in the Outdoor Section and online at [magicalvalley.com](http://magicalvalley.com). Weekly winners will get a \$100 gift certificate from Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls. On December 21st one Grand Prize winner will be selected from the weekly winners to receive a \$1000 gift certificate from Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls.

Pick up an entry blank at Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls. Complete the form & return it along with your photo\*. Winners will be selected by the staff at Sportsman's Warehouse according to size of the Buck or Bull & composition of the picture.

The animal must be taken legally in Idaho in the 2005 season. Contestants will be required to provide your license or tag number and the date the animal was taken.

See Customer Service for more details.

\* photos will not be returned.

NATION

# Is Karl Rove irreplaceable?

## White House hopes it won't have to find out

By Tom Rasm Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — For nearly a quarter century, Karl Rove has been George Bush's political mentor. Bush called him "the architect" of the "boy genius" others have called him "Bush brain."

Now, with a federal grand jury nipping at Rove's heels in his CIA leak investigation, the president may have to contemplate the previously unthinkable: managing without his right-hand man.

Rove helped Bush create a political persona and steered him to victory in two Texas gubernatorial and two presidential races. He polished Bush's message, nurtured ties with conservatives, oversaw crisis control and helped frame major policy initiatives.

"He's the president's alter ego on political and domestic policy," said veteran Republican strategist Charles Black. While Rove's most important past service to Bush — as a campaign strategist — is no longer needed by Bush, "he's still very valuable in terms of running domestic policy," Black said.

Rove is also helping in steering GOP efforts to reelect their congressional majorities in the 2006 mid-term elections and to help in some as a would-be GOP challenger for 2008.

If Rove, 53, is forced to resign, it would be a major blow to a presidency already reeling from



President Bush departs the White House with Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove on July 14, as they head for Indianapolis, Ind. For nearly a quarter century, Rove has been Bush's political mentor.

low approval ratings, the war in Iraq, rising prices, and the aftermath of two Gulf Coast hurricanes. Some Republicans suggest the investigation has already taken a toll, weakening and distracting Rove. Some even suggest the botched early response to Hurricane Katrina and the flash of indignation from the public right over the Hurricane Alex Supreme Court nomination might have been averted had Rove been more hands-on.

It's hard to imagine Bush without Rove. Some Rove colleagues say privately that he is all but irreplaceable. They suggest nobody else now on the scene combines Rove's intimate knowledge of both politics and policy while also enjoying the full confidence of the president.

Rove's title, that of deputy White House chief of staff, hardly shows the enormous influence he wields. Rove has already testified three times in the probe into whether an administration official

deliberately leaked the identity of covert CIA operative Valerie Plame, whose husband is an administration critic. Rove has agreed to testify again, possibly this week, and prosecutors have told him they can no longer assure him he'll escape indictment.

Knowing he was revealing the identity of a covert agent is a federal crime. Special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald is trying to determine if White House aides violated the law in an attempt to get back at Plame's husband, former career diplomat Joseph Wilson for his assertions that the administration intentionally exaggerated Iraq's nuclear capability to pump up support for an invasion.

Rove has acknowledged that he discussed Wilson's allegations with reporters, but he said he was not the one who revealed Plame's identity. Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis Libby, also has acknowledged talking to reporters about the Plame case.

# Stock sale in question

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., is under scrutiny for ordering the sale of his holdings in a family-founded hospital chain two weeks before the stock tumbled.

People familiar with Rove's testimony have told The Associated Press that Bush asked him in the fall of 2003 for assurances he was not involved in an effort to divulge Plame's identity and punish Wilson — and Rove told the president he was not.

At first, the White House flatly denied that Rove had been involved. Bush promised to fire anyone on his staff responsible for such a leak. He later stepped back, saying just that he would remove aides who committed crimes.

At a news conference last week, Bush declined to say whether he would remove an aide under indictment. On Tuesday, he told NBC's "Today" show: "I'm not going to talk about the case."

Rich Galen, a Republican consultant, said that Bush — the only U.S. president with a master's degree in business administration — was following the corporate model in delegating his political portfolio to Rove and then giving him considerable leeway, as a company chief executive might do with a trusted manager.

In Rove's case, his influence has grown well beyond the political portfolio because he and Bush "have been on the same wave length for so long," Galen said.

Frank Luntz, a pollster and analyst who often works for Republicans — years ago counting down out based on what may look like ominous signs from the grand jury.

Rove has always been a survivor. He's brilliant at understanding the right thing to do at the right moment. He specializes in the ability to handle a crisis. What he has done for the president, I actually expect him now to do for himself," Luntz said. "He'll know what to do and what to say."

# HCA Inc. daily closing stock price



SOURCES: Securities and Exchange Commission; Reuters

# Frist accumulated stock outside Senate trusts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Out-of-stock the blind trust he created to avoid a conflict of interest, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist earned tens of thousands of dollars from stock in a family-founded hospital chain largely controlled by his brother, documents show.

The Tennessee Republican, whose sale this summer of HCA stock is under federal investigation, maintained he could own HCA shares and still vote on health care legislation without a conflict because he had placed the stock in blind trusts approved by the Senate.

However, ethics experts say a partnership arrangement shown in documents obtained by The Associated Press raises serious doubts about whether the senator truly avoided a conflict.

In that case, the HCA stock was accumulated by a family investment partnership started by the senator's late parents and later overseen by his brother, Thomas Frist. The brother served as president of the partnership — management company and as a top officer of HCA. Sen. Frist holds no position with the company.

The senator's share of the partnership was placed in a Tennessee blind trust between 1998 and 2002 that was separate from those governed by Senate ethics rules, Frist reported. Bowling Avenue Partners, made up mostly of non-public HCA stock, earned him \$265,495 in dividends and other income over the four years.

Edmond M. Lanni, a former Washington, D.C., bank execu-

tive who established blind trusts for corporate executives, questioned why the senator's brother was able to manage assets "when the whole purpose of a blind trust is to ensure lack of not only conflict of interest — but appearance of conflict of interest."

Kathleen Clark, a government ethics expert at the Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, said she doesn't believe the Senate trusts or the Tennessee trust insulated Frist from a conflict because the senator or his brother were active in transactions and could influence decisions.

"What I find most appalling is the Senate calls it a qualified blind trust when it's not blind," Clark said. "Since the Senate has made it a political question, it's up to the voter. But there's no doubt it's a conflict of interest."

Frist's interest in Bowling Avenue Partners was detailed in Tennessee blind trust reports he filed with the Senate. Thomas Frist's ability to influence HCA stock decisions in the partnership was detailed in separate trust and partnership documents obtained by the AP.

These documents show Thomas Frist was listed as the "general partner" and "registered agent" of Bowling Avenue Partners. He also was listed as president of the partnership, management company. Thomas Frist founded HCA, the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain, with his and the senator's father. He currently is the company's chairman emeritus.

# San Diego in a rut over budget woes

The Washington Post

SAN DIEGO — A few weeks ago, the local newspaper here asked readers to come up with a new slogan to replace the worthy but tired one that has stuck around since 1972: "San Diego, America's Inland City." The campaign, in the pages of the Union-Tribune, garnered more than 500 entries and reflected the widespread feeling that this seaside city famed for its sublimely climate and its snowy Midwest-on-the-Pacific feel has lost its moorings.

"An Emblem of Corruption" and "All Mayor Hummer Accepted Here" vied with the downright boisterous "Best Climate for a Construction." The city's slogan-craze, the problems of the nation's seventh-biggest city are not. San Diego is more than \$1.4 billion in arrears on its pension payments. Its bond rating is so low that it cannot issue bonds for needed public works. Last month, city leaders acknowledged that a plan to help deal with the crisis by selling city land was almost unworkable because city bureaucrats had overvalued the city's assets by more than \$600 million and the inventory of city assets, which actually includes land it sold, never owned or hopes to buy.

"Simply put," said Jesse Knight Jr., the president of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, "San Diego is a mess." The budget crisis doesn't just infuriate San Diego residents, cutting into their quality of life. The crisis has forced the elimination of a 23-wide day-care program for children from middle- to lower-income families. Public library hours have been slashed, and plans for a new central library in the rejuvenating downtown district have been shelved. The city's sewer system is so decrepit that it could face federal fines. Police are jumping ship to nearby cities that offer bigger salaries and the promise of a real pension. In 2004, for the first time in seven years, the region's population actually fell — by 500. And the repairs have ground to a standstill.

"The average San Diegan doesn't scream too much; it's not like you're stuck waiting for a snowplow that never comes," said Carl Luna, a professor of political science at San Diego Mesa College. "You get a sunny day, you can always go to the beach. But bit by bit, the wheels are starting to come off."

Luna said San Diego's problems are a template for what

other states and cities could face. A report issued last week by the financial firm Wilshire Associates Inc. estimated that more than 85 percent of state and local pension funds are underfunded nationwide. Massachusetts and Connecticut pension funds face billion-dollar deficits. Rhode Island and Oregon recently lowered pension benefits for public employees. And San Francisco, a supposedly liberal bastion, is one of the only cities in California where voters have to approve pension benefit increases.

San Diego's city fathers committed two big mistakes, financial analysts said. First, during the go-go years of the stock market boom of the 1990s, they used the pension fund like an ATM to pay for projects such as the 1996 Republican National Convention. Then, when the market dipped, they allegedly conspired with union bosses to raise pension benefits without raising revenue. This wasn't tax-and-spend; it was spend-but-don't-care.

Six former members of the city pension board have been indicted by the county district attorney in connection with allegedly intentionally underfunding the pension. The Securities and Exchange Commission and the FBI are also investigating the city's finances.

The city will hold a vote for mayor Nov. 8, but few people seem particularly enamored with either candidate, Jerry Sanders, the former police chief, has pledged that he would provide new leadership, but even business leaders think it would be more of the same with him running the city. The other candidate, Donna Frye, a council member and the owner of a surf shop, has garnered worldwide press as the "surfer chick" candidate but is not taken seriously by many in the business community. Significantly, both candidates have said they would consider bankruptcy as a way to deal with the

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Two pigeons look over a street while perched on top of a billboard Monday in Houma, La.

# AK-47s used in Saudi attack traced to Yemen

SANA'A, Yemen (AP) — Two AK-47 assault rifles used in a deadly attack on the U.S. consulate in Saudi Arabia have been traced to Yemen's Defense Ministry, according to Western and Yemeni officials, raising new fears that the country isn't doing enough to fight terrorism.

The revelation comes five years after al-Qaida-linked militants bombed the USS Cole destroyer on Oct. 12, 2000, at the port in Sana'a, the capital, killing 17 sailors.

In other worrying developments, Yemeni militants are believed to be among foreigners fighting U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq, U.S. and Iraqi officials have said.

Some Yemenis have even carried out suicide bombings in Iraq after their release from prison here under a government program, say Yemeni officials cited in local newspapers.

Under the "dialogue" program, Yemeni militants are let go in exchange for renouncing violence.

Despite the setbacks, the United States continues to boost its security relationship

# U.S. apologizes for military's actions in Gold Train case

MIAMI (AP) — The U.S. government issued a statement of apology Tuesday for the actions of soldiers who took valuables belonging to Hungarian Jews that had been seized on a Nazi "Gold Train" during the chaotic end of World War II.

The statement issued by the U.S. Justice Department said that the government "regrets the improper conduct of certain of its military personnel" who took items that had been on the train, which was carrying jewelry, gold, artwork, Oriental rugs, china, cutlery, linens and other items.

"The United States has concluded that, although the conduct of its personnel was appropriate in most respects, it was contrary to U.S. policy and the standards expected of its soldiers" in some actions, the Justice Department statement said.

The apology was required as part of a settlement approved

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Sept. 26 by a federal judge in Miami between the U.S. government and about 62,000 Hungarian survivors of the Nazi Holocaust. The settlement calls for \$25.5 million to be distributed to nearly 100,000 survivors of the world, with the bulk going to those in Israel, Hungary, the United States and Canada.

The "Gold Train" was captured by U.S. soldiers from pro-Nazi Hungarian forces in May 1945.

A U.S. investigation found in 1999 that some Army soldiers failed to return items initially "sequestered" from the train and used in postwar offices, such as rugs, cutlery and even typewriters.

The investigation also concluded that some property was stolen from a warehouse by soldiers. Although some personnel were caught and prosecuted, little of the property was recovered.

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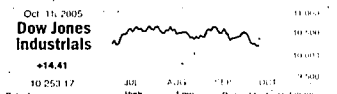
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MONEY

Stocks mixed as Alcoa boosts the Dow

NEW YORK (AP) Stocks closed mixed Tuesday as strong earnings from Alcoa led the Dow Jones industrials slightly higher but the Nasdaq gave up early gains as rising oil prices triggered worries about inflation and recession.



Solid earnings and outlooks from a handful of companies helped the Dow, which rose after aluminum maker Alcoa reported higher profits despite using energy costs and lower prices for aluminum. But the gain narrowed in an afternoon trading as broader indexes fell and oil prices climbed.

Traders continue to look anxiously for signs that higher energy costs will depress corporate earnings and oil prices stoked that nervousness. A barrel of light crude settled at \$64.75, up \$1.23, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The markets' behavior is typical of an aging bull market, and this bull market, now in its seventh year, is the longest since Charles H. Dow Jr. began it in 1902.

Toys

Continued from E1. Mattel Inc. has done well, along with new concepts of toys, from the 1990s such as Play-Doh, the Ska Banders and electronic learning products such as Leapfrog Enterprises Inc. Leapfrog.

As the holidays, the toy industry has high hopes for a series of children-friendly versions of adult gadgets, including Mattel's Star Wars action figures for 8-year-olds and GameBoy, a \$7.99 pair of two-way radio communicators, both from Hasbro.

Toy companies are also coming up with educational toys that are more fun to play with, like Leapfrog's \$99.99 i-Max

financial markets analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman's. "Things are just more erratic, they take longer, they're not as 'deserve,'" he said.

The Dow rose 11.11, or 0.14 percent, to 13,102. The Dow lost 276.30 points, or 2.02 percent, last week, and fell another 53 points Monday.

Broadet stock indicators were slightly lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.46, or 0.23

percent, to 1,918.75, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 17.81, or 0.66 percent, to 2,860.91.

Bonds also fell with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note at 4.29 percent, up from 4.25 percent late Friday. The Treasury market was closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading.

Believes there are a lot more exciting products than last year, and is counting on such hits as Leapfrog's i-Max electronic learning pen, and electronic characters like iZ from iZi by iZi and Hasbro's iZi from iZi, both of which can be downloaded to a mobile device.

Sill, Barlow, whose company is mostly a year player, said this will be the year that parents will be thinking about fun and getting the last piece of the puzzle. He said that the holiday season of toys, like the Christmas season, is the most valuable time to catch their eye, rather than in the

Tourists

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the visitors bureau. Jacques Chrysope, owner of Hotel du Lac Moon and Hotel bas on Boulevard Saint, said his club need about \$1.5 million a month in revenue to remain profitable. That means about a million visitors a month. "We're really We can't reopen but who is going to come," Chrysope said.

Such worries, plus the loss of revenue from the closure of the region's now damaged gyms at casinos, led Mayor C. Ray Nagin last week to suggest that gambling be allowed in large hotels in the central business district.

Restaurants, bars and hotels are desperate to hire workers, offering big wage increases and bonuses. But even prospective employees who want to come home have nowhere to live. Hotel workers are living in hotel room, staffers are sleeping on the floor in hotels. But everyone knows it's a no-win situation.

To make matters worse, the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau is in a state of financial crisis. The city's financial situation is virtually shut down. The line runs in part on hotel room taxes. Federal workers who have booked up many hotels for the next several months are getting no tax.

There has even been talk of the city appointing game broker, something that would certainly shock New Orleans to death. Though business leaders say the federal government wouldn't do that.

Perhaps not, but the calculus for getting this city's staggered tourism economy back on its feet is daunting and tiddled with Catch-22s. And time is limited. Even avid city promoters acknowledge that New Orleans, lacking any other major industry, will fill with people and bank empty unless tourists start coming back soon. If they don't, the 2006 government layoffs are announced by Nagin will be the start.

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

CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

Table of Chicago futures trading data for cattle, hogs, and other livestock. Columns include contract type, price, and change.

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

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Table of heating oil prices for different regions.

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Table of soybean oil prices.

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Avocados

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E.10.

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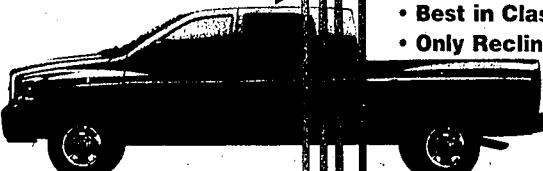
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