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BOSNIAN INFLUENCES

Exploring how Bosnian immigrants have influenced the Magic Valley food culture.

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sales tax per dollar to fund schools

By Anne Wallace Allen Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho voters apparently will be asked this fall to approve a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax increase to help pay for better schools. Teachers, parents and Idaho Education Association staffers went door-to-door in every county to gather 70,000 signatures on initiative petitions aimed at getting the sales tax increase on the November ballot. The effort took three months and relied almost entirely on the work of volunteers and on teachers' union staff, including the group's executive director, James Slackloff.

You get to vote Parents, teachers and union staffers have gathered enough signatures to get this on the November ballot.

The sales tax is currently 5 percent. To qualify the initiative for the ballot, the group needed to gather signatures from 6 percent of Idaho voters — at least 47,881 people.

The fact that supporters were able to gather the signatures, apparently with a comfortable cushion, indicates many Idaho residents support the sales tax increase. Lauren McLean, manager of the Invest In Our Kids' Education Campaign, said Tuesday. McLean canvassed for signatures in Canyon and Ada counties, and talked to many voters about Idaho schools.

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'Breathtaking'



Alejandra Gonzalez of Twin Falls and her niece Jennifer Ortiz, left, use an umbrella to ward off the sleet at Shoshone Falls on Tuesday afternoon.

Shoshone Falls showing off

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

If you go:

What: Shoshone Falls When: Depending on weather, gates typically are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. How much: Admission is \$3 per car; the city charges admission starting between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and ending about 7:30 or 8 p.m.

TWIN FALLS — Bring an umbrella. Bring a raincoat and a camera. But, whatever you do, get to Shoshone Falls soon.

Such was the collective sentiment of a group of seniors from Kuna who made the two-hour-plus trip Tuesday to see the falls at its finest.

"If I had got completely wet, it would have been worth it," said Nelda Hill, one of 15 senior citizens on the Kuna bus. "This is just gorgeous."

Tuesday's visit was a first for Hill. Her seismate, Dorothy McKelrick, viewed the falls about 10 years ago and thought the spray might have been a bit worse then. Yet, she still found the sight of roughly 12,000 cubic feet per second of water cascading over the rocky cliffs breathtaking this time.

The wet winter blessed Magic Valley and the mountains with an abundance of moisture this year. And the staff at the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley is trying to manage run-off into the Snake River accordingly. Hydrologist Tim Miller is keeping his eyes on June 1, the date when snow melting from the mountains and into the rivers and reservoirs reaches its peak.

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Advertisement for Magic Valley.com featuring a small image of a person and the text: 'Hear the rush and see the power of Shoshone Falls.'

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TOMORROW



Cowboy Rudy Gonzales ropes in national recognition IN COMUNIDAD



'Secure' licenses may cost a bundle

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A logistical and expensive nightmare at the DMV for tightened national security may or may not be the reality of the federal Real ID Act.

Either way, state residents can rest assured that it will be a costly reconfiguration of Idaho's identification and driver's licensing program. The overhaul could cost Idahoans up to \$50 million, according to Ed Fembie, the driver services manager for the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

If Idaho contests the federally mandated digitized ID, law, federal agencies would cease to recognize IDs issued by the state. "It's going to have a huge impact financially on the state," Fembie said. "We really need to

start talking about this in Idaho." He also warned of complicated bureaucracy and long lines at the DMV.

"It has an admirable purpose — to improve national security and cut down on fraud (but) Idaho has a stringent identification issuing process anyway."

The act, which requires states to run stricter verification of eligibility, has been praised by U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho, as a measure to close "loopholes in immigration that 'terrorists...have used...to enter and stay in the United States.' U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, also supports the legislation.

In Twin Falls, the issue has yet to hit the ground. Jenny Anton, supervisor of the driver's license unit for the sheriff's office, said

she heard about it because she sits on a state board. She said "Idaho would like to participate in the REAL ID Act but it has a lot of strings attached."

She said that getting over the initial hump will be tough, but in the long run implementing a stronger program will pay off.

State legislators will have to implement provisions to meet the federal standard by May 11, 2008, when the law is anticipated to go into effect. "We're planning on proposing some legislation in Idaho to see if legislators want to do this," said Fembie. If in early 2007 the legislators do not comply, he said "our state ID card can't be used to board airplanes or enter into federal buildings."

But, Fembie noted, the best alternative option for travel is to get a passport.

Germany, U.S. to open Holocaust records

By Barry Schweld Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — After decades of holding back, Germany took a major step Tuesday toward opening Nazi records on 17 million Jews, slave laborers and other Holocaust victims to historians and relatives long anxious

for conclusive information about their fate.

Germany pledged to work with the United States to ensure the opening of the archives, which are housed in the German town Bad Arolsen. Eleven nations overseas the 30 million to 50 million documents and are to meet in Luxembourg next month to

consider amending a 1955 treaty that has, effectively, limited access and copying.

"We still have negotiations to do," the American special envoy for Holocaust issues, Edward B. O'Donnell, said in an interview. "Our goal is to reach an

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Eye fungus has contact fans groping for glasses

By Kelli Kennedy and Andrew Ryan Associated Press writers

William Spadafora had tried reading glasses, distance glasses and bifocals. He had lost glasses, stepped on glasses, and dropped glasses off the side of a boat.

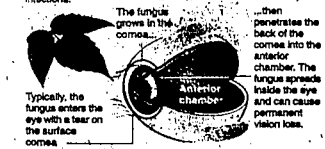
"I was fed up with glasses and I wanted to try something different, so that's why I tried contacts," said Spadafora, 58. "They worked for me for five or six years until I came down with the fungus."

Say hello again to glasses. Spadafora, of Malden, Mass., is among the dozens of contact lens-wearers in the United States left groping for glasses thanks to blurred vision and pain from Fusarium keratitis, a nasty fungal infection. Health authorities say most of the victims in 17 states were using ReNu with MoistureLoc eye solution to cleanse their contacts.

The outbreak also has many of the nation's 30 million soft contact wearers Please see EYES, Page A2

Path of eye infection begins on contact

A fungus called Fusarium, commonly found on plants and in soil, has been identified as the cause of about 100 reported eye infections.



SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; U.S. Dept. of the Interior; American Academy of Ophthalmology

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny with temperatures edging upward. Highs low 60s.
Tonight: Mostly clear skies and comfortably cool. Lows 30s.
Tomorrow: Breezy at times, warm and dry. Highs upper 60s, approaching 70.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

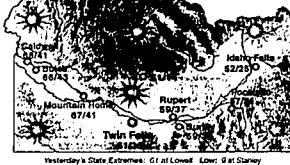
Today: A subtle warming trend commencing. Mostly dry and sunny. Highs upper 50s to low 60s.
Tonight: Breezy at times with fair skies expected. Lows middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and breezy. Warming nicely. Highs middle to upper 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. A gradual warming trend will finish the week with no precipitation expected. Occasional breezy periods will emerge. A chance of rain will materialize Friday night and increase in likelihood this weekend.

BOISE Dry and warm weather is expected to last through weeks and occasionally breezy periods are possible. Cloud cover will increase this weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH Temperatures will continue to edge upward from day to day through Friday. Conditions will be excellent for most travel and outdoor activities.



weather key: H heaviest clouds; F fog; H heavy snow; H light snow; H moderate snow; H heavy snow; H very heavy snow; H extreme snow; H blizzard; H blizzard with heavy snow; H blizzard with heavy snow and sleet; H blizzard with heavy snow, sleet and rain; H blizzard with heavy snow, sleet and rain and hail; H blizzard with heavy snow, sleet and rain and hail and lightning.

GREG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "Without heaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities, 'driving after air, in a form of planing.'" - Greg Mitter, Actor and Journalist

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, City. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts for various cities.

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

MOON PHASES

Table with 4 columns: Apr 21, Apr 27, May 3, May 13. Shows moon phases: Last Old, New, First, Full.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Thursday, Friday. Shows moonrise and moonset times.

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Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists regional cities and their forecasts.

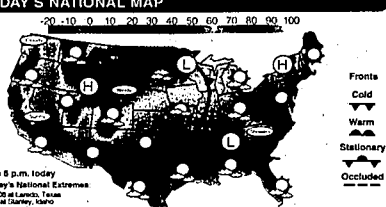
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Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists national cities and their forecasts.

WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists Canadian cities and their forecasts.

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While visiting Shoshone Falls on Tuesday with family, Phil Hamric of Boise captures the moment. 'We've seen it once before, but we've never seen it this big - it's stupendous - it's overpowering.'

Shoshone

Continued from A1 In anticipation of that spring runoff, Miller said, the agency is finishing 15,000 cfs to flow out of Palisades Reservoir with just under 12,000 making its way downstream and over Shoshone Falls. Situated along the Idaho-Wyoming border, Palisades sits near the top of the system of reservoirs that supply water through Magic Valley. Miller and others at the Bureau of Reclamation are releasing water now to try to avoid flooding.

"That's why we're having these kinds of flows right now," he said. If conditions were hot and dry, irrigation districts and canal companies would be diverting water from the Snake River for irrigation. That hasn't been the case yet, said Vince Alberdi with the Twin Falls Canal Co. The canal company isn't sending much water down its system right now.

"We're seeing very little demand," Alberdi said. Should that low demand continue into the weekend, then visitors to Shoshone Falls will get an even greater treat — the Bureau of Reclamation intends to release an additional 5,000 cfs of water into the river by the weekend, Miller said. If the weather heats up, however, irrigators could divert much of that added amount out of the river, he said. If the extra water holds up, it could bring even more visitors to the falls. Last weekend, Shoshone Falls Park saw more than 3,000 vehicles visit in two days, with both Saturday and Easter Sunday breaking the 1,000-car-per-day barrier, said Dennis Bowyer, director of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department. That's something Bowyer hasn't seen since 1997.

only 8,500 cfs going over Shoshone Falls. With the possibility of higher water levels this weekend, Bowyer estimates the park could meet its record of 2,700 cars in a single day, set in 1997. Bowyer suggests that visitors should expect delays, especially during the busy visiting hours of noon to 5 p.m. "We're glad that everyone is going down there to look at this," he said. "But we hope they'll have some patience." Earl Hafer has shown some patience between his visits to Shoshone Falls. The Gooding resident had been to Shoshone Falls in 20 years, but figured it was worth his trip on Tuesday. "I wish it could be like this year-round," Hafer said. "It's amazing."

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Eyes

Continued from A1 tossing out their ReNu-MoistureLoc bottles and turning to other products. Stores and op-

tometrists are taking the solution off their shelves. Optometrists at the county say they're inundated with calls from patients asking what to do. Florida has the highest number of cases in the country, with more than 50 reported so far. "What we're saying is not to use the solution and if there's any problem or they feel something going on to come and see the doctor," said Sheila Narmles, a receptionist for Dr. Marie Taribiti of Oviedo, an Orlando, Fla., suburb. They're concerned. We have a lot of patients calling about it. Spadafora describes the symptoms: "I felt pain, like somebody was pressing their finger against my eyeball." He's still plagued by a hazel film over his eyes. The stock price for Bausch & Lomb, the maker of ReNu, has plummeted — even though not

everyone is convinced the company's product is the real culprit, including Dr. Harry Zink, president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Bottles of the solution have been tested by Bausch & Lomb and independent doctors and no contamination has been found. Fusarium is commonly found in plant material and soil in tropical and subtropical regions. Without eye drop treatment, which can last two to three months, the infection can scar the cornea and blind its victims. Zink called the outbreak "one of those things that happens in medicine, where you really need to get more data and more information." Still, Bausch & Lomb halted U.S. shipments of the product last week and major merchants, including Wal-Mart Stores Inc., have pulled it from their shelves.

School tax

Continued from A1 "The overarching reaction was, 'It is time to make sure that our schools have adequate and stable funding,'" McLean said.

Once the signatures are validated, the secretary of state's office can issue a ballot number for the initiative. Next, McLean's group faces the task of persuading voters to support raising the tax to 6 percent, effective July 2007. The association believes that would raise about \$190 million per year — and would increase school funding by 18 percent to 20 percent.

An annual public policy survey conducted by the Social Science Research Center at Boise State University showed that in January that education spending was the top priority for most Idaho residents. The center said almost 25 percent of the people polled listed education spending as their top concern. The teachers union launched its effort last year, saying a sales tax was the best way to bring Idaho schools up to the standard of schools in other states. According to the campaign, "More than 45th in the nation in per-pupil spending and has some of the largest class sizes in the nation."

Idaho pays for its schools through local property taxes, money from the state general fund, and from miscellaneous funding sources such as cigarette and lottery taxes. The \$1.035 education budget that the Legislature passed this year was the first in Idaho to surpass \$1 billion. But both outgoing state schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard and state Board of Education President Rod Lewis testified during this year's legislative session that

On the Net:

Idaho Local Public Schools Investment Act: www.yesforidahoeducation.com

Idaho schools must do more to help students compete in the marketplace. On its Web site, the ballot initiative campaign displays letters from teachers discussing huge classes, leaking roofs and inadequate supplies.

"We have three computer labs for 1,600 students. Only one lab has up-to-date computers; the computers in the other two labs crash frequently," said one such letter, from Michael O'Laughlin, a Spanish teacher at Capital High School in Boise. "We are training our students to use computers that they would never see in a First World workplace. Teaching kids to use 1998 operating systems only makes sense for the few students who plan to join the Peace Corps and work in Third World countries."

Money from the sales tax increase would go to teacher salaries and supplies. "Textbooks in history and science classes are in some cases, 20 or even 30 years old and are so limited in number that children can't take them home to use with their homework," the campaign said. "Some teachers are forced to teach English with no textbooks or teach dictionary skills with no dictionaries. It's just common sense to make sure our local teachers and students at least have up-to-date supplies and materials."

The initiative passes, schools will have to spend the money on specified items, and districts will be required to report each year to the public how the money was used.

Holocaust

Continued from A1 approval as soon as possible.

Approval in Luxembourg would require agreement by all 11 countries. The parliaments of several of the countries would have to give their approval, as well. At a news conference Tuesday at the U.S. Holocaust Museum, German Justice Minister Brigitte Zypries said her country would work with the United States on opening the archives. Until now, Germany has resisted, citing privacy concerns. In Jerusalem, Holocaust specialist Shlomo Amronson, a historian at Hebrew University, said, "They have shown great will but that doesn't mean the problem has been solved." Amronson said the archives are supposed to contain the names of all Jews who died in World War II, both Jews and non-Jews.

The announcement by Zypries culminated a 20-year effort by the Holocaust Museum, the United States, France, Poland and some other countries to pry the archives open.

Negotiations intensified in the past four or five years and took on even greater momentum in the past two years, said Arthur Berger, spokesman for the museum director, Sarah Bloomfield Zypries said Germany had changed its position and would immediately start releasing the records governing the archives. The process should take no more than six months, the minister said. Opening the archives would enable many survivors and families of victims of the Nazis to find out with some certainty what ever before what happened to their relatives.

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IDAHO

Idaho man weighs 100 for first time

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — A 5-foot-9, 22-year-old man who eats 6,500 calories a day — two and a half times the average intake for an adult male — has earned a special reward for breaking the 100-pound mark: Dinner out from his mom.

"I'm a medical mystery," said Matt Chaffee, who weighed in at 101 pounds on Saturday. "I've accepted it."

Chaffee, who has a 26-inch waist, had several health problems as a newborn. One of them, pyloric stenosis, prevents food from emptying out of the stomach. The condition and ulcers he developed in his esophagus reduced his ability to gain weight.

Chaffee weighed 8 pounds when he was 4 months old, and 17 pounds when he reached kindergarten, his mother said. He was up to 85 pounds at age 14, but couldn't participate in some activities, including swimming.

"He sinks like a rock," his mother, Kelley Chaffee, told



Bandy Hayes/The Post-Register/AP photo

Matt Chaffee, 22, of Idaho Falls, is 5-foot-9 and weighs in at 201 pounds. Chaffee has several health problems that reduce his ability to gain weight despite eating 6,500 calories a day.

the Post-Register. Since turning 18 his goal has been to go over 100 pounds. He achieved that on a diet that included 5,000 calories a day in protein shakes.

"He was so happy," Kelley

Chaffee said. Sandi Birch, a registered dietitian at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, said most of the people she deals with are not trying to put on weight.

"It's far more common to have the opposite problem," she said.

Matt Chaffee is an Eastern Idaho Technical College student and WinCo Foods cashier who works out five days a week and can bench press 130 pounds. He uses his bike for daily transportation.

He said he'll stop drinking the protein shakes if he reaches 120 pounds. Until then, he said he'll continue to wear long Johns in the summer that help him conserve heat and prevent illness.

Kelley Chaffee said she will continue to search for clothes in her son's size that make him look his best.

"He doesn't look good in Wranglers," she said.

Sali leads in 1st District fundraising

BOISE (AP) — State Sen. Bill Sali of Kuna has brought in the most money among Republicans in the race for Idaho's 1st Congressional District seat, but six Republicans are vying to replace CL "Butch" Otter, who is running for governor. Idaho's 1st District covers western Idaho and the Panhandle.

Through March, according to the Federal Election Commission, Sali has raised \$281,000 and spent about \$245,000. Most of his cash is also from out of state and brought in by Club for Growth.

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Idaho cafe's pet turkey gets popped by hunter

CULDESAC, Idaho (AP) — For six months, Rufus the wild turkey beguiled area residents and served as unofficial greeter, pet and tourist attraction at the Jacques Spur Junction Cafe.

But someone decided to turn him into dinner on the opening day of turkey hunting season Saturday. "I heard the shot and got up to look down the street and saw a guy wrestling with a turkey," Sandi Berna, a waitress at the northern Idaho cafe, told the Lewiston Tribune. "I knew it was Rufus."

Berna said the hunter was an older man who drove an older model Chevy Blazer with Idaho plates, parked about 50 yards from the cafe in Culdesac, about 10 miles east of Lewiston. Rufus put up a fight, Berna said, even as he was grabbed by a leg and thrown through the top hatch of the Blazer.

"He was still alive, so I hope he scratched up the inside of that Blazer," Berna said. "It was



AP photo

all over in about a minute." Berna called authorities, but Nez Perce County sheriff's deputies said there was no evidence a crime had been committed.

Rufus will be remembered. "Everybody is pretty sad around here," said Paula Hinz-elling, an owner of the cafe. "The customers looked terrible when they heard the news."

Rufus was the last member of a five-bird flock that appeared in the area in October, eating grain that blew off semi trucks. He eventually discovered that food was easier to come by in the parking lot of the cafe.

Rufus' pluck and boldness carried him through Thanksgiving as diners feasted on turkey while watching Rufus in the parking lot. He eventually started walking up to the car doors to look inside, and restaurant patrons responded by getting "turkey bags" for Rufus when they left.

A wild turkey that had been named Rufus stands along U.S. Highway 95 near Jacques Spur Junction Cafe earlier this month in Culdesac, Idaho. The turkey was killed by a hunter on opening day for turkey on Saturday.

"I know it's hunting season, but I know we're going to miss Rufus," said Jean Ballard, who lives near the cafe and gave Rufus his name. "I hope the guy is proud of himself."

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AROUND THE NATION

Studies: No harm from mercury in dental fillings

CHICAGO Two long-awaited, government-funded studies found no evidence that dental fillings containing mercury can cause 10-lowering mercury damage or other neurological problems in children.

Children with such fillings were no more likely than other youngsters to suffer such problems, the researchers found.

Some experts found the findings particularly reassuring. But the studies are unlikely to end the long debate over the long-term effects of mercury in amalgam fillings, and some advocates bitterly accused the researchers of conducting unethical experiments on children.

Amalgam fillings, also called silver fillings, are made of mercury and other metals and have been used by dentists for more than a century. Their use has dropped in recent years as more and more doctors switch to resin composite fillings, which are considered more appealing because they are white.

The latest studies were published in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Two teens accused of plotting school rampage

PLATTE CITY, Mo. — Two Kansas City area teenagers have been charged with plotting to carry out a school shooting to mark the seventh anniversary of the attack at Columbine High School.

Devor J. Fattig and Sean M. Amos, both 17, face felony charges of making a terroristic threat. They allegedly told several classmates they planned to use guns and explosives this Thursday in a shooting rampage at Platte County R-3 High School in Platte City, said Platte County Prosecutor Craig Zahrad.

Fattig and Amos were held in the Platte County Detention Center Monday with bond set at \$15,000.

According to court records, the boys told a group of classmates not to attend school Thursday because they planned to bring an AK-47 and a Magnum to school and plant explosives in the gymnasium.

Oklahoma judge imposes gag order in girl's slaying

PURCELL, Okla. — An Oklahoma judge issued a gag order Tuesday to stop what defense attorneys called inflammatory statements about the gruesome slaying of a 10-year-old girl, who prosecutors say was killed by a man who wanted to eat human flesh.

Special District Judge Gary Barger met with prosecution and defense attorneys before signing the order prohibiting attorneys, investigators and law enforcement authorities from talking publicly about the case.

The defense argued that "inflammatory, prejudicial and conclusory statements" about the suspect were fueling widespread coverage in the case. Prosecutors said they wouldn't oppose a gag order on Kevin Underwood, a 26-year-old grocery store stocker, was arraigned Monday on a first-degree murder charge in the death of his young neighbor, Jamie Rose Bolin.

— compiled from wire reports

Portman brings congressional experience

By Stephen Barr
The Washington Post

PROFILE

Robert J. Portman's pick for budget director

Robert J. Portman, 50, was nominated for White House budget director by President Bush.



Portman served on the House Ways and Means Committee, participating in hearings on Social Security laws that federal retirees groups would like to see

► Experience — Trade attorney at Patton Boggs (Washington, D.C.), 1984-1986; attorney at Graydon, Head & Richey (Cincinnati), 1986-1989 and 1991-1993; associate counsel to the president, then director, White House Office of Legislative Affairs, 1989-1991; elected as a Republican to Congress in 1993 by special election; U.S. trade representative, 2005-present.

► Family — Married; three children

WASHINGTON — The president's nominee to lead the Office of Management and Budget, Rob Portman, is no stranger to the workings of federal agencies and to issues involving pensions and benefits.

As a six-term Republican member of Congress from Ohio, he played key roles in restructuring the Internal Revenue Service and in the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. Federal unions generally view him as someone they can work with, even though Portman has supported measures that went against the interests of federal labor unions.

He also has mastered the complexities of writing legisla-

Supreme Court to consider bloggers' rights as journalists

By Howard Mintz
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Calif. — At PowerPage.org, a Pennsylvania blogger-offers up a daily menu of passionate online dish about things Apple Computer, Inc. looks like just another run-of-the-mill site in the vast and exploding blogosphere — advertisements, links and an introduction that says "Publishing since 1995."

But bloggers like Jason O'Grady, who owns PowerPage, want to establish more than credibility with Apple aficionados. They see themselves as journalists, worthy of the same legal protections as Woodward and Bernstein. The New York Times or any other traditional form of media.

The blogging world may soon find out whether the highest courts in California agree.

In a possible test of what, exactly, is a journalist in a proliferating universe of bloggers and Web masters, a San Jose

appeals court on Thursday will consider whether sites like PowerPage are entitled to the same protections against divulging confidential sources as established media organizations.

The 6th District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a case triggered by Apple, which two years ago went to court to unearthen the identities of individuals who leaked confidential information on a new product called "Asterooid" to three Web pages that specialize in Apple-related news. The closely watched legal spat appears headed for the California Supreme Court.

Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple views the case as a direct assault on its right to protect trade secrets against theft and distribution.

Among other things, the plans for "Asterooid," including an exact drawing of the device, were posted on PowerPage. Asterooid, which has not yet been released, is a digital music device designed to work with Apples

GarageBand music software.

But Apple's search for PowerPage sources has provoked a First Amendment backlash. Civil liberties groups, media organizations, including the San Jose Mercury News, and a host of bloggers and online media have lined up against Apple, arguing that the company's position is an attack on a journalist's long-held right to protect confidential sources.

"The First Amendment wasn't designed to protect the organized press," said Kurt Opsahl, a lawyer with the Electronic Frontier Foundation who is representing O'Grady in the case. "It was to protect the right of the lonely pamphleteer who put a pamphlet up on the walls. A blogger is much more akin to those lonely pamphleteers."

George Hiley, Apple's lead attorney, declined to comment.

In court papers, however, Apple rejects the free speech arguments, saying: "There is no public interest in the theft and disclosure of trade secrets."

Study shows older couples in West are more satisfied with sex lives

By Peter Gomer
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — University of Chicago sex researchers on Wednesday unveiled research that says the first of its kind to document and compare sexual behavior and related satisfaction among middle-aged and older people worldwide.

Surveying 27,600 men and women between the ages of 40 and 80 who live in 29 countries, the researchers found that people reported the greatest sexual satisfaction in Western countries including Austria, Canada and the United States. Least satisfied were residents of Japan and Taiwan.

France, Sweden and Mexico also made the top group. Italians reported a medium level of satisfaction, placing them in the same category as Brazil, Israel and Turkey.

Overall, the researchers concluded, couples who live in cultures where men and women hold equal status were most likely to report that their sex lives were satisfying, physi-

cally and emotionally. But in countries where men traditionally are more dominant, older people reported less satisfying sex on average — especially in East Asia and, to a lesser extent, in the Middle East.

Sociologist Edvard Laumann, who directed the study, proposes that when relationships are based on equality, couples form sexual habits that are more likely to suit both parties' needs and interests.

"Male-centered cultures where sexual behavior is more oriented toward procreation tend to discount the importance of sexual pleasure for women," he said.

The Global Study of Sexual Attitudes and Behaviors, published in this month's *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, sought to assess the impact of aging, health conditions and culture on sexual well-being.

Depending on local customs, people were either called randomly on the phone,

approached for in-person interviews or contacted by mail.

The research claims to be the first major international study to include large numbers of respondents from diverse belief systems, including Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and other Asian religions, and atheism.

In the latest study, monogamy and commitment were found to be cherished throughout the world, despite great differences in culture and tradition.

Foreplay (5 to 30 minutes) has a positive association everywhere, especially for women. Statistics on female sexual dysfunction were surprisingly similar, as well.

"Anywhere you go in the world, one woman in three reports sexual problems that are affecting her happiness. Why is that happening? Without population studies we'd never even know there's a problem," Laumann said.

modified or repealed because they lower payments for some beneficiaries entitled to a federal annuity. He also partnered with Rep. Benjamin Cardin, D-Md., to raise the annual dollar cap on investments in retirement plans, such as the Thrift Savings Plan.

On Tuesday, Portman accepted the president's nomination, noting that OMB "touches every spending and policy decision in the federal government."

He also signaled that he would support President Bush's management agenda, which has encouraged agencies to pay more attention to their personnel and financial management efforts and to look at ways of turning more federal work over to the private sector.

"If confirmed," Portman said,

"I will also continue the good work already underway at OMB to make government work better for taxpayers. I want to recognize the leadership of deputy director for management Clay Johnson, in improving government performance."

During the House debate on the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, Portman proved to be an effective advocate for the Bush White House.

Portman headed off an effort by former representative Constance Morella, R-Md., and Democrats to protect the union rights of employees transferring into the department. He also helped broker a deal to alter the procedures that employees use to appeal major disciplinary actions.

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Signs of panicked moving and bloody divisions in Iraq

By Antonio Castaneda
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The man strapping the air conditioner to the top of a taxi paused to explain: His family was packing up and fleeing their Baghdad neighborhood because of threats against Shiites.

"We are leaving because we are scared," he said, too afraid to give his name. "This is a dangerous area."

Full-scale civil war may not have broken out in Iraq, but startling signs of sectarian hatred are evident along several streets in the religiously mixed Dora neighborhood.

While Shiite families leave Dora, Sunni politician Adnan al-Dulaini is accusing government forces and Shiite militias of "ethnic cleansing" against Sunni communities in the area, including in Azamiyah, where residents clashed Tuesday with Iraqi forces they feared were clearing the way for Shiite death squads.

In Dora these days, rows of homes sit empty and abandoned. The streets show signs of desperate attempts to craft barriers from palm tree trunks and rusty washing machines. And there are countless crude threats scrawled in black spray paint.

Gone are the packs of curious children who often trail American soldiers and the clusters of neighbors usually found socializing outside on hot weekend afternoons.

A handful of the remaining Shiite families on one block said those who had fled were heading warnings from Sunni Arab insurgents, gesturing to the death threats painted along the streets. Most were too scared to give their names.

"This is just one block. Imagine all the activity elsewhere," said Staff Sgt. Feliciano Cruz, estimating that 10 to 15 percent of homes in areas he patrols have been vacated. "I don't see it calming down anytime soon."

Across the country, Iraqi officials estimate tens of thousands have been displaced — the majority of them Shiites but also Sunnis and Christians who have left mixed areas for the relative safety of communities dominated by Iraqis from their sect.

The sectarian fighting has handed American troops in Dora a mission different from simply hunting down the insurgents. Now, they count the number of abandoned homes and search for those trying to foment civil strife. Sometimes U.S. troops patrol with Iraqis from the Interior Ministry, to whom the U.S. command



U.S. troops talk with a Shiite family as they load their belongings into a taxi in the Dora neighborhood of Baghdad Saturday. Shiite families are fleeing this once-mixed neighborhood amid rising sectarian tension.

eventually hopes to hand security responsibilities.

Some U.S. commanders say Iraqi troops can better contain sectarian violence since they are familiar with neighbor-

hoods and local customs. But U.S. soldiers acknowledge that many Iraqis distrust the Interior Ministry forces.

On one recent patrol, U.S. soldiers peeked into each

courtyard to see which homes were deserted, spray painting symbols on empty homes to be checked later to prevent insurgents from using them as hideouts.

Dutch man held in Aruba for Holloway disappearance

By Jonathan M. Katz
Associated Press Writer

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — A 19-year-old arrested in the disappearance of a young Alabama woman appeared before a judge Tuesday, but authorities declined to reveal the outcome of the closed hearing.

The chief Aruban prosecutor was smiling as she emerged from a police station on Tuesday, but refused to say whether the judge had agreed to her request to keep the man in custody for at least eight days while authorities continue their investigation of him in Natalee Holloway's disappearance.

But the prosecutor, Karin Janssen, signaled her agreement with the outcome of the hearing, telling reporters, "I never smile when I'm angry."

The 19-year-old's defense attorney, Elaine Lotter-Homan, declined to comment as she left the station.

Under Dutch law, which governs the island, suspects can be held for fixed periods of time without being charged with the consent of a judge. The courts also have the power to free suspects if the judge determines there is insufficient evidence.

Earlier, prosecutors confirmed that the suspect was arrested Saturday in the disappearance of Holloway, who vanished nearly a year ago on the final night of a high school graduation trip to the Dutch Caribbean island. They also said he was suspected of drug offenses.

Aruban authorities have disclosed only the suspect's initials — G.V.C. — although his name has been reported by some news organizations.

"G.V.C. is suspected of criminal offenses that may be related to the disappearance of Miss Holloway and of offenses related to dealing in illegal narcotics," the prosecutor's office said in a brief statement.

Security Council fails to reach agreement on Iran

By Henry Meyer
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — A U.S. diplomat said Tuesday that envoys from the five permanent Security Council members plus Germany discussed sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program, but failed to reach agreement on how to proceed further.

U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns told The Associated Press following nearly three hours of talks that diplomats recognized the "need for a stiff response to Iran's flagrant violations of its international responsibilities."

President Bush said "all options are on the table" to prevent Iran from developing atomic weapons but he will focus on diplomacy.

Burns, speaking in Moscow, said sanctions had been discussed during the meeting hosted by Russia, but indicated that further talks would be needed.

"Iran's actions last week have deepened concern in the international community and all of us agreed that the actions last week were fundamentally negative and a step backward," he told AP. "So now the task for us is to agree on a way forward."

He was referring to the announcement last week by Iran's hard-line president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, that the country had successfully enriched uranium for the first time.

Burns gave no specifics as to the type or timing of sanctions and he refused to say whether Russia had softened its opposi-

tion to sanctions against Iran. But he reiterated that the United States expected action in the Security Council after an April 28 deadline for Iran to stop uranium enrichment.

Ahmadinejad remained defiant, warning Tuesday that Iran will "cut off the hand of any aggressor" that threatens it and insisting that its military has to be equipped with the most modern technology.

"The hand of Iran has created a powerful army that can peacefully defend the political borders," he told a parade commemorating Iran's Army Day.


The United States and some of its allies suspect Iran's nuclear program is meant to produce weapons, but Tehran insists the program is for peaceful purposes.

Ahmadinejad further complicated the debate last week by claiming his country is testing an advanced P-2 centrifuge, which could be used to more speedily create fuel for power plants or atomic weapons.

Some analysts familiar with the country's technology said he could be exaggerating Iran's capabilities, either to boost his own political support or to persuade the International Atomic Energy Agency to back off.

Before the meeting in Moscow, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mikhail Kamynin reaffirmed Russia's insistence on more diplomatic efforts. "We are convinced that neither sanctions nor the use of force will lead to the solution of the problem," he said in televised comments.

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EDITORIAL

Savings with a four-day school week don't add up

Five days in our public schools may be a little more interesting next fall. When we say interesting, we should say as dead as a morgue.

A growing number of Idaho school districts are moving to a four-day school week as a way to save money. Some

Officials in those districts should ask whether the savings are really worth it. State law requires schools to hold class a certain number of hours each week, which means districts would have to stretch the other four days if they cut Fridays.

It's worth noting, as well, that rural districts are com-

Our view: Districts switching over to four-day weeks aren't doing their students any favors.

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

monly the ones carrying federal and state mandates are pinching their budgets. These complaints have blocked higher standards for math, science and physical education requirements.

We can't have it both ways though. If districts are struggling to pack so many expectations into a school year, they certainly can't afford to drop a day off the work week.

The trend is also unfriendly to working families. I homes with a single parent, or two parents working outside the home, suddenly have "fat-free" kids sitting home for an entire day. That may have been one reason why parents in the Shelley Joint District chose a return to the traditional format this year.

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Scandal monger becomes target

Edward Wasserman

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It pitched Burke on levels of "protection," starting with the gentle handling Burke could expect for feeding Page Six juicy gossip about his high-profile pals. At the next level, becoming a "friend" of the Page must involve contentment "perks" to staffers, and at the premier level — with six-figure payments — his problems would disappear.

Burke reporters don't shake down subjects of stories. Indeed, Stern claims he was set up.) But they do handle valued sources with care. Source transactions are deals — even without cash payments — because things of value are exchanged. Some facts are reassured, others will lead access to high-level newsmakers is assured, secrets are kept.

Stern apparently told Burke he'd be treated discreetly if he fed his friends to Page Six. Dozens of reporters provided discretion and silence in 2002 and 2003 to preserve their access to Washington officials as war was being planned. They weren't paid off. They were rewarded. They kept their coveted jobs.

Burke himself wrote in a Wall Street Journal column: "This source game is not only played on Page Six. It is also played for high stakes on Wall Street and in Washington. We've all read how well-known and respected journalists have readily protected top-ranked officials leading classified information." Ultimately it's the public that suffers. The notion that a botom feeder like Jared Paul Stern belongs on a poster in newspapers and Washington. His sins, if true, were brazen. But they weren't unique.

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Fair Board must be up front on costs

As a concerned property owner and taxpayer on a fixed income, I am questioning whether or not the fair board is being totally up front with the costs of the Pioneer Events Center building.

Where is the funding of the colorful printed brochure and computer Web site coming from? What are the expected maintenance costs to keep the building open and in tech. How are the events that the fair board seems to think are not being done, why not

schedule the programs and advertise them at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center and save the profits for a building fund and stay out of the taxpayers' pockets. Also, the Filer City sewage system is inadequate for its present needs, so how can it accommodate the additional sewage coming from a big events center?

Seems like Mr. Grundstaff wants to eliminate his competition either by threats and intimidation and a policy that is totally unfair to county employees, a policy that may even be unconstitutional. I urge all Democrats who oppose Mr. Grundstaff to vote for Terry Kramer in the primary election. The time is past due for a

change in our county government. The present commissioners have been self-serving and arrogant in their handling of county business. They have been lacking in vision for expansion for community needs such as jails, detention centers, treatment centers for addicts and help for the medically indigent. The \$270,000 study for the hospital and the \$5,000 thrown away on the Anderson building would have gone a long way for some of these things.

Let's get rid of the old and get new in. Also, vote yes on the DAVID LANCASTER Twin Falls

Kramer's expertise can have positive effect

Terry Kramer running for Twin Falls county commissioner is an unusually well-educated and experienced candidate, having served as the director of the American Falls Reservoir District for a number of years, as a member of the Balance Rock Soil Conservation Board and as chairman of the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Board, to name a few of his many interests and offices.

He has been in a quick response unit so long that few others not actually employed at hospital or in the medical profession would be as familiar with our overall medical services as he is. The present manager at St. Luke's Hospital and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center needs a commissioner who can comprehend all facets of the proposal and is quick to ask questions about parts not clearly defined.

The decisions that the Twin Falls County commissioners make have the power to do many things that directly affect the people of our county. As a surgeon, I have a high, honest, hard-working man, Terry would be an excellent candidate for Twin Falls County commissioner.

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Ruth Marcus

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Start on Friday, as graciously agreed to by the Flamingo Daughter. Thanks again, girls, for all you've done. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you as you start this new, exciting chapter in your lives. Please be sure to stay in touch.

Sincerely,
George W. Bush - Dad
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First Daughters find they're not an indispensable part of the White House

Dear Daughters Jenna and Barbara.

This is a difficult letter for me, your Dad, to write. The two of you have been, your mother and I agree, valuable members of my administration. Yes, there have been a few unfortunate moments — actually, more than a few — but the underdog drinking bust; the next underdog drinking bust; the sticking-out-the-tongue-at-the-photographers thing; the Valley City-style corn and hot ch. Next time, please, girls, run it by Grandma, like she told you to in the first place.

Rambling a bit here. What I'd

COLUMNIST RUTH MARCUS

like to say is that all of us at the White House deeply appreciate your service to your family and your country. It's not easy for you, posing for Vogue, getting chauffeured by the Secret Service and all. But, as you know, second terms are a time for transition in my administration. And we think it's the right moment, then, to make a change in First Daughters.

Time for some fresh blue

blood, you might say. Please, girls, don't take this personally. Andy didn't, and he's been with the family almost as long as I have, so we will spin this to the press as yet a new decision. You know, needing a break, this job chews you up, exhausts after five long years of your going to a new city for some of these things.

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Illegals need refresher course in law

When a Brooklyn Judge sentenced transit union boss Roger Toussaint to 10 days in jail for leading last year's strike, it wasn't just Toussaint backers who were surprised. Count me among those who didn't expect state Supreme Court Justice Theodore Jones to be so firm or use the magic word: illegal. Said one of the casual onlookers: "It is unfortunate that it came down to an illegal strike, but it was nonetheless illegal."

How quaint and refreshing. The rule of law matters, at least in some quarters.

Toussaint's reaction also was admirable. He pleaded guilty to contempt of court, for refusing to stop the strike, which violated the state's Taylor Law and an injunction. Although he asked to be spared jail, Toussaint repented civilly and not appeal the sentence.

Perhaps there is hope for America after all. Now if we could only apply the same respect for the law to the immigration debate.

Not all nationwide protests are usually described as a reaction to a House of Representatives bill that would make it a felony to live here illegally or assist those who do. No doubt some marchers are motivated by that measure, which is too harsh and unrealistic in seeking to change immigration violations from civil to criminal matters.

Yet to watch the majority of marchers and their advocates is to realize that the protests are not aimed only at the House bill. They are aimed at the rule of law itself.

Under such banners as "immigrant rights" and "Did Filgrino Get Great Cards?" the marchers and their political and media handmaidens are seeking to end the distinction between legal and illegal immigrants. They are seeking across the border or overstayed their visas knew they were violating the law, but now they face the same consequences. They want, they demand, the same rights as those who are here legally.

Indeed, many marchers publicly identify themselves as illegal without fear of being arrested. Their brazen demonstrates that the legal-illegal line is already blurred and that the distinction has become a mere case of schizophrenia. At the very moment that border agents were risking their lives to enforce our laws, top elected officials are telling us that we have a case of schizophrenia.

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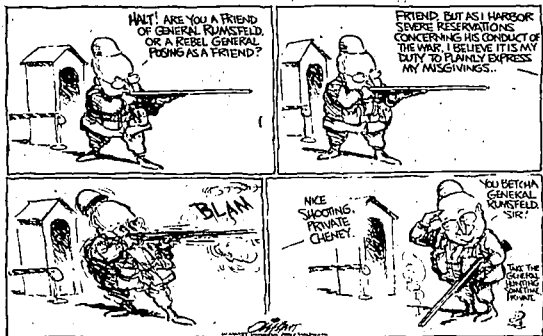
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OPINION

Tide rising too high for Rumsfeld

Several months ago, when Rep. John Murtha, the Marine Corps veteran and longtime Democratic advocate for military preparedness, spoke out on the Iraq War, I received an interesting phone call from the Pentagon. When Murtha advocated a fundamental reassessment of American strategy in the war, including an early redeployment of U.S. troops to neighboring countries, I noted that he had spent many hours visiting with wounded veterans of that war at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval hospitals. A warmhearted, emotional man, Murtha was responding, I suggested, to what he had experienced in those hospital wards.



DAVID BRODER



The unsolicited call from the Pentagon identified himself by name and rank, then said, "This is a private call. I am not speaking officially. But I read your column, and I think it is important for you to know that Jack Murtha knows us very well and speaks for many of us." I thanked him and said, "I get the message. Don't dismiss Murtha's misgivings as just sympathy for the wounded. He has allies in the uniformed military who cannot speak out themselves. I've thought back to that conversation as a succession of retired generals have come forward in the past few weeks to express their disagreement and dismay at the conduct of the war and to call for the resignation of its architect, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Seeing these senior officers take the public stand is unprecedented, even in Vietnam, with

the initial denial that an insurgency was the heart of the opposition to occupation, alienation of allies who could have helped in a more robust way to rebuild Iraq, and the continuing failure of the other agencies of our government to commit assets to the same degree as the Defense Department." Adding these together, he concluded with the words that have come to constitute the definitive rebuke to the administration's leaders: "My sincere view is that the commitment of our forces to this fight was done with a casualness and swagger that are the special province of those who have never had to execute these missions — or bury the results." Gen. Newbold makes it plain that he is not advocating immediate withdrawal from Iraq unless the Iraqi political factions fail to form a government and fall into civil war. But he insists new leadership is needed in the Pentagon. His words echo those of another retired Marine general,

Anthony Zinni, whose criticisms were quoted in an earlier column of mine. And there are other notable leaders in civilian life, outside the White House, who have been making the same points publicly for months and even years. Sen. John McCain, a Republican, and Sen. Joe Biden, a Democrat, who have been making the same points publicly for months and even years. Sen. John McCain, a Republican, and Sen. Joe Biden, a Democrat, who have been making the same points publicly for months and even years. Sen. John McCain, a Republican, and Sen. Joe Biden, a Democrat, who have been making the same points publicly for months and even years.

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LETTER

Many hands help create the self-help program

On April 18, 2006, Mercy Housing Idaho was presented its Self-Help Homeownership Site with a wonderful gift from the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation to continue its work in providing affordable homeownership opportunities to families in the Magic Valley. The local media graciously covered this event, and we appreciate their support and time. It is extremely important to note, however, that the success of the Magic Valley Self-Help Homeownership Program in the Magic Valley area is due to many sponsors and dedicated individuals who were unmentioned in the latest articles and news reports.

Mercy Housing Idaho has several significant financial partners assisting us with our mission of providing homeownership. To mention a few but certainly not to be all inclusive, there are many hands that work to "raise a village": USDA-Rural Development, Housing and Finance Association, Community Frameworks, Wells Fargo, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, First Federal Savings Bank, US Bank, Washington Mutual, The Lightfoot Foundation and the McAuley Ministry Fund.

We have dedicated local and state officials offering support of time and expertise. We appreciate the Sisters of Mercy and their ongoing work. We are cer-

tainly grateful to all of those who work to make Self-Help Housing an excellent opportunity for hard-working families to achieve their dreams, impacting for good their lives and the lives of their families. For details or more information about Self-Help

Homeownership opportunities and our sponsors, please call 737-1470. Thank you, JULIE GALBRAITH, Twin Falls. (Editor's note: Julie Galbraith is the Self-Help Homeownership Community Development specialist in Twin Falls.)

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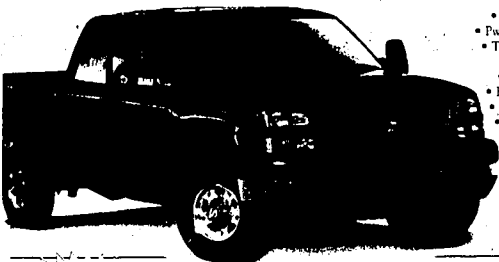
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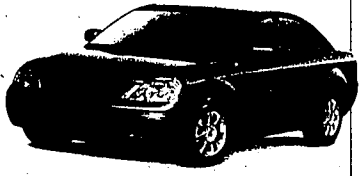
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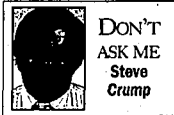
It's time to be obnoxious grandparents

I'm of the age when I can start to think about imposing upon my kids. Seriously imposing.

For years, I've nurtured them, catered to them, financed them — all the while taking great pains to give them their space. Now the times, they are a changing.

My wife and I are considering an RV. If we buy one, we'll say all the right things about wanting to see the country and do some fishing.

But you and I know there's only one reason that aging baby boomers would spend their life savings on a rolling tin can: To park in their children's driveways, of course.



And not for a few days, either. We're talking weeks at a time — maybe months.

The purpose of doing that, of course, is to spoil your grandchildren, and then at the end of the day — when the kids are squalling and so wired on sugar that they resemble The Roadrunner — hand them back to Mom and Dad.

"Here you go," you chirp. "Good night!"

But there are other advantages, as well. If you're living in your son's or daughter's driveway — as opposed to staying in the house — you're absolutely free to tell them how to run their lives.

You can remark with impunity about their housekeeping, their spending habits, their politics, their choice of friends — and especially about the way they're raising your grandchildren. Then you can swing the extension cord from the garage and drive away, leaving them with a \$300 power bill (it takes, after all, a lot of juice to run your big-screen TV).

Three months or so later, you can return and do it all over again.

Some grown children, I know, have tried to defeat this strategy by renting a fourth-floor apartment, but that's really no defense against truly determined grandparents. If an apartment building has an outdoor electrical outlet of any kind, you're golden. If it doesn't, there's a service station just down the block.

Anyone over 50 knows why parents would do such things, but for you younger folks, let me explain.

Grandchildren — and to a certain extent, their parents — require a certain amount of eccentricity in their lives. They need to know that the world is not as it appears on "Desperate Housewives" or "The O'Reilly Factor."

They need to grasp that folks can wear their trousers pulled up under their armpits, that blue hair is a creative lifestyle choice and that one can, with little or no self-consciousness, complain about the government full time.

Your grandchildren yearn, for Pete's sake, to understand the liberating power of sensible shoes.

You think your son and daughter are gonna teach your grandkids these things? Please. They're too busy trying to pay off the Jet Ski that sunk in Dierkes Lake two summers ago.

These are grown-up kids who never once attended their nannies during the entire Reagan administration. You think they're up to raising your grandkids?

They like to see you try." Dora replied casually. "Our new Winnebago is blocking the driveway."

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3233 or scrump@magicvalley.com.

A Growing Gap



St. Edwards Catholic School kindergarten students Bailey Pixton, foreground, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Kaitlyn Thane, Livingston and Brandon Stotts relax Tuesday afternoon during their rest time as their teacher, Denise Hart, reads to them.

Full-day kindergarten helps kids, but at a price

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Parents want it, schools need it and naptime depends on it — the problem is there's no money to pay for it.

Full-day kindergarten is in high demand by parents struggling to balance their work schedules and pay for a half-day of child care.

Schools need the extra instruction time to meet the demand of state reading requirements and the kids want to stick around for reading time.

But school districts cannot afford it, and the state is not willing to foot the bill.

St. Edwards Catholic School began a mandatory full-day kindergarten class this year, and plans to offer a second class next year to meet growing enrollment.

"There are still some parents who still want their children in a half-day program," said Luke Schroeder, principal of St. Edwards. "And as far as we are concerned, that is up to the parents, even though it's probably not the best academically."

But enrolling a student in a full-day kindergarten program at St. Edwards costs \$250 per month — a price that many parents cannot afford.

Idaho does not require children to attend kindergarten — only five states have mandatory kindergarten at age 5. The state only pays schools for half-day kindergarten, which is about three hours in the morning or afternoon.

However, the state still ranks elementary schools based on kindergarten through third-grade performance on the Idaho Reading Indicator.

Lincoln Elementary School

Two schools with two options

	At grade Level	Near grade Level	Below grade Level
Lincoln Elementary			
Half-day Kindergarten	42.5%	32%	22.5%
Full-day Kindergarten	63%	32%	5%
St. Edwards			
Half-day Kindergarten	64%	25%	9%
Full-day Kindergarten	88%	12%	0%

*Half-day kindergarten scores based on last year's classes. St. Edwards does not offer half-day classes this year.

is one of a few public schools in Magic Valley to offer some sort of a full-day kindergarten program.

Seventy-three percent of the student population is eligible for free and reduced-price lunches — the state's method of measuring poverty in schools.

So the school requested a

grant to pay for the program, and the result was a jump in reading scores by more than 20 percent.

Twenty-four students in the full-day kindergarten are at grade-proficiency level, while only 17 students in the half-day program are at grade level.

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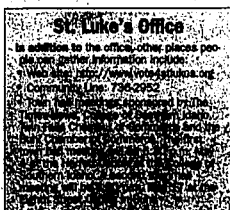
St. Luke's opens campaign office at chamber

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's getting close to the May 23 primary, and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center wants people to know as much as they can about one of the questions they will see on the ballot.

St. Luke's wants the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to become part of a regional health care network that also includes St. Luke's facilities in Meridian and the Wood River Valley as well as its Mountain States Tumor Institute.

County commissioners have signed a letter of intent to transfer ownership of Magic Valley Regional to St. Luke's and now it's up to voters to decide.



local doctors and other representatives from the community will be on hand from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. today to cele-

brate the opening of a campaign office in the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce building on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

"Residents in this valley have the rare opportunity to make a very important decision about how health care is delivered in this region," said Ed Dahlberg, St. Luke's president and chief executive officer. "Our intent is to make information available to the community so voters are able to make an informed decision at the polls on May 23."

The office will open to the public today with an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Office hours through May 23 will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Anti-wolf group gains support to move species

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — John Cranney has been roughing it the last few weeks.

Living out of his horse trailer, Cranney's a man on a mission traveling around Idaho. And, his mission is to get this question on the November ballot: should wolves be removed completely from Idaho?

"We've got wolves coming out our ears," Cranney said.

Cranney and other members of the Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition need to gather the signatures of 47,000 registered voters by April 30 to have their initiative put to voters. This week, Cranney is camped outside of Vickers Western Store in Twin Falls with the organization's petition.

For 17 years, Cranney has been an outfitter based in Salmon, offering fishing, white-water rafting and hunting services. Wolves, however, have put a sizable dent in the hunting portion of the business, he said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reintroduced wolves into central Idaho under the Endangered Species Act in 1989. The federal government did so over the protests of several politicians and residents in the state. Today, over 500 wolves live in Idaho.

The federal government assured Idahoans that the reintroduction of the wolf would not hurt wildlife populations in the state or businesses like Cranney's, he said. Yet, declining elk populations make it difficult for outfitters to attract clients, Cranney said.

Idaho's Office of Species Conservation has been working with the Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a delisting strategy for the state. Idaho's Department of Fish and Game

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Bond reduced for Wendell man accused of killing wife

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

GOODING — A Wendell man accused of killing his wife had his bond lowered Tuesday, but the victory still belongs to the prosecution.



Wesley Baldry, 44, whose bond until today was set at \$1.5 million, was granted a reduction to \$1.25 million.

Baldry has been held in Gooding County jail since he was arrested and charged in a October 2005 in the death of his wife, 33-year-old Christine Baldry. She had been missing since February 2002.

If convicted, Baldry faces life in prison.

Gooding County Prosecuting Attorney Calvin Campbell asked the judge to consider Baldry's criminal record, his current charge, his contacts outside Gooding County and the risk of flight as reasons to not reduce the bond.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Normal
Upper Snake River	113%	109%
Henny Fork/Teton	123%	120%
Big Lost	149%	147%
Little Lost	149%	147%
Salmon	128%	123%
Big Wood	186%	140%
Little Wood	186%	140%
Salmon Falls	181%	137%
Oakley Basin	170%	164%

As of April 19, 2006
A comparison of weekly snowpack measurements with the 1971-2000 average.

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For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Carl Lester Bayliss

POCATELLO — Carl Lester Bayliss of Pocatello and formerly of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, April 13, 2006, at his home.

Our beloved Carl was born May 16, 1972, in Montpelier, Idaho, to Norman and Patricia Bais.

He was loved as a son, brother, husband, father, uncle and friend. He will be remembered for the warmth that filled his heart, the glow of his smile and the laughs he shared. He loved going to the river, fishing, barbecuing and playing horseshoes in his hometown. He was passionate about his family, cooking and bowling. He also loved going to the horse

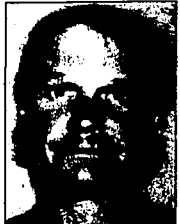


Carl Lester Bayliss is pictured with Bill and his mom. He is survived by his wife.

Kathy Bayliss; their son, Kobe Bayliss; and three stepchildren, Stephanie, Jerry and Zack Stringer, all of Pocatello; two sons, Aaron and Andy, both of Oregon; one beautiful daughter, Chelsea of Twin Falls; his father, Norman Bayliss (deceased); and the Kent Bayliss, all of Pocatello; his mother, Patricia Bayliss of Gooding; a brother, Kristen Bayliss (Missy) in Logan, Utah; two sisters, Kathleen Miller (Rox) and Raince Arvalo (Tony), all of Walla Walla, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

He will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the Four Corner Church, off Hawthorn in Pocatello.

Kent Fillmore



Kent Fillmore is pictured with his wife and daughter. He is survived by his wife, Dawn, and daughter, Erin.

TWIN FALLS — Kent Fillmore, age 45, died peacefully at his home in Twin Falls of a heart attack on Thursday, April 13, 2006.

Kent was born in Twin Falls to Harlan Fillmore and Trudi Perrine on July 29, 1960. He spent the first five years of his life in Twin Falls and later moved with his mother and brother to Vancouver, Wash., where he attended school. He was loved as a brother, son, grandson and friend. He worked in Washington, Oregon, Colorado and Idaho. He moved back to Idaho off and on over the years, as this was his home and his favorite place to be.

In 2003, he had a construction accident which left him partially disabled with constant pain in his neck, back and shoulders. Because of this, his heart disease was not diagnosed or discovered until his

death. He loved to fish, hunt and camp and enjoyed anything that he could do outdoors.

Kent was a jack-of-all-trades and could fix almost anything. He loved to tinker and fix up old things and make them run like new. He also loved garden-

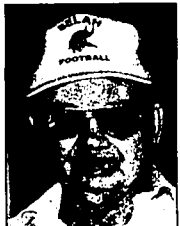
ing and putting in the flowers. He was a good cook and enjoyed a really good meal. Kent had battled alcohol most of his adult life and his sobriety was a source of great pride for him. He fought the battle and is finally at peace.

Kent is survived by his brother, Brent Fillmore of Boise; his paternal grandmother, Lillian Fillmore; his father and stepmother, Harley and Colleen Fillmore; and his sisters, Shawna Fillmore, Erin Peller and Meghan Cecil. He was preceded in death by his mother, Trudi; and his grandmother and grandfather, Emerald and Burton Perrine.

Donations may be made in Kent's name to the Port of Hope Center, 415 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

At his request, there will be no funeral. Cremation was under the direction of Family Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Luther LeRoy Bennett



Luther LeRoy Bennett is pictured with his wife, Edna. He is survived by his wife, Edna, and children, Charles, Ann, Joyce, and Ruth.

BURLEY — Luther LeRoy Bennett, 85-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at the Burley Care Center.

He was born May 15, 1920, in Talaha, Oklahoma, the son of Samuel L. and Sadie Kathleen Bennett. He married Deloris Mary Chilton on August 5, 1971, in Burley. He was a veteran of World War II, where he served in the U.S. Army. For one year, he was held as a Prisoner of War in Germany. Following his honorable discharge, he was awarded the Purple Heart. Luther loved his country and especially the flag. He enjoyed reading, writing poetry and short stories, some of which were published. He was awarded the Silver and Gold Poets Awards. He loved the outdoors, fishing, prospecting

and working on small engines. Throughout his life, he had worked as a heavy equipment operator. Luther was a member of the VFW and DAV.

Survivors include his wife, Deloris of Burley; a sister, Daphne Sprague Jensen of Burley; a sister-in-law, Cecilia Eckley of Burley; a niece, Freema Bunn of Burley; two nephews, Forrest Sprague of Burley and Howard Sprague of American Falls; a stepdaughter, Leah of Burley; and several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2006, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main Street in Burley. Burial will be in the Glen Memorial Gardens in Burley, with military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Thursday.

Joyce Ann Stone



Joyce Ann Stone is pictured with her husband, Charles. She is survived by her husband, Charles, and children, Charles, Ann, Joyce, and Ruth.

EDEN — Joyce Ann Stone, 58, of Eden, went home to her Heavenly Father on Monday, April 17, 2006, at the home of her daughter in Twin Falls.

She was born January 16, 1948, in Rupert, Idaho, the daughter of Charles and Frieda Vibbert. She was reared and educated in Rupert. Joyce married William Wilkinson on May 24, 1968, and they were later divorced. On August 12, 1981, she married James Earl Stone in Rupert. She worked as a CNA with Idaho Home Health & Hospice for 14 years. She liked camping, fishing, her involvement with Kids Club at her church, but her joy was her family. She was an active member of Valley Christian Center in Hazelton.

She is survived by her husband, James Earl Stone of Eden; five children: Cindy (Mark) Vernon of Park City,

sour, Debra Stone of Hazelton; and by 14 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Valley Christian Center in Hazelton, with Pastor John Godfrey officiating. Entombment will follow in the Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." The family suggests memorials to

Idaho Home Health & Hospice, 826 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

The family would like to express deep appreciation to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute for the loving, kind care given to their mother.

Wanda M. Duncombe

HAGERMAN — Wanda M. Calkins Akers Duncombe passed away April 16, 2006, at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise.

Wanda was born on April 19, 1924, in Blackfoot, Idaho, and has lived in Hagerman since 1972. Throughout Wanda's life she has worked as a bartender, cook and was the site manager for the Hagerman Senior Citizens Center from 1978 until 1987. She enjoyed sewing and crafting. She also found much enjoyment in lis-

tening to books on tape and has requested, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to Talking Book Library, Idaho State Library, 325 W. State St., Boise, ID 83702.

Wanda is survived by three sisters and one brother: Evelyn Niefenegger, Iris Stone, Faye Tupper and James "Bud" Calkins. She is also survived by five children, James Russell "Rusty" Akers, Hanna L. Akers, Vernans, Orval Everett Akers, Micel Akers Aubrey and Anita Akers Akers; also 13 grand-

children, eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Akers, Gerald J. Duncombe and her son, Wallace Eugene Akers.

A celebration of Wanda's life will be held Friday, April 21, 2006, at 10 a.m. at the Hagerman Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Hagerman Cemetery. Viewing for family and friends will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Beethen Wadsworth

OAKLEY — Beethen Wadsworth, 81, died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, in Seaside, Wash.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Oakley Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Vivian Jensen James

SHOSHONE — Vivian Jensen James, 82, of Shoshone, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation &

Living Center. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Ross, Burke & Knobel Mortuary in Sparks, Nev. Local arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

Lelle E. Poppletton

TWIN FALLS — Lelle E. Poppletton, 60, of Twin Falls, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at her home in Twin Falls.

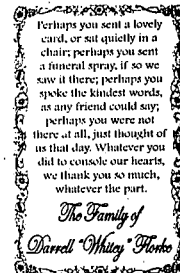
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

B. Marvin Obanchian

BLACKFOOT — B. Marvin Obanchian, 91, of Blackfoot, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005,

at The Willows from causes incident to age.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Jason Lee Memorial United Methodist Church, 168 S. University Ave. in Blackfoot, with the Rev. Gay Jeffrey officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot.



Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a floral spray; if so we say the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The Family of Darrell Wiley Horbo

SERVICES

Arthella Annie Pike Beutler of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Pella LDS Ward Chapel, 160 W. 400 S. in Burley.

Nola Phillips Evans of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Heyburn LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 530 Villa Drive; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

William Grady Stansell of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln; visitation for family and friends one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

Adella Edna Kacin Foukal of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Thursday at Burke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Billy Wayne McCray of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the mortuary.

Garr Gibson Wymont of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the View 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 550 S. 500 E. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

George R. (G.) Newman of Spanish Fork, Utah, and formerly of the Magic Valley area, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Apple Blossom LDS Chapel, 25 W. Apple Blossom Way in Salem, Utah; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Walker Mortuary, 197 S. Main in Spanish Fork, Utah, and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday at the church.

Anna Elora McCroskey Brodette of Meridian and formerly of Carey, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Carey LDS Church;

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Wave Young Thomas Wittenborn



BURLEY — Wave Young Thomas Wittenborn, an 85-year-old resident of Walnut Creek, California, formerly of the Mini-Cassia area, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at her home.

Wave was born April 6, 1921, in Shelley, Idaho, the daughter of Vern Willard and Dora Esther Johnson Young. She received and completed her education in Declo. As a child and young woman, she loved horseback riding, dancing and snow skiing. She married Jay Olson in 1938, and they had a stillborn son, Gary. They farmed in the Rupert area. She was a great homemaker, cutting and picking potatoes and hoeing beets. She and her mother spent many fall days picking potatoes. Wave and Jay later divorced.

In 1952, Wave married a childhood sweetheart, William B. Thomas, and they lived in California. Wave became a stepmother to a lovely 11-year-old girl, Gail. Wave loved her step-family and took an inter-

est in each one of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She fully appreciated the skills of Lefty, her son-in-law, and would have little projects to talk to him about whenever they visited. She and her stepdaughter, Gail, had a very special relationship — mother/daughter, yes, but good friends, too. They laughed and cried over the years. While her grandsons

were young and still at home, every Christmas, Wave would bake "sand cookies" and she'd either have them there if they visited or she'd box them up and mail them, a treat we all looked forward to every year.

In 1985, Wave married Chester J. Wittenborn. They have resided in California, where they enjoyed traveling and playing bridge. Wave always enjoyed painting and decorating her homes and growing and arranging flowers. She was a member of the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. Her favorite scripture passage was John 3:16. Wave will be missed by her many friends.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Chester Wittenborn of Walnut Creek, California; her sisters, Gay (Fred) Nelwert of Burley, Chereen (Stan) Shackleton of Plymouth, California, and Sharon (Harold) Wintner of Idaho Falls; one stepdaughter, Gail (Lefty) Westwood of San

Diego, California; two stepsons, John (Bev) Wittenborn of Kansas City, Missouri, and Scott (Kathryn) Wittenborn of Park City, Utah; two grandchildren, Ronald (Cindy) Westwood of Post Falls, Idaho, and William (Liz) Westwood of Escondido, California; her great-grandchildren, Courtney, Lindsey, Evan, Amanda and Eliese; and her nieces and nephews, Randall (Lynette) Nelwert, Dorily (Dale) Dalsoglio, Darla (Clint) Kidd, Brent (Linda) Harris, Ron (Debbie) Harris and Gary (Debbie) Harris. In addition to her son, Gary, she was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, where friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Officiating will be the Rev. Darcy Gritzmacher. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Elsie Marie Galliher



JEROME — Elsie Marie Galliher, age 70, of Jerome, went to be with our heavenly father on April 18, 2006.

Elsie was born July 9, 1935, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Ludwig and Martha Meyer. She met the love of her life, Bud Galliher, in 1950 at the country dances they held. It was immediately love at first sight. Elsie and Bud were married on June 9, 1951. Out of this marriage, they had two children, Dusty and Rose. Mom was a working woman all her life. She excelled in everything she did. She loved her family unconditionally, never one more than the other. Mom's life here with us was a life of happiness and love. She will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know her. Her life revolved around family. Family meant everything to her. In 1996, she had a stroke and that began a new life adventure for mom.

She is survived by her two children, Dusty (Ila) Galliher of Boise and Rose (Bryce) of Jerome; two brothers and three sisters; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews and more friends than I can count. She loved each and every one of them. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ludwig and Martha; five brothers; one sister; and one grandson, Ronnie Ray Pierce II. There will be graveside services in the Jerome Cemetery on April 22, 2006, at 2

p.m., where she will be reunited with her only true love, Bud Galliher.

Mom will be missed by all those she loved and yet, she will reunite with Dad and other family members. Mom was an angel in disguise that always watched out for her flock of family. Her heart was so true, so tender, so well rounded for anyone who may have needed her at one time or another. We will all miss her, but at the same time, we know her place now is with God and her family members who have left before her. Now rejoicing in her voyage to her new home.

Isabel Dorothy Fierman

TWIN FALLS — Isabel Dorothy Fierman, 91, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Monday, April 10, 2006, at Alterra Wyntwood of Twin Falls.

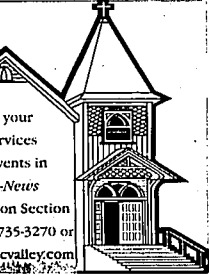
Isabel was born on May 30, 1914, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to Sam and Beulah Davidoff Block. Isabel, who was an only child, grew up in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and Scranton, Pa. Isabel had a very good primary and secondary education. She particularly loved drama and art. She received her BA in 1936 from Goucher College in Baltimore, Md., majoring in Economics and Sociology. On July 12, 1942, she married Rabbi Morton C. Fierman. After World War II, they lived in Kansas City, Kansas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Phoenix, AZ; Burlington, CA; and Orange County, CA, where Isabel was the inspirational supportive "Rabbi's Wife." Her job, which she took very seriously, was to take care of her husband and her only son, Nathan, who was born Feb. 3, 1947, as well as the congrega-

tion. She was herself an artist and represented other artists. She had a sharp sense of humor and a wonderful laugh. She usually didn't "trick a trick." Morton's description of Isabel says it all: "She was a most considerable person, kind and always thoughtful and gracious to others — even bending backward to assist others — beautiful person ... both inward and outward — an unusually lovely lady — with class indeed!" He also said "... she has a fine sense of realism, an interested sense of humor, a willingness to adapt to

the situation of the moment. Isabel is a strong lady, a lovely lady, a woman of compassion, possessing a gift of being able to interrelate with everyone. I salute my love." She will be missed by all.

Isabel is survived by her son, Nathan Fierman, who lives in Sun Valley, Idaho; his wife, Susan, and their children, Daniel and Sharon; her daughter, Daniella Fierman, who lives in Portland, OR, and son, Daniel Fierman, who lives in Bozeman, MT. Isabel was preceded in death by her husband, Morton, who passed away November 7, 1995.

A celebration of life for Isabel will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 7, 2006, at Temple Beth El in Aliso Viejo, California. Rabbi Allen Kravitz will officiate. Cremation was under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls, Idaho.



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But the free program will not last long. "We can afford to keep 44 kids for full-day kindergarten," said Beth Olmstead, the school's principal. "We have so many kids coming in, but we need to be so careful not to spend on the program. Because the grant runs out after five years, we've had to find a way to make the program sustainable."

Next year the school will ask parents to pay up to \$160 per

month — depending on their income. Olmstead said parents who cannot afford the fee may be eligible for the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP), which would help pay the fee depending on a family's income and earnings. "I'm a little concerned about charging for the full day," Olmstead said. "I'm concerned that we might lose some students, and parents might lose interest in the program."

Wolf

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federal government control. However, that could be in jeopardy if the initiative passes, said Jeff Allen with the Office of Species Conservation.

"It would nullify the state management plan," Allen said. "If the state sticks with its present course, it has a much better chance of having wolves delisted," he said. However, the state found itself during the last years of reintroduction that fighting the federal government won't work, Allen said.

That also has been the reluctant conclusion of board

members with Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, said Nate Helm, executive director. The group opposed the reintroduction of wolves and maintains that current management of the species is insufficient.

"We've looked pretty hard at this issue," Helm said. "We believe the risks of supporting this petition outweigh the benefits."

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Grain train derailed near Sandpoint, no injuries

ELMHRA (AP) — A Burlington Northern Railway train derailed near this small town north of Sandpoint, railway spokesman Gus Melonas said Tuesday.

There were no injuries, Melonas said.

About 13 of the train's 105 grain cars derailed at 11:15 p.m. Monday night, Melonas said. Two cars remained upright and 11 tipped over.

The cause of the derailment has not been established, Mel-

onas said. The train was traveling about 22 mph in a 50 mph zone.

About 40 trains use the line each day. The tracks were expected to reopen late Tuesday, Melonas said.

Antrak was busing passengers on its Empire Builder train between Libby, Mont., and Spokane, Wash. The freight train originated in Wolf Point, Mont., and was bound for Kalama, Wash., Melonas said.

TV's Judge Judy decides slithering settlement

REXBURG (AP) — Television's Judge Judy Sheindlin will settle the dispute between the owners of Bessy the Burmese python and their landlord, who lignt to tear up walls in his apartment building to remove the snake after it escaped.

Documents filed in the Madison County courthouse show that the snake's owner, Chelsea Carter, and the apartment building's owner, Kevin Kennedy, have agreed to submit their dispute to retired New York City Family Court Judge Sheindlin, who stars in the TV show "Judge Judy."

The 15-foot-long Burmese python escaped Feb. 8 from Carter's apartment and was discovered 12 days later in the ceiling of a neighboring apartment. Carter and Jeff Perreault had posted signs around the apartment complex warning residents to watch for the snake, which they believe escaped from a hole in their bathroom ceiling. The snake was found after plumbers fed a 100-foot-long "snake camera," normally used to locate plumbing problems, through the wall. Bessy

was banished from the apartment and now resides at Snake River Exotics animal store in Idaho Falls.

Carter sued Kennedy on March 20, seeking \$1,535 in "monetary losses due to wrongful eviction and loss of pet." Kennedy countered with a suit of his own the next day, seeking \$880 for damages to the building. Both cases were dropped a week later with a statement that parties were seeking "private arbitration."

In a letter included in Kennedy's case, Loren Stone of the Judge Judy production company said the show takes litigants who "agree to submit their small claims cases to binding arbitration by Judge Judith Sheindlin..."

Idaho GOP agrees to pay \$10,000 penalty

By CHRISTOPHER SMITH Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The Idaho Republican Party has agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine and to boost internal accounting and to boost internal accounting and to boost internal accounting. A federal audit found numerous irregularities and violations of campaign contribution reporting regulations during the 2002 election year.

The Federal Election Commission announced the negotiated settlement with the Idaho GOP on Monday, although the agreement was signed in December after it was approved in August 2005 by the members of the federal commission that oversees political campaign contribution laws.

The FEC said it was making the case public not because it was part of a handful of recent cases that were closed through the commission's alternative dispute resolution program, which is intended to speed up enforcement actions through mediated settlements. Some of the personal information in the case file had to be redacted

before it was made public.

The alternative dispute resolution circumvents a full process and allows a guesstimate who say, 'Yeah, I guess we did violate these laws' to settle the case quickly," said Ian Stirton, a spokesman for the FEC in Washington.

The Idaho Republican Party was audited by FEC investigators after financial misstatements and missing information were noticed in the 2002 election year disclosure reports the state party is required to file with the federal government.

FEC auditors found that party records for contributions received during the 2002 campaign did not disclose occupations or employers for 31 percent of the donors for a total of more than \$98,000 in contributions.

Federal law requires political committees to disclose occupations and names of employers of anyone donating more than \$200 within the calendar year.

Treasurers of the political committee must attempt to make a "best effort" to gather

the employment and occupation data if it is not included with the contribution.

The FEC audit found 90 percent of contribution entries listed on reports by the party headquarters included the notation "information requested" but the party could not prove it had made any follow-up request to donors for the missing occupation and employer information.

According to enforcement case documents released Monday by the FEC, Idaho GOP officials blamed the failure to obtain contributor information on staff turnover and the lack of a full-time professional staff member familiar with reporting

requirements. The party has since contracted with professional reporting staff, has created new internal accounting procedures and is sending follow-up letters to 2002 contributors whose information is still missing.

Besides the \$10,000 civil penalty imposed by the FEC, the party agreed to determine whether all data from contributions is accounted for before the money is spent by the party and to file amended 2002 campaign finance reports disclosing the occupations and employers of contributors.

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Plane found in Utah mountains, pilot dead

HEBER CITY, Utah (AP) — Searchers on Tuesday located the wreckage of a twin-engine plane and the body of a pilot who crashed in a federal National Forest after reporting engine trouble.

The Cessna 310 flown by Dr. John C. Oakley, 60, a neurosurgeon from Billings, Mont., disappeared Monday afternoon.

Weather prevented a search Monday night in the rugged area east of Heber City, where at least a foot of snow fell during a spring storm.

The wreckage in a ravine east of Heber City was spotted from the air at noon, but it took until 4:30 p.m. to reach the site in the Uinta National Forest.

"The terrain here is so steep, they couldn't get in with snowmobiles and so rough that the helicopters couldn't land," Sheriff Ken Van Wagoner said. Searchers snowshoed for about five miles to the wreckage, where Oakley's body was found.

The plane was en route from Billings to Cedar City when air traffic controllers lost contact with Oakley, who was flying in blizzard conditions and reported engine trouble.

The pilot reported a loss of pressure in the left engine," said James J. Fergus, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Renton, Wash.

The search Tuesday involved 50 people, three helicopters, about a half-dozen planes and about two dozen snowmobiles, sheriff's officers said.

Oakley was a neurosurgeon at Yellowstone Neurological Associates and medical director of the Northern Rockies Regional Pain Center.

His expertise was internationally recognized, said Michelle Hood, chief executive officer of St. Vincent Healthcare.

"Dr. Oakley was one of those physicians who was not only a wonderful clinician, but he was also tremendously engaged with the hospital community as a whole," Hood said. "He was such an amazing man."

A prayer vigil for Oakley was set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at American Lutheran Church in Billings.

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Governor Kempthorne finishes veto-free session

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has finished his first veto-free legislative session in what is likely to be his last year at the Idaho State Capitol.

The governor, who is waiting for his U.S. Senate confirmation hearings to start next month for the Interior secretary job, didn't veto a single legislative action.

Just 72 hours after the final gavel fell in the session last week, Kempthorne had signed more than 450 bills. That is the most new legislation his administration has seen in one year. In eight years in office, he had never previously ended a session without a veto.

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Chhevap, a marinated beef patty made with garlic and spices and served inside Bosnian bread.

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Diana Kekerovic uses Vegeta — a spice mix made from dried vegetables — to season her chhevap dish.

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Members of the Kekerovic family: Diana, her sons Robert, G, and Aleksandar, 8, and her husband, Goran.



Bosnian vanilla pudding mixture, and vanilla sugar — both available at the Euro Store in Twin Falls. Puddings are made with a variety of fresh fruit, including bananas, strawberries and apples.

Bosnian cuisine influences Magic Valley food scene

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Maybe you've seen it in the grocery store. Or the farmers' markets. Or a specialty food store. **Bosnian bread.**

It's doughy, rich and flavorful. This eastern-European staple, along with other Bosnian standards, is making its way into Magic Valley cuisine.

The assimilation is a facile one. Bosnian food, said Bosnian-born Twin Falls resident Diana Kekerovic, is similar to American fodder: beef, lamb, vegetables and spices such as garlic.

Difference is, Bosnian food uses more spices, and it takes longer to prepare.

Take, for example, chhevap — the Bosnian version of the hamburger. Diana and her husband, Goran, used to serve up dozens of these sandwiches

every day when they owned the Grill House, a Bosnian restaurant in Twin Falls. The business closed about a year ago, but the Kekerovics still make plenty of this savory dish.

In fact, they had it for dinner last week. And ate the leftovers the next night.

The Kekerovics start with enough ground beef (20 percent fat) to feed their family of four, which is usually a pound or two. They throw in a hefty portion of chopped garlic, salt and a packet of vegetable seasoning they purchase at a local European food store. Then, they toss the mixture into the fridge and allow it to marinate overnight.

The longer the marinade, the tastier the chhevap, Goran said.

The next day, the Kekerovics form the beef into 4-inch-long, 1-inch-wide sausage-like links. Then they smash four links together to make a patty. They drop the patties into a hot pan, sometimes a grill, and five minutes later they family is gathered around the table for a hot, homemade meal right from the old country.

The Kekerovics stack on plenty of onions and eat the patties between — you guessed it — two slices of Bosnian bread.

But forget about ketchup. Diana said most Bosnians don't like to mix flavors, especially sweet with anything else. She thinks pairing peanut butter and chocolate is disgusting.

Besides the Kekerovic kitchen, you'll find Bosnian food in several specialty stores in Twin Falls. Surprisingly, that includes MI Pueblo Mexican Grocery Store and Bakery, where bakers began stocking the famous Bosnian bread after numerous requests from immigrants and locals alike.

Perhaps the most popular place to find Bosnian fare is the Euro Store in Twin Falls, at 205 Hansen St. E. Opened in 2002 and run by recent immigrants-turned-citizens Dragana and Narcis Kurbegovic, the Euro Store stocks most of the few exotic ingredients used in Bosnian cuisine: vanilla sugar, special pudding mixes and a handful of spiced meats.

Plenty of Bosnians will stroll the farmers' markets soon, looking for the perfect tomatoes or fresh fruits, said Kathy Hanson, an organizer of the Twin Falls Farmers' Market.

"They're real particular," said Twin Falls gardener Leon Overton, who sells vegetables to Bosnian clients at the

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Bosnian recipes

TUFAKUA

This is native-Bosnian Goran Kekerovic's favorite dessert. He's made it so many times that he measures most ingredients with his eyes. But you can make this recipe by measuring to taste.

- About 12 apples
- Water
- Sugar
- Vanilla sugar (available at the Euro Store in Twin Falls)
- Ground walnuts
- Chopped almonds
- Whipped cream
- Honey

Peel and core apples, without slicing the apples. In a large saucepan, boil apples until soft in water, sugar and vanilla sugar. Remove from heat and refrigerate apples in the liquid overnight. Combine remaining ingredients. Stuff mixture into cored apples. Serve cold, topped with more whipped cream and honey.

CHEVAP

This Bosnian dish, similar to American hamburgers, is a Kekerovic family favorite. Once again, ingredients are rarely measured, so use your best judgment.

- 1 or 2 pounds ground beef (the Kekerovics prefer at least 20 percent fat)
- Chopped fresh garlic
- Salt
- Vegeta (a seasoning available at the Euro Store in Twin Falls)
- Sliced onion
- Bosnian bread (available at the Euro Store and at MI Pueblo Mexican Grocery Store and Bakery in Twin Falls)

Combine beef, garlic, salt and Vegeta. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Form mixture into 4-inch-long, 2-inch-wide sausage-like links. Smash 4 links together to create a patty. Pan fry or grill. Serve with an onion slice between two slices of Bosnian bread.

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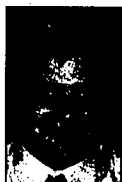
As folks everywhere clean their grills and polish their techniques this spring, The Times-News plans to dispatch a reporter to sample the fare and proclaim someone in Magic Valley — it could be you — the champion of backyard grilling.

Sure, it's a contest with entirely subjective criteria. But Matt Christensen, the features writer who landed this enviable assignment, promises to consider the flavor and the flair. Creativity will impress him. But he's also a sucker for old standards.

Think you might have what it takes to be crowned Grill Champion and get feature treatment in our Food & Home section?

Contact Christensen at 735-3243 or matt.christensen@lee.net. Tell him what you're going to grill, why you deserve consideration for our championship, and when — in the next week or two — he could stop by for a fresh, hot sample.

Don't delay. Spots in Christensen's grill tour could fill up fast. Sure, he's got a great appetite, but there's only so much grilled salmon one guy can gobble.



Christensen

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FOOD & HOME

Go for the sizzle

How to make the most of steaks you cook at home

By Candy Sagon
The Washington Post

Diet trends come and go, but one thing remains certain: Americans still love their red meat. We eat an average of 67 pounds of beef a year, and that hasn't changed for a decade, according to the newest government figures.

What has changed are some of the choices we have at the supermarket when we want to cut into a juicy steak for dinner. Randy Itron, director of retail marketing for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, says the industry is putting more of an emphasis on marketing beef to consumers. That means more beef with fancy "branded" names such as Rancher's Reserve and Certified Angus and Natural Beef, plus more of those full-service glass cases, where customers can pick out a specific steak.

Unfortunately, says some meat industry experts, the guy behind that glass case might not know much about the meat he's selling. Most of the meat-cutting has already been done at a centralized location and then shipped "case-ready" to supermarkets and super-center chains across the country, says Joseph Egan, a professor of food science at Iowa State University who works closely with retail meat departments.

"A market may have one guy who knows how to cut meat, but most of the others (in the meat department) are not highly trained," Cordray says. "Real butchers are a dying breed."

At traditional butcher shops, it's easier to find someone to give you expert advice about the different types of steak, how to cook them, even recipes.

We asked some of those butchers, as well as other meat experts, what you need to know when choosing the perfect steak here are their tips:

- **Pick out your steak like you pick out your clothes.** Would you grab just any old pair of pants off the rack? Of course not. Same with a steak. Look at each one carefully. If you want it to be juicy and tender for cooking on the grill, you want lots of little white flecks of fat in the meaty part (it's called "marbling"). The flecks melt away during cooking, adding to the meat's flavor. You also want it to be an even thickness (if it's thinner in some parts, it will cook unevenly). If you're buying more than one steak, try to find cuts that are all close in size so they finish cooking at about the same time.

- **Look for thick cuts.** Avoid steaks that are less than an inch thick, says Bruce Adkels, co-author of "The Complete Meat Cookbook" (Houghton Mifflin, 1998), because they're too easy to overcook. Be careful when buying steaks in packs — it's often difficult to get a side view to see just how thick they are.



Would you buy this steak? Say yes: Butcher Bill Fuchs with a well-marbled, dry-aged New York strip steak.

- **Don't trim that fat.** Yeah, yeah, we know. It's hard to break years of being admonished otherwise. But father-and-son butchers Bill and Aaron Fuchs of Wagshal's Market in Washington tell customers to leave most of the fat on the outside edge of the steak before cooking. The fat helps to keep the steak moist and hold its shape during cooking. It also enhances the meat's flavor. Once the steak is cooked, you can trim off any excess fat before serving.

- **Behind the glass or on the shelf?** Sometimes it's the same meat. Markets tend to put a higher grade of meat in the full-service glass case, but not always, Itron says. Sometimes it's the same meat as in the plastic-wrapped packages on the self-service shelves — the only difference is you might have more of certain cuts to choose from in the full-service case. If you're unsure, ask a meat department employee to explain the difference — especially if the steak in the case is priced higher than the ones on the shelf.

- **Chuck and Round** are tough guys, Rib and Loin are not. If the words "chuck" or "round" are in the name of the steak, it will need to be marinated and then slowly cooked in liquid to be tender. These are generally very lean cuts with lots of muscle fiber that need to be broken down with slow, long

moist heat. Don't even think of throwing a chuck steak on the grill.

But there's an exception: "Chuck eye" steak is from the chuck, or shoulder and neck portion of the animal, which is flavorful but usually tough. Most chuck cuts need to be cooked slowly in liquid, but the chuck eye steak is an exception. They have great flavor at a great price, and they're pretty tender. Just be sure the label says "chuck eye steak" and not just chuck steak, or you'll be chewing that tough meat for days.

If the word "loin" is on the label, or the butcher tells you that a steak is cut from the loin (a strip steak, porterhouse or T-bone), these will be the most tender. Same goes for the word "rib," as in rib-eye or rib steak. These can be cooked quickly — on a grill, in the oven or on the stove in a pan.

- **Know your grades.** The lower the grade, the leaner and tougher the beef. Prime is the top grade, in terms of flavor, marbling and tenderness, but very little prime beef ends up in mainstream markets. As far as consumers are concerned, there are really only two grades: choice and select. These two make up almost all the meat being sold at the supermarket. Choice is the higher grade, although it can encompass a wide range of quality ranging from

FILET MIGNON WITH MADEIRA SAUCE

4 servings

Filet mignon, or tenderloin, is the most tender cut of beef — but it's not heavy on flavor. To compensate, this recipe from "Alfred Portale Simple Pleasures" (William Morrow, 2004) includes par-boiling the filet and basting frequently, so it forms a thick, flavorful crust. A rich Madeira sauce is made from the pan drippings.

- 4 center-cut tenderloin filets, 2 1/2 inches thick (6 to 8 ounces each)
- Coarse salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, half of it kept cold and cut into cubes
- 1 sprig rosemary
- 1 sprig thyme
- 2 tablespoons minced shallots
- 1/4 cup Madeira
- 2 cups chicken stock or low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard

Remove the filets from the refrigerator 30 minutes before cooking and season with salt and pepper to taste. Heat the oil in a heavy-bottomed sauté pan or skillet over medium-high heat. Add the filets and sear 3 to 4 minutes per side. Add 2 tablespoons of

the butter and the rosemary and thyme sprigs to the pan and reduce the heat to medium-low. Cook an additional 14 minutes for rare, 18 minutes for medium-rare and 20 minutes for medium, depending on the thickness of the filets. (An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of the meat should register 125 to 130 degrees for rare, 140 to 145 degrees for medium-rare and 145 degrees for medium.)

While the steaks are cooking, baste continually with the butter-oil mixture in the pan, taking care not to let the butter brown. Transfer to a platter and cover loosely with aluminum foil to keep the filets warm. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons of the fat from the pan. Add the shallots and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Add the Madeira and cook, scraping up any flavorful bits that are stuck to the pan. Add the stock or broth, increase the heat to high and cook for 12 to 15 minutes or until the liquid has reduced by three-quarters and is lightly thickened and nicely flavored. Strain the sauce through a fine-mesh sieve, discarding the herbs and shallots. Return the sauce to the pan over medium-low heat and whisk in the mustard, then the remaining 2 tablespoons butter, 1 cube at a time. Add salt and pepper to taste. Sear each filet on a warmed dinner plate with some sauce spooned over it.

Get cookin'

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- **Buy a thermometer.** Don Roden, owner of the new Organic Butcher in McLean, Va., says the secret to a perfect steak is 125 degrees on an instant-read thermometer (for rare), which eliminates guesswork on timing.

close-to-prime to close-to-select. The leanest, least expensive meat is generally graded select and it makes up the lion's share of meat in the self-service case, according to the cattlemen's association.

Keep in mind that grading is voluntary. All meat must be inspected for wholesomeness by the U.S. Department of Agriculture before it's sold, but grading for quality is done at the request — and cost — of the packer. Because grade dictates price, many packers pay for it to be done.

- **Be wary of fancy brand names.** To help promote beef, the industry has introduced what it calls "branded beef" — often special names that don't mention the meat's grade. Some of those names are developed for marketing purposes or to give certain cuts a cachet. Safeway recently introduced Rancher's Reserve, a specially tenderized line of leaner beef that falls into the lower end of choice or upper end of select. Some brands are breed-specific, such as Certified Angus Beef, which means the beef is prime or choice and has met other specific qualifications.

- **Enhanced? Natural? Organic? Know the difference.** Enhanced? Beef means meat that has been injected with additives (such as flavoring, tenderizer or a salt solution to increase moisture). Look at the label. It must indicate what percent of the meat's weight is from an injected solution.

"Natural" beef means it's been minimally processed without additives, colors or preservatives. That description fits most of the beef being sold; it has nothing to do, however, with what the animal was fed or whether it was given antibiotics or growth hormones.

If how the animal was raised

is important to you, look for "certified organic" on the label. Certified organic beef must meet the USDA's 2002 national organic program standards, meaning cattle must be fed entirely with organic feed, must not be given growth hormones or antibiotics and must have access to pasture.

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1/2 teaspoon ground thyme
1/2 teaspoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon dried orange peel (optional)

Let the steaks come to room temperature. Pat dry with paper towels. Rub both sides of each steak with the oil and set aside. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients with the orange peel. If desired, to create the spice rub, sprinkle the rub on both sides of the steaks, pressing to adhere to the surface of the meat (some spice rub will be left over).

If using a gas grill, preheat to medium to medium-high, depending on your grill. If using a charcoal grill, distribute the hot charcoal or wood briquettes evenly under the cooking area for direct heat. Oil the grate. Grill for about 7 minutes per side, or until an instant-read thermometer registers 140 degrees for medium-rare. Let steaks rest, covered, for 5 minutes before serving.

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Winemakers pitch macho merlot for manly men

HEALDSBURG, Calif. (AP) — They're making macho merlot in California's wine country.

Hot on the stilts heels of last year's wines-for-women trend, new releases from Ray's Station Vineyards in Sonoma County are being pitched to the Y-chromosome set as "Hearty Red Wines for Men."

"The bottling of the sexes seems to be part of a wider industry trend that includes cute labels and easier-to-use packaging. Winemakers want to break from the pack by making wines more consumer friendly."

"You face this challenge: How do you even get people to know you're alive?" said Robert Smiley, a management professor at the University of California, Davis, who follows the wine industry. Considering the fierce competition to get noticed among the hundreds of brands lining store shelves, gender vending is "not a bad strategy to try," he said.

Last year, wine for women was the theme with brands such as Mad Housewife from Rainier Wine and White Lie Early Season chardonnay from Beringer making news.

Wines marketed to women may be finding an audience.

AC Nielsen supermarket data on eight wines aimed at women indicated the brands, some of

which are in limited distribution, accounted for \$10 million of the approximately \$8 billion in wine sales for the year ending Feb. 11.

Wine, especially the higher-end vintages, has long been considered a man's world. But the people behind the Ray's Station campaign say there's an overlooked audience in the backyard barbecues and NASCAR fan who enjoys wine but hasn't made a hobby of it.

"These guys, they're married; they've got a couple of kids," said Brian Hilliard, who heads up marketing for Ray's Station. "Wine is part of their lives, but it's not integrated in a way that they really force themselves to be knowledgeable."

Ray's Station is selling a merlot and cabernet sauvignon both priced at about \$15 and made mostly with grapes from hillside vineyards where the vines have to struggle to survive, producing richer fruit that adds heft to the flavors.

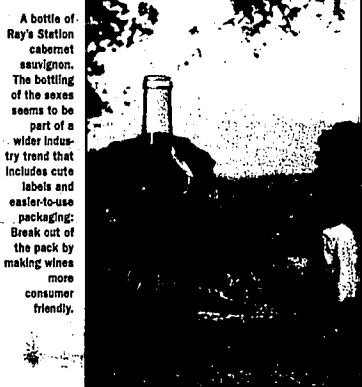
Don't expect any Ray's Station buttery chardonnays or silky sauvignon blancs, though.

"White wines ain't cutting it," Hilliard said with a laugh, referring to the industry axiom that women prefer white wines.

The wines are packaged simply with a label bearing the



Brian S. Hilliard, left, and winemaker Adolfo Alarcon at the Ray's Station vineyard in Healdsburg, Calif.



A bottle of Ray's Station cabernet sauvignon. The bottling of the sexes seems to be part of a wider industry trend that includes cute labels and easier-to-use packaging: Break out of the pack by making wines more consumer friendly.

outline of a galloping stallion. The accompanying tongue-in-stubbed-cheek ad campaign features the winery's namesake, Sonoma County pioneer John G. Ray, and such masculine pursuits as fishing and hunting.

One ad shows a hunter at sunset, dog by his side, with the copy "John G. Ray did not serve pinot noir," a sly dig at the varietal adored by wine sophisticates.

"The company doesn't have sales data yet, but the response from distributors has been good," said Hilliard.

"People react to it in the way they should; they chuckle," he says. "It's a little irreverent and it's meant to be fun. But, at the same time, the wine that's going into the bottle is very serious stuff."

Another Sonoma County winery, Ravenswood, has been getting in touch with its strong side for years, rallying behind the slogan "No Wimpy Wines!" The winery, known for its zinfandels, is sponsoring the No. 27 Brewco Motorsports car in the NASCAR Busch Series for 2006.

Although they may seem an unusual pairing, wine and auto racing have been connected for a while, with a number of winners founded by the sport's greats, including Mario Andretti, founder of the Andretti Winery in Napa.

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Window kit puts garden right at hand

DEAR JIM: I would like a large bay window, but it would be too expensive. Instead, I was thinking of installing a garden window kit over the kitchen sink. Are they very efficient, and what features should I consider?

—Ron B.

DEAR RON: Installing a garden window kit in the kitchen over the sink is the most common location. It can give your room a larger, more spacious feel and provide a good spot for sun-loving plants. Being near the sink, it will be easy to remember to keep them watered.

If you can install a replacement window yourself, you should have no problems installing a garden window kit to save the labor costs. A kit can be customized to your window opening for a perfect fit and easy installation. Once installed properly, it should be as airtight as any other replacement window design.

Installing a garden window will be slightly less efficient than a new replacement window. This results from the increased amount of glass area which will transfer more heat to the outdoors (winter) or indoors (summer). If you now have an old inefficient window, though, the garden window—with its high-efficiency glass and new weatherstripping—will save energy.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dullay

The typical frame materials available are vinyl, wood and aluminum with vinyl being the most common. Its popularity is from a reasonable price, low maintenance and energy efficiency. Air cavities in a vinyl frame are natural insulators. The cavities can also be filled with insulating foam.

Real wood frames are the most attractive and require only a minimum of maintenance. Wood creates a natural warm feel, especially with plants.

Aluminum frames are very strong and maintenance-free. Ones with thermal breaks between the indoor and outdoor sections are also energy efficient.

The various window configurations are side sashes or a top awning-style sash which open. The opening side sashes can be either hinged casements or vertical sliding. A single-hung window is the most common summertime ventilation, the side casement windows, some which allow a full 90 degrees, will catch the most breezes. The

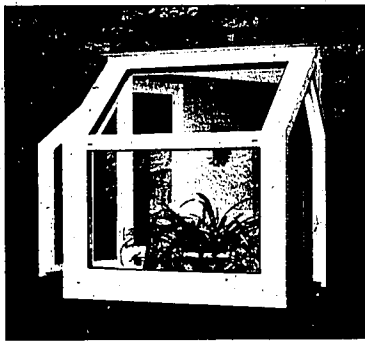


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Notice how the side casement windows open to catch the maximum amount of natural ventilation.

awning style is nice for gentle venting over the plants.

Even with the high-efficiency glass, the space in the garden window can become fairly cold during the winter. If you plan to keep some temperature-sensitive plants there year-round, select a kit with an insulated bottom (called a seat warmer). This will help maintain a more even temperature.

If you really want to save money, build a garden window yourself using clear acrylic plastic and a wood frame. Leave your existing window in place for winter efficiency. During mild weather, remove its sashes and put in the plants. To block the intense summer sun, mount some angled wood slats

over its top.

The following companies offer garden windows: CertainTeed, (800) 782-8777, www.certainteed.com; Kensington Windows, (800) 444-8972, www.kensington-windows.com; Kolbe & Kolbe, (715) 842-5666, www.kolbe-kolbe.com; Vinylmax, (800) 847-3736, www.vinylmax.com; and WeatherShield, (800) 222-2995, www.weathershield.com.

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—Ron T.

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Granting tile some independence

By Michael Judd
The Washington Post

Ceramic tiles have one very human quality: Sometimes they crack under pressure. And though installers for years have been searching for ways to strengthen the bond between tiles and their subfloors, often stress fractures are caused by bonds that are too close. When changes in temperature and moisture cause the subfloor to expand or contract, tile and grout can crack or buckle.

Schluter-Systems (www.schluter.com) has one solution: a polyethylene membrane in a wafflelike pattern that is placed between the subfloor and the tiles. Called Ditra, it is an eighth of an inch thick and weighs two ounces per square foot. Ditra works as a lightweight "uncoupling membrane" that flexes with the subfloor from the stresses on the subfloor. It also serves as a waterproofing layer. Ditra works on commonly used subfloor materials, including plywood and concrete.

Ditra has been used commercially for almost 20 years, and has expanded now into the residential market with the increase in home-improvement projects, including those by do-it-yourselfers, according to Reinhard Plank, president of Schluter-Systems North America.

Ditra costs about \$1.60 per square foot and is available at Home Depot and some flooring dealers.

Look for the Torrington near the beach

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The Torrington would fit nicely in a beach setting, and has some upscale features not usually found in a duplex. Its owners might enjoy keeping one unit as a vacation retreat for themselves, and renting the other out.

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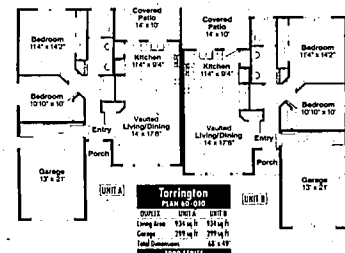
tion during most daylight hours. Plenty of natural light washes in through a wide set of windows up front, plus a smaller dormer window higher up.

In the kitchen, the ceiling is flat and lower. An overhead plant shelf and raised eating bar also mark this boundary.

Stove, sink and refrigerator cluster in a tight, step-efficient triangle. Single burners, convenient for meal preparation and clean up. Cupboards and work surfaces are in good supply. Counters wrap around three sides, while a floor-to-ceiling pantry boasts available shelf space.

Abundant storage is found in the hallway to the Torrington's bedrooms and a two-section bathroom. The rear bedroom is slightly larger.

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Steps to get your grill back in the groove

By Terri Splenza
The Washington Post

Soon enough, warm weather will beckon us to ditch indoor cooking and move outdoors for dining alfresco. But after hibernating all winter, our outdoor grills are sorely in need of attention.

"Rust, mold and mildew might have accumulated, particularly over the spring when it's wet," says John Snedden, founder of Washington area Rocklands Barbecue and Grilling Co. While cast grills need a thorough cleaning at least once a year, routine maintenance will result in tastier food and a longer life for your grill.

Wash dirt and dust off outside surfaces with warm, soapy water and a sponge or cloth. If your grill has a painted, non-stick or aluminum surface, avoid abrasive cleaners and

scrubbers. Clean grates with a stiff wire brush, paint scraper or a ball of heavy-duty aluminum foil. And be cautious with oven cleaner; it can remove paint.

After cleaning, treat the cooking surface with vegetable or olive oil, which will prevent food from sticking.

• **Touch-up:** Cosmetic wear and tear such as scratches and rust can be repaired with spray paint. Rub the surface by lightly sanding with a wire brush or sandpaper. Dust off flakes and spray with a high-beat paint available at hardware stores.

• **For charcoal grills:** Excess grease buildup is a potential fire hazard, so remove debris left over from last season, including loose ash from the bottom. (Ashes should be scooped out regularly, because they absorb moisture, which can cause premature rusting. And don't forget to clean the ash catcher, too.)

Clean using a metal scouring pad and warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly. And make sure the air vent isn't blocked.

• **For gas grills:** First, check to make sure the appliance is fully operational, says Snedden. Try lighting it to be sure that it's functioning correctly. Over time, parts need replacing. Before cleaning the inside, tape over any gas openings. Use warm, soapy water and a rag, sponge or plastic scrubber to clean the inside. Rinse thoroughly. If you have a pan liner, clean or replace it. Keeping a

clean liner is safer (no greasy buildup) and discourages roasting animals. If you use lava rocks, replace them yearly or shake out existing ones because they tend to become flaky during the winter. (You can even give them a spray with a hose for extra measure.)

• **Maintenance:** Clean grates after every use while they are still warm (not hot). Food will harden on cold grates.

• **Undercover:** To protect your grill from the elements year-round, use a water-resistant cover.

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Sushi: How to choose, order and eat it

By Jane Snow
Knight Rider News Service

They're hip, they're fun, and they're brimming with raw fish. But just because you like your tuna cooked instead of almost raw, doesn't mean you can't enjoy the sushi bar craze.

Here's a little secret: Up to half of the menu items in most sushi bars contain a shared amount of raw fish. The food is beautiful, the flavors are bright and clean, and you get to play with your dinner. What's not to like?

"At first just the Japanese came," said chef Tony Kawaguchi, of Sushi Katsu in Akron, Ohio. "Now the local people support me. It's an American food now."

But it's a food many Americans still haven't tried. That's why you're searching for a sushi that gives sushi-haters could love. We found a ton of great food along with tips on how to order, how to tip, and what to do with that blob of green paste on your plate.

First, the green paste: It's wasabi (wasabi root), and it's spicy-hot. It is the grated and dried root of a type of horseradish plant. Real wasabi is very expensive, so in this country — and even in many sushi bars in Japan — horseradish is used as a substitute. You are expected to pour some soy sauce into the tiny dish provided, and with your chopsticks mix in some of the wasabi. Then dip each piece of sushi in the sauce before eating it. Go easy at first on the wasabi or your eyes will water from the heat. Start with a blob no bigger than a pencil eraser.

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Terms to know when ordering sushi

Sashimi: Raw fish
Sushi: Vinegared rice that is used as a platform for — molded around — raw or cooked fish and vegetables to form sushi rolls.
Maki roll: A sushi roll wrapped in a thin sheet of dried nori seaweed.
Hand roll: A sushi roll wrapped with nori in a cone shape instead of a cylinder.
Wasabi: A grated spicy-hot root that is formed into a green paste

and mounded on the diner's plate. The diner mixes a small amount with soy sauce in a small dish that's provided, and dips each bite of sushi into the sauce.
Pickled ginger: Paperthin, pale-pink slices mounded next to the sushi.
Use as a palate cleanser between bites: Bite on a slice whenever the mood strikes.
Bento: A handy dinner box divided into tiny compartments to hold a

variety of sushi and other foods.
Crab: Sometimes it's real snow, king or soft-shell blue crab, but often — depending on the sushi roll — it's surimi, a faux crab meat (made from Alaskan pollock and crab) that's popular in Japan.
Tamago-yaki: A layered, airy omelet cut into geometric shapes and served as part of a sushi set or as tofaki.
White fish: Usually red snapper, but occasionally halibut.

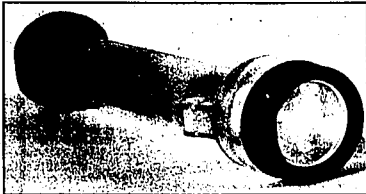
But back to the food. You will find an array of soups, appetizers, sashimi, sushi, maki, bento and combination plates. Sashimi is raw fish alone. Sushi is raw or cooked seafood and perhaps other ingredients with gently salted and vinegared rice. Bento is a compartmentalized box that holds different items.

Here are some other choices:
• **Philadelphia roll** — The name means a filling of smoked salmon and cream cheese.
• **Tempura shrimp roll** — Battered-fried shrimp and vegetable fillers are encased in rice.
• **Spicy crawfish or shrimp** — Cooked shellfish in a mildly spicy mayonnaise sauce is rolled into the sushi.
• **Volcano roll or crazy roll** — Grilled shrimp or crawfish in a slightly spicy sauce is poured over a California roll.
• **Alaska roll** — Smoked salmon and avocado are tucked inside.

your fingers, top or with the chopsticks that are provided. But eat each piece in one bite. Trying to nibble a piece of sushi can be hilariously messy.

About tips

At the end of the meal, ask the server for the bill, and tip 20 percent. The server and the chef will split the tip. Or if you're paying with cash, leave the server's tip on the tray with the bill and place the chef's tip in the jar that is found on every sushi bar.



"Shake" flashlight operates without batteries or bulbs.

Stuck for an idea? Try these unusual housewarming gifts

By Laurel Dalrymple
The Washington Post

Many of my friends have taken the daunting leap into homeownership in the past year. Tired of shopping for belongings and bottles of wine, I offered my search and unearthed some housewarming treasures. Some are wacky, some are fun, some are strangely useful, and all are under \$30.

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For the friend who bought a home too close to mature trees and power lines, try a super practical emergency "Shake" flashlight, which operates without

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batteries or bulbs. The flashlight is recharged by shaking a magnet back and forth through a metal coil, just 90 seconds of this will yield about two hours of LED light. When it starts out bright, then fades over time. Reshake at any time to touch up the glow. The flashlight is waterproof and won't sputter or die from non-use. Great for a carwarming present, too! Different brands, sizes and shine lengths are offered. On Amazon.com range from about \$9.99 to \$29.95.

Finally, take houseplants to the next level with grow-it-yourself terrariums:

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- Impress the neighbors upstairs with a Biblical garden. This divine display showcases an ancient landscape of plants inspired by the Bible, such as date palm (used on Palm Sunday), Joseph's coat (named after his coat of many colors) and hyssop (used during baptism). Decorate with stained-glass decals and pebbles. Dome garden kits available from Duncraft.com for \$24.99 each.

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Bosnia

Continued from C1 market. "They're looking for high quality."

Goran would agree. Bosnians have a special relationship with food, he said. Besides the finest ingredients, they spend lots of time preparing meals. It's uncommon, he said, to find meat in restaurants back home that has been marinated for 10 days, sometimes more.

Other Kekerovic favorites include goulash, soups at lunch and cold stuffed with feta or zucchini.

Many of the meat dishes, especially holiday lamb, are grilled over charcoal (never gas), and other dishes are slow cooked in wood-fueled brick ovens.

Since coming to America about 10 years ago, Goran and Diana — who met after arriving — have concluded that most Americans don't share their love affair with carefully prepared cuisine, they said.

The Kekerovics never eat fast food. For one thing, if beef isn't marinated, it's not worth eating, Goran said.

Perhaps he sums up Bosnian food as the best when he says: "Bosnian food means home cooking."

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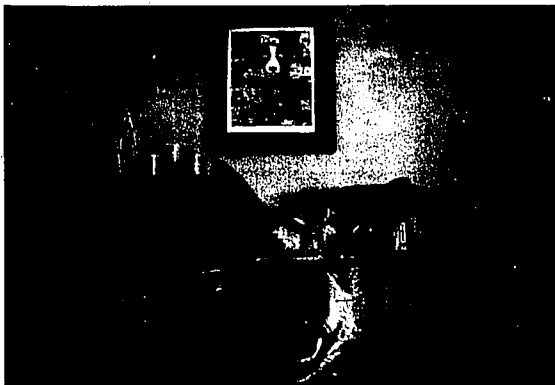
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FOOD & HOME



Prudence poses below a Blue Dog portrait in the living room of dog lovers Noralisa and John Trott in Los Angeles.

It's a dog's world; we just live in it

By Bettijane Levine
Los Angeles Times

Doghouses, even the classic ones, may soon be passe. About 70 percent of American dogs now spend more than half their time indoors, in the big House — the family home, which increasingly tends to feature dog-friendly walls, floors, upholstery.

We're not talking about mere, cutesy, decorative nods to the adorableness of dogs, but about substantial human commitment — and dollars — to safer, more comfortable environments. Art and design celebrate the species that is at home with 43.5 million American families.

Talk about creature comforts. A house in Culver City, Calif., is being built from the ground up to ease life for a French sheepdog named Hobbes, a humongously hairy 6-year-old who's not too steady on his feet. Hobbes' owners, public-relations consultant Joana Brody and her husband, writer Thomas Small, say they've altered the architect's plans to include steps with a very gentle incline, almost like a ramp, because, as Hobbes gets older, he won't be able to climb traditional stairs.

Their architect, Whitney Sandorf of Los Angeles, says, "Floors will be rough, nonslip concrete instead of the polished finish we'd planned, because Hobbes tends to slip around on anything smooth."

The finish of a large interior wall, a major design element of the house, will be changed "so Hobbes' hair won't snag, which would be painful," Brody says. The couple has named the house "Residence for a Briard," because, Brody says, "Hobbes is as important a resident as we are. He brings such constant joy. Anyone who knows us, knows him. We take him everywhere. We've even taken him to France to meet his homeland."

When landscape architects Bill and Abbie Burton remodeled their ocean-view house near Malibu, they decided to have no windows facing the street. Then they realized that their golden retriever would be deprived of her favorite pastime: watching cars. So they redesigned their massive, custom-made, steel front door, inserting a narrow window across its width, at dog's-eye level.

These are obvious extremes and only for the well-heeled. But at many levels, the dogs' status in the home is on the rise. Ken Whitman, a Los Angeles interior designer and founder of the dog rescue group Ace of Hearts, says young people starting out seem to favor dogs in their lives. "I meet many who get their first dog as soon as they get their first apartment," she says.

As a designer, Whitman sees dogs doing the Hollywood high life. At the Malibu home of a well-known actor and actress, whose names she declines to divulge, Whitman says she recently installed "a huge outdoor tub with hot and cold running water, decorated with beautiful Mexican tiles. These people have two big dogs and



Tigerlily Rosen commissioned a Fida Kahlo replica complete with her now-deceased English bulldogs.

want to bathe them outdoors in warm water on sunny days."

Noralisa and John Trott, of Los Angeles, say they're totally dog-oriented when it comes to decor.

"Actually the dogs and the dog art are the decor," says Noralisa, a doctor. "We're not much into furniture." Says her husband, a lawyer.

The couple rambles through art fairs to find dog art, has commissioned paintings and photo portraits of their own dogs and owns three silk-screened of Blue Dog, the imaginary canine repeatedly painted by Louisiana artist George Rodrigue.

Then there are those like New York design consultant Julia Szabo who are so enamored with the look of their pets that they try to duplicate it in the decor. Szabo says she once reupholstered her sofa to match her dog. "I covered it in Ultra-suede the exact same gingery shade as my pit bull, Pepper. I just loved his color, loved looking at him and couldn't get enough." The monochromatic meld of canine on couch became the cover photo for

Szabo's 2001 book on interior design for people who live with pets, "Animal Home Style: Designing Your Home to Share With Your Pets."

"I got a lot of back when the book came out, from people who thought the subject was silly," Szabo says. But no more. People are now looking for interior decor that works aesthetically for humans and practically for pets. Szabo, who recently commissioned a bronze bust of another pet, Sam, (by sculptor Jennifer Weink), says "so many advances have been made in fabrics, paints and flooring just since the book came out, that it is now possible to design interiors almost impervious to damage from pets."

These improvements weren't created with pets in mind but to solve all sorts of other commercial and residential problems. They just happen to work with animals.

New modular carpeting by InterfaceFLOR is as handsome as most traditional stuff but is installed in easily removable 19-inch squares. If your pet has an accident, you just replace the stained square with a new one.

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Szabo says her pets tend to rub against walls and mark them up. "Benjamin Moore has a wipeable, flat-finish paint (Regal Mante) that didn't exist when I wrote the book. I make cues from my pets' behavior. If you do that, your pets become your interior designers. And they don't charge a fee. They're basically showing us what does and does not work. Flat paint, certain delicate fabrics, wall-to-wall carpeting — none of that works. It's useless in an animal house."

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How should I cook dried cherries?

Knight Ridder News Service

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It is important to consider a professional when thinking about placement of your new skylights. Once you have discussed optimal placement of your skylights, you will probably have learned a few things. For one, bigger is not necessarily better. It is often more advantageous both for lighting and for climate control to have several smaller skylights than one huge one. This allows for regular lighting throughout the home and provides less potential for problems on your rooftop.

Tubular skylights are catching on. They are usually less than 2 feet in diameter and use a system of reflection within a tube to maximize light input. They are easier to install and less risky in terms of energy, but they don't provide the traditional view of a skylight that you may desire.

Think critically about what you desire of your natural lighting. If you want energy efficiency, smaller holes in your roof and natural lighting, tubular skylights may be the option for you. If you want to be more "open" with your skylight options and aim for something with a view, you may opt for traditional skylights. Either way, if you install skylights properly, you will get the benefit on both your electric bill and your bill of health.

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Spice it up!

Home cooks discover what those little jars are for

By Ann Marie Somma
The Hartford Courant

Anise, Turmeric, Marjoram. No, they aren't the latest in celebrity baby names. They are just a few of the world's exotic spices showing up on kitchen spice racks.

The popularity of ethnic cuisine and the trend in healthful foods low in salt and sugar is driving up sales of once-obscure herbs and spices.

"Ten years ago, it was garlic and onion powder, salt and pepper," says Hob Phelan, owner of the Spice Mill in Manchester, Conn. "Now we sell a tremendous range of spices. Ethnic cooking has turned the whole thing around."

Phelan has added Spanish and Latin American herbs to the more than 200 herbs and spices he stocks in his 5,000-square-foot warehouse. He sells primarily to restaurants.

Caraway, chai (a blend of cardamom, cinnamon, cloves and pepper), anise, marjoram, sesame, paprika and saffron rose to the top of the McCormick Flavor Forecast for 2006. McCormick & Co., one of the world's largest spice producers, polls chefs and cookbook authors each year to determine the "hot" spices.

Spices excite explorers in the 15th and 16th centuries with their flavor and medicinal power and led them to far-off lands. Vasco da Gama sailed around India and Africa for them. Magellan went around the world for them but died in the process.

Today, these same exotic spices are available on food-market shelves and online; no need to find a route to the Far East.

Spices come from bark (cinnamon), buds (cloves), fruit (paprika), roots (ginger) or seeds (nutmeg) of plants. Herbs come from the leafy parts of plants.

Cooks know spices can easily jazz up a dish. The key is knowing how these powerful ingredients work with certain foods, says Jane Pearson, chairwoman of the hospitality/culinary department at Manchester Community College.

Rosemary brings out the sweetness in a dish. Cinnamon punches up the flavor of lamb. A common seasoning in Italian cookies, anise's licorice flavor also turns up in Asian dishes such as pad Thai or braised pork. Caraway is associated with Eastern European and Scandinavian dishes, but it also is an ingredient in the African hot sauce called harissa. Saffron, one of the world's most expensive spices, adds a distinctive aroma and a slightly bitter but pleasing aspect to savory dishes and desserts. "Try marjoram instead of oregano in your meatballs," Pearson says.

Students at the culinary school learn how spices and herbs are used. They also get a primer on common misconceptions, she says. Allspice, for example, is not a combination of spices but a berry grown in Central America and the Caribbean. Cilantro is fresh coriander.

The difference between a seasoning and spices and herbs is that spices and herbs enhance the natural flavor of food, while seasonings — salt, pepper and flavoring mixes such as poultry seasoning or spice blends — change the flavor of food, Pearson says.

Pearson says fresh herbs should be added at the end of preparation, because overcooking will dissipate fragrance.



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JOHN WOOD/ The Hartford Courant

Dried herbs are more concentrated than fresh herbs.

Many of the spices gaining popularity are those found in ethnic cuisine.

A well-stocked spice rack may contain chili powders, lemon grass, cumin and turmeric, Phelan says. Sales of hot spices — black and white pepper, red pepper and mustard seed — have more than doubled since the 1970s, the American Spice Trade Association says.

The association represents members in 34 spice-producing nations around the globe. Its Web site, www.astpspice.org, offers consumers practical advice on how to store spices and herbs.

BRAISED ASIAN-SPICED PORK AND VEGETABLES

Asian Spice Rub (recipe below)

- 3 pounds boneless pork loin roast
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 4 carrots, cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 1 large onion, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth

- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/3 cup Chinese rice wine or sherry
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 head Napa cabbage, sliced
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 bunch green onions, for garnish (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Rub spice rub on all sides of roast. Heat oil in a heavy 5- to 8-quart ovenproof sautépan on medium heat. Add roast, brown well on all sides, remove from pan and set aside.

Add carrots and onion to pan; cook and stir 5 minutes or until onion is softened. Stir in broth, soy sauce, wine and sugar. Put roast on top of vegetables.

Cover pan and braise in the oven for 30 minutes. Stir in cabbage, and cover. Braise 30 minutes or until pork is cooked to desired doneness and cabbage is tender. Remove roast and vegetables to a serving platter.

Mix cornstarch and water until smooth. Stir into liquid in pan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly, and boil 1 minute. Serve with roast and vegetables. Garnish with sliced green onions, if desired.

Makes 12 servings.

Asian Spice Rub
1 teaspoon anise seed

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (8-ounce) package sliced cremini or baby portobello mushrooms
- 1/2 pound asparagus spears, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Bring 6 cups water to a boil in a large sautépan. Add rice, and return to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and cook, uncovered, 12 to 15 minutes or until rice is al dente. Drain rice, reserving 1 cup of liquid. Return rice to sautépan, cover and keep warm.

In a dry skillet over medium heat, cook sesame seeds, stirring constantly, for 3 to 4 minutes or until golden. Remove from pan. Add oil and garlic to skillet. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add mushrooms, and toss to coat with oil. Cook, stirring, about 5 minutes or until browned and tender. Add asparagus and cook, stirring, 3 to 4 minutes or until tender-crisp. Stir vegetables, toasted sesame seeds, cheese and salt into rice. Stir in reserved liquid, 1/4 cup at a time, until desired creaminess.

- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

Coarsely crush anise seed, and mix with remaining ingredients until well blended.

TOASTED SESAME RICE

- 1 cup Arborio rice
- 3 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

MARJORAM-SCENTED PEARS

- 4 firm ripe pears
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram leaves
- Gorgonzola cheese, room temperature

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Peel, halve and core pears. Arrange pear halves in an 11-by-7-by-2-inch baking dish. Heat honey, butter, water and marjoram in a small sautépan on medium heat until mixture boils, stirring occasionally. Pour over pears, turning pears to coat. Bake 25 minutes, turning pears and basting every 10 minutes, until pears are tender and honey begins to caramelize. Transfer pears, cut side up, to a serving platter or 8 dessert plates.

Spoon remaining honey mixture over pears. Serve warm or at room temperature. Spoon cheese into center of each pear just before serving. Makes 8 servings.

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What's the best temperature for silicone bakeware?

Knights Ridder News Service

Question: A cake seemed to bake too quickly in the new silicone baking pan I just bought. No instructions came with the pan. Should the oven temperature be lowered when using silicone bakeware, as with glass baking pans?

Answer: No. In fact, cakes bake more slowly in silicone pans, said Rose Levy Beranbaum, author of "The Cake Bible." While the difference for a 9-inch-square pan is no more than 5 minutes, cakes take much longer (up to 20 minutes) to bake in deep, fluted silicone pans.

Sill, Beranbaum prefers silicone pans because they bake more evenly and — odd but true — produced a better-flavored cake in her blind taste tests.

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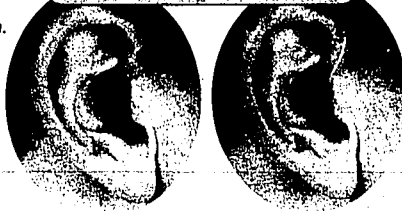
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School

TENNIS
Community School at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF
Rollin headed to Ball State

MUNCIE, Ind. — College of Southern Idaho center Micah Rollin signed a National Letter of Intent to play for first-year head coach Ronny Thompson at Ball State University...

Gooding women open season

GOODING — The Gooding Women's Golf Association will open the season with a 9-hole scramble at the Gooding Country Club on Wednesday.

T.F. golf coach holds meeting

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High golf coach Mike Hamblin will conduct a meeting for all seventh and eighth grade boys and girls interested in junior high golf at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19.

Gooding CC best ball

GOODING — The Gooding Country Club will hold a two-man best-ball tournament on Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23.

Rupert offers scramble

RUPERT — The Rupert Country Club will have a four-person modified scramble on Saturday, April 22. The cost to enter is \$35 per player plus \$10 per team.

Rupert hosts bike ride

RUPERT — A Century Bike Ride will be held in conjunction with the Rupert Centennial Celebration on Saturday, April 22. Check-in will be from 8 to 9:45 a.m. on the Square by Wells Fargo Bank. There will be no riding fee, but participants must sign a waiver.

Jerome baseball seniors to be honored

JEROME — The Jerome High School baseball team will recognize senior players between a clubhouse and against Pocatello on Saturday, April 22. The Tigers will dedicate a bullpen in memory of J.D. Lotz, who pitched for the team in 2002.

Spartans rout Jerome



Minico runner Dale Sayles loses his helmet as he slides into second base as Jerome infielder Nathan Bobrowski tries to tag him out Tuesday afternoon in Jerome.

By John Derr Times-News writer

JEROME — Two outs, no problem. That was the case for the Minico Spartans as they scored all of their runs with two outs on the board on their way to a 13-1 crushing of the Jerome Tigers Tuesday in Great Basin Conference West baseball.

Jerome as they put the Spartans down 1-2-3 in the first and got on the board in the second. Designated hitter Mike Cummings singled, then scored on a double by Nathan Bobrowski to take a 1-0 lead.

outs Carlisle started things again, smacking a single along with Colton Douglas. Two infield errors brought them home while Tracy clipped in his second RBI single putting the Spartans up 6-1. Jerome finished with five errors in the game.

Frank was very pleased with his team's performance. "We have been winning on pitching and defense and have been talking about stepping up and getting the big hit. This was exactly what we were looking for. I was happy with every aspect of the game," said Frank.

Bulldogs blow by Buhl softball

By Nathaniel Garabrant Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — With the two softball teams in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tied 3-all after five and a half innings, it seemed the game would hinge on one big play — one big hit, one crucial error, steal, or walk. Something sudden and dramatic.

got some big hits from some girls and took advantage of some errors from them and did some things when we had to. That's what I was happy with — when they had to, they stepped up and made some plays.

needed to," Peterson. "That's what we tend to do this season." The Indians were able to stage a brief seventh-inning rally when shortstop Cheryl Geiger slammed a one-out two-run triple and was driven home on a sacrifice hit from Janna Lively to make it 11-6, but Kimberly closed out the game on the next at-bat with a fly out to right.

and a couple walks," said Indians head coach Shelly Hart. "The girls batted back and at least made it respectable. I'm seriously not worried about the season. My kids are extremely talented and they'll be all right."

Two lacrosse players arrested in Duke rape case

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — They arrived in the predawn darkness, one in jeans and button-down shirt, the other in a blue jacket, and were taken into the county jail in handcuffs. By the time the sun rose, Reade Selgmann and Collin Finnerty — Duke sophomores, both lacrosse players, both graduates of Northern prep schools — had regained their freedom.



Duke lacrosse player Reade Selgmann is processed at the Durham County Detention Facility in Durham, N.C., Tuesday.

Everyone is happy, including the Lakers

All seems well in Tinseltown again. Tom and Katie are about to become proud parents. So are Brad and Angelina. Dodger Stadium looks better than ever, and Jack Nicholson looks as though he's had a bit of a makeover, too.



TIM DALY

The beautiful people are still beautiful. The Clippers are no longer plucked.

And the Lakers are back in the NBA playoffs. Yes, those Lakers. You might remember them from a few years back when Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal were buddies, court-side seats cost \$2,000 a game, and the biggest problem owner Jerry Buss had was figuring out how many diamonds to put on the championship rings.

Not that Jackson has spent much time coaching Bryant. The Zen philosopher now — he's called Bryant a coach in his book yet somehow found a way to coach him when the Lakers of-fered him \$10 million a year to come back.

Jackson barely batted an eye when Bryant scored 81 points in January to lead the Lakers to a win over Toronto. "It's not exactly the way you want to have a team win a game, but when you have to do that, you have to do that," Jackson.

Bryant will have to score and then score some more if the Lakers have any hope of making it out of the first round of the playoffs. He may be the leading candidate for league MVP but, unlike Steve Nash, he doesn't seem to have either the desire or the knack to make his teammates better at the same time.

That leaves the Lakers pretty much where they've been since training camp in Hawaii — a one-man band with a superstar who never seems to bond completely with his teammates. The good news for the Lakers is they've won 10 of their last 13 games in the playoffs better than any time this year. Odom has shown signs of coming out of Bryant's large shadow a bit lately. Kwame Brown is beginning to be a presence on the inside.

SPORTS

Fier softball edges Burley

The Times-News

FILER — Down 6-4 with one out left in the game, the Fier Wildcats staged a three-run two-out seventh inning rally to edge Burley 7-6 at home Thursday night.

Emily Hughes smacked a two-run double to tie the game for the Cats, scoring Holly Hansing and Holey Jamessey, and crossed home for the game-winning run off a triple from Sarah Haney.

Two weeks ago they would have said the way to lose, said Fier head coach Bob Hansing. "Now they're finding the way to win. I think they're turning the corner."

Hughes went 3-for-4 at the plate with two doubles, while Hansing was also 3-for-4. Pitcher Amber Sheen picked up the win.

The Wildcats (7-7, 1-3) go to Wood River on Friday. Burley goes to Jerome on Thursday.

Wood River 15, Minico 0, four innings

HAILLEY — The Wolverines wasted no time in dispatching the Spartans in a 15-0 Great Basin Conference West contest on Tuesday.

Wood River pitched from 15 hits to take the four-inning, 15-run victory, putting them at 5-6 (2-2). Jamie Stone drove in Vanessa Valencia and Dani Stone with a first-inning home run. She went 3-for-3 for the night with five RBIs.

(Minico head coach Jackie Rasnick) has young pitchers that aren't experienced, and we do not. Wolverines head coach Dale Martin said. "We were just hitting the ball hard."

However, Wolverine hurler Samantha Engel had a solid day, allowing only one hit and one walk, but striking out 10.

Martin hailed Twin Falls pitcher Amber Petersen as the best in the state, but said by the end of the year, Engel will be in the top five.

Wood River hosts Glens Ferry on Wednesday.

Wood River 15, Minico 0, four innings

Wood River (1-1) beat Minico (0-1) 15-0 in the first game of the season on Tuesday.

Declo and Wendell split

WENDELL — Declo and Wendell each picked up a non-conference win as they split a doubleheader Tuesday. Declo won the first game 17-1 and Wendell won the second game 10-7.

"We just had too many walks in the first game," said Wendell assistant coach Koush Fleming. "In game two, our pitchers Tava Elliott and Jeff Fleming hit doubles for Wendell."

"We hit better and made the other team feel like we were put in play," said Fleming.

Wendell (4-10, 0-2 Canyon Conference) hosts Glens Ferry on Friday.

Baseball Glens Ferry 12, Wood River 11, five innings

GLENS FERRY — If things seemed fuzzy, Glens Ferry re-

Local sports

focused" with a 12-1 storming of the Wood River junior varsity squad on Tuesday.

"Last week, we weren't playing as good, and was concerned about progression," Glens Ferry head coach Denis Uhl said. "It appears we got 11th, committed no errors and recorded nine strikeouts on our way to the rout."

David Zito picked up five of those Ks. Cody Craver had a pair and winning pitcher Tanner Shrum had a pair of Ks as well.

"Pitching was sound today," Uhl said.

At the plate, Glens Ferry's Shrum also nailed a double and triple, going 2-for-3. Luis Gutierrez went 1-for-2 with a double and two RBIs, while Matt Pressnell and Chase Blitterman also batted runners in.

Glens Ferry (12-6, 1-0 Canyon Conference) travels to Wendell for a conference doubleheader on Friday.

Buhl sweeps Kimberly

KIMBERLY — Buhl junior pitcher Austin Laing pitched only one inning but picked up a conference win as Buhl defeated Kimberly 15-2 Tuesday in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play. Buhl also defeated Kimberly 25-9 in three innings in Game 2.

At the plate, Laing was 2-for-2 including a homerun and a pair of RBIs. Junior Trent Craner was 2-for-2 with a triple and three runs scored. Senior Mike Sermon was 3-for-4 with a double, three runs scored and three RBIs for the Indians. Senior James Osterkamp added a triple and Perry Hamilton and Tanner Leckenby each doubles for Buhl.

In the second game, Craner was 3-for-4 including a double and Leckenby was 3-for-3 with two doubles and a homerun for Buhl.

Kimberly (6-8, 1-2) plays the Jerome junior varsity at Jerome and Buhl hosts Glens Ferry on Thursday.

Game 1 Buhl 15, Kimberly 2

Buhl 15, Kimberly 2 (10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

Game 2 Buhl 25, Kimberly 9, three innings

Buhl 25, Kimberly 9, three innings (10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

Golf Gooding boys, Wendell girls claim top spot

BURLEY — Zach DeKruyf of Magic Valley Christian shot a 68 for top individual honors and Gooding took the top spot in the boys team competition at the Burley Municipal Golf Course on Tuesday.

The Senators scored a total of 407 of 407 followed by Wendell at 416 and Hagerman third at 434. Colley, Buhl, Glens Ferry, and Magic Valley Christian also competed but lacked the four golfers necessary for team scores.

Kash Wilson of Gooding posted a 69 for the runner-up position. The third best score was 91 by Jake Bunn of Wendell followed by Drew Gabardt from Wendell with 96. Matt Lutz of Wendell finished with 100.

"I'd love for myself," he said. "And if the coaches said 'I wouldn't win it at all.' The MVP trophy will be the only hardware the Lakers take

home this season. Bryant may win a playoff game or two just by his own sheer will, but this is a team with too many holes and too little experience to go far.

Sull, the Lakers are back in the postseason after a one-year absence. That means the beautiful people will have a few more games.

And in Thelsetlund, that's what really matters the most.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at tdahlberg@aop.org.

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Toronto Blue Jays third baseman Troy Glaus tags New York Yankees' Derek Jeter out at third after Gary Sheffield singled to left field in the fifth inning during baseball action in Toronto, Tuesday.

Blue Jays drop Yankees

TORONTO (AP) — Randy Johnson held off a four-run lead and was chased in the fourth inning of the Blue Jays' 10-5 victory over the New York Yankees.

Troy Glaus homered twice and Alex Rios led a career high with four RBIs for the Blue Jays. Rios hit a two-run homer in the second.

Alex Rodriguez and Jason Giambi hit back-to-back homers in the first for New York — helping Johnson (2-2) to a 4-0 lead.

But the Big Unit allowed seven runs and nine hits in just 3-1/3 innings.

Red Sox 7, Devil Rays 4

BOSTON — Kevin Youkilis hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the eighth inning and Manny Ramirez took another step out of his deep slump with three RBIs to help the Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-3 Tuesday night.

Tampa Bay had tied the game in the top of the eighth on Russell Branyan's two-run double off Mike Timlin (2-0).

Indians 15, Orioles 1

BALTIMORE — Victor Martinez and Grady Sizemore homered and the Indians finished with 20 hits in the win. Sizemore had two RBIs. Brant Johnson (2-0) allowed one run and seven hits in seven-plus innings, struck out two and walked none.

White Sox 4, Royals 1

CHICAGO — Jay Garland (2-1) allowed one run and six hits in 6-1/3 innings to send Kansas City to its ninth straight loss.

Duke

Seligmann, 20, of Essex Falls, N.J., and Finnerly, 19, of Garden City, N.Y., accused of attacking the stripper at a March 13 team party. They were charged with first-degree rape, sexual offense and kidnapping and were released on \$400,000 bail each.

The district attorney would not say what evidence led to the charges. But Seligmann's attorney, Kirk Osborn, said: "Obviously it is a photographic identification. And we all know how reliable that is."

Seligmann is "absolutely innocent," Osborn said. He's doing great," Finnerly's attorney, Bill Cotter, said. "The next jury will hear the entire story which includes our evidence, and we're confident that these young men will be found to be innocent."

The case has raised racial tensions and heightened the long-standing town-vs.-gown antagonism between Duke students and middle class, racially mixed Durham. The accuser is white.

Well before the scandal, the nationally ranked team had a reputation for a swaggering swagger between Duke students and middle class, racially mixed Durham. The accuser is white.

The case has led to the resignation of the coach and the cancellation of the rest of the season.

"Many lives have been touched by this case," said Duke President Richard Brodhead in a statement. "It has brought pain and suffering to all involved, and it deeply challenges our ability to balance judgment with compassion. As the process unfolds, we must hope that it brings a speedy resolu-

tion and that the truth of the events is fully clarified."

The university would not comment specifically on any disciplinary action taken against the two men but said it is Duke practice to suspend students charged with sexual offenses.

Both players are products of wealthy New York City suburbs and all-male Roman Catholic prep schools. Finnerly attended Duke University's Chapel Hill School, where 99 percent of the students go to college. Seligmann went to the exclusive Delbarton School, a lacrosse prep school in Morristown, N.J.

"It is our hope and our conviction that the full truth of all that happened that night will vindicate the rest of these charges," Delbarton's headmaster, Dr. Luke L. Thavers, said in a statement.

Neither Seligmann and Finnerly were among the Duke team members arrested in recent years for such offenses as underage drinking and public urination.

Finnerly, however, was charged in Washington with assault after a man told police in November that Finnerly and two friends punched him in the face after he called them "gay" and other derogatory names, Finnerly, agreed to community service.

The early-morning surrenders of the 6-foot-1 Seligmann and the 6-foot-3 Finnerly were arranged as part of a deal with Nilfong in which they were bailed out of jail in a matter of hours.

At a brief court appearance, Finnerly stood in jacket and tie as a May 15 date was set for the next hearing in the case. Seligmann wore his right eye and a black eye and was represented by one of his lawyers.

The district attorney has said that the woman making the allegations, a 27-year-old student and mother of two, was attacked by three men. In a statement,

she said she had sex with one of the men and was attacked by the other two.

Florida stopped a three-game losing streak with its biggest offensive splurge of the season. The Marlins hit three homers off Milton Dan Uggla also had a solo shot — and had seven doubles among their season-high 16 hits.

Pirates 12, Cardinals 4

PITTSBURGH — Jason Bay hit a three-run homer in the first off Jhepp Suppan (0-2) to get Pittsburgh off to an unaccustomed quick start and the Pirates whitewashed Albert Pujols' 10th homer in 14 games.

Jerome Burnitz also homered and drove in three for the Pirates, who shook off an occasionally ragged start by Oliver Perez (1-2) to beat the Cardinals for only the 11th time in 32 games in Pittsburgh.

Nationals 10, Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Zimmerman drove in three runs on a pair of doubles and Brian Church hit a grand slam.

Arny Ramos Jr. (1-2) allowed three runs and seven hits in six effective innings and Daryle Ward homered, helping the Nationals win their third straight game after a 2-9 start.

Pat Burrell hit a two-run shot for the Phillies, who lost for the sixth time in seven games at home this season.

Astros 13, Brewers 12

HOUSTON For the first time since its first month of play, Houston has a .500 franchise record.

Morgan Ensberg hit two home runs, Adam Ewert had four RBIs and the Astros held off for a 13-12 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night.

Enfiong said he hopes to charge a third person, "but the evidence available to me at this time does not permit that. Investigation into the identity of the third assailant will continue in the hope that he can also be identified with certainty."

Attorneys for the players have demanded Nilfong drop the investigation, arguing that DNA tests failed to connect any of the team members to the alleged rape. They have also charged that the accuser was intoxicated and injured when she showed up for the party.

"According to a filing made by the district attorney's office, the residents of the house where the party took place told police that Seligmann was one of six people who did not attend the party."

"Another attorney, Robert Ekstrand, who represents dozens of attorneys, said neither Seligmann nor Finnerly was at the party "at the relevant time."

"The indictment represents a horrible circumstance and a product of a rush to judgment," Ekstrand said.

"How can an American education become more relevant?"

"We could start using the daily newspaper in our public schools."

Walter Cronkite

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Nationals GM Bowden charged with DUI

MIAMI — Washington Nationals general manager Jim Bowden was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after allegedly running a stop sign while in Florida during his team's road trip against the Marlins last weekend.

minor league drug program, and four minor league pitchers were suspended last week.

Newspaper: Giants trainer to testify

SAN FRANCISCO — The head athletic trainer for the San Francisco Giants was to appear before a federal grand jury investigating whether Barry Bonds lied about his connection to the BALCO steroid scandal, a newspaper reported.

Under Florida's implied consent law, Bowden refused to submit to a breath test results in an automatic driver's license suspension of at least six months.

Bowden was pulled over, two officers saw he and his girlfriend, 36-year-old Joy Browning, arguing loudly near Ocean Drive. After assuring police that everything was fine, they drove off and allegedly run through a stop sign.

Gonzaga's Morrison expected to turn pro

SPOKANE, Wash. — Gonzaga forward Adam Morrison is expected to forgo his senior year of college basketball and go pro, according to numerous media reports.

Log injury puts Griffey back on DL

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. said Tuesday that he agreed to go on the 15-day disabled list to let his leg heal fully and to help the Cincinnati Reds, who rostered him on Tuesday's editions that he would leave, also citing unresisting arrest without violence, resisting arrest without violence, and simple battery.

Red Sox pitcher suspended

BOSTON — David Wells said Tuesday he was wrong to criticize commissioner Bud Selig for asking the New York Yankees to remove a sign apologizing for the absence of star players who were in the World Baseball Classic.

Five more minor leaguers suspended

NEW YORK — Arizona Diamondbacks' minor league pitcher Angel Rocha was suspended for 100 games Tuesday, the toughest penalty baseball has levied for a positive steroids test.

Transactions

BASEBALL
Mets: Suspended RHP Matt Capps (15 games) for positive test for marijuana.

Boxing

Fight Schedule
Al Mansour, Grand Prix, New York, N.Y., vs. ...

Hockey

NHL Eastern Conference
New York Rangers vs. ...

SPORTS



Brian Sell of Rochester, Mich., runs through Newton, Mass., on Monday en route to his fourth-place finish in the Boston Marathon.

Trained in Detroit, starred in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Far enough outside Detroit to find the hills he needed, Kevin Hanson hung a replica of the landmark near Cigo sign that hovers over Kenmore Square — part of a "course simulator" designed to train runners for the Boston Marathon.

It was just a poster produced by the running coach's 7-year-old daughter. But when Brian Sell passed under the real sign in this year's race, he knew immediately that he had 1 mile to go.

"When you're half out of it and you don't know where you are, you see that Cigo sign and know," said Sell. "His fourth-place finish was part of the best American showing in the event's prize money era. "It trains the mind, I guess."

Sell trained with the Brooks-Hansons team that put seven runners in the top 22 in Monday's Boston Marathon, which was won by Kenyans Robert Cheruiyot and Rita Jeptoo. No American man has won since 1983, but this year the U.S. came fifth in the top 10, including Nos. 3, 4 and 5.

"That proves that it can be done by an American. But we still need to have any American sitting up at that table, yet," said Hanson, who established the training camp in Rochester, Mich., with his brother, Keith.

"We're pleased with today, but for today only," Kevin Hanson said. "The goal wasn't to be a good human interest story. The ultimate goal is to have the name put on an American's head."

The Hanson brothers decided to open the camp after watching the Kenyans take one of their 14 men's races in the past 16 years. Coaches who own a chain of running stores, they bought three houses in the same neighborhood, with 17 bedrooms for runners to rent.

"We would be watching the Boston Marathon and waiting for the first American to cross the finish line. And we said, 'Why is this happening?'" Kevin Hanson said.

"...We don't believe the usual reason people give, which is 'East Africans are genetically superior at running marathons. It's not what the East Africans are doing well, but what Americans are doing poorly.'"

The Hansons thought about what worked for running clubs in the past — notably, the Greater Boston Track Club that produced champions Bill Rodgers and Greg Meyer. Those clubs ran together every day, and they ran on the course where they would be competing.

"They ran on Heartbreak Hill. They knew every crack, every crevice of the course," Kevin Hanson said. "But we didn't want to run the Boston Marathon before we ran the Boston Marathon."

Because it would be impossible to commute to Boston every morning for training, the Hansons set up the "Boston simulator," a 26.2 kilometer course — that's kilometers, not miles — with all the relevant landmarks but a more manageable training distance.

About halfway through was a Wellesley sign, with pictures of girls cut out of magazines by Samantha Hanson; at 20K, there was a hill to give runners practice for Heartbreak Hill; and, of course, the Cigo sign welcomed them to the last kilometer.

Sell said the practice helped prepare him for one of the distance's more grueling miles. "It's not a lot of physical and a lot mental," Sell said. "It's about building your fitness and your confidence, too."

"Every day, we go out and push each other. The big thing is, these guys train with me every day, and they say, 'Hey, I kicked that guy's butt in training. I can do that, too.'"

Seven members of the Hansons were joined by fellow Americans Meh Keflezighi (third), Alan Culpepper (fifth) and Peter Gilmore (seventh). The United States hasn't won the men's race since Meyers did it in '83, and they haven't had so many top finishers since the addition of prize money lured back the top international runners.

"Another American Revolution has begun," said Guy Morse, the executive director of the Boston race. "It began here in Boston, and we'll see more of these American athletes in the future."

Temperatures in the 50s kept the runners cool and allowed 97.9 percent of the 20,117 starters to finish. Only 70 runners were transported from the course, and the finish line medical tent was also relatively quiet.

"We just weren't tested the way we have been in the past," race director Dave McGillivray said. "We just weren't tested the way we have been in the past," race director Dave McGillivray said.

McGillivray also said there was not one phone call to the hotline established so home owners abutting the course, especially at the start in Hopkinton, could complain about runners going to the bathroom on their lawns.

One reason was probably the two-way start that allowed runners to spend less time at the starting line waiting for the gun.

Near the end of the race, a course change that took the field under an overpass instead of a dirt road seemed to be a problem, even though it meant one more late hill.

"He got a course record and he went under the overpass," McGillivray said, after thanking Cheruiyot effusively for not making a villain of the organizers. "So our plan worked out pretty good."

Baddeley's win a reminder of how Tiger lacks young challenger

Aaron Baddeley never imagined it would take this long to win on the PGA Tour.

Golf seemed easy when he was an 18-year-old amateur who caused such a sensation with his victory in the 1999 Australian Open that the Masters and U.S. Open gave him exemptions, and Tiger Woods called him a better ball-striker than he was at that age.

DOUG FERGUSON
On the fringe

His swing was fundamentally sound.

And when Baddeley refused to flinch against Colin Montgomerie and Greg Norman to win the Australian Open seven years ago, he made a clear vision of where he wanted to go, how to get there and whom he had to beat.

"My goal is to become better than Tiger," Baddeley said the time. "If Tiger is the best player in the world, and I want to be the best player in the world, then I have to be better than Tiger. I'll be the benchmark, and I want to get better than the benchmark."

Instead, Baddeley has become another statistic.

His victory in the Verizon Heritage is cause for celebration. The seven-year journey to a PGA Tour title ended with a 7-foot putt that curled in from the right side of the cup on the final hole for a one-shot victory over former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk. And the way Baddeley raised his arms over his head and closed his eyes showed it was as much about relief as sheer satisfaction.

"I feel like I've been out here forever," he said. "And I'm only 25."

In a peculiar way, though, his victory was another reminder that youth continues to fall short of expectations.

Baddeley joins a list of other young players who were billed as the next challenge to Woods, but who have not done anything to merit further consideration.

"I've worked hard since I first started playing the game at age 7, and that's always been my goal," Charles Howell III said at the Memorial in 2001 during his rookie-of-the-year season. He was no longer a young player. He is now the highest-ranked Howell that would be David Howell (England).

Justin Rose, who led for the 1998 British Open, finally has a



Aaron Baddeley of Australia tees off on the third tee hole during the third round of the Heritage Golf tournament Saturday at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

PGA Tour card, but not a trophy. Adam Scott was 23 when he became the youngest winner of The Players Championship, but he has yet to contend in a major. David Gossett won the U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach in 1999, shot 59 at Q-school a year later and won the John Deere Classic in 2001, the first player since Woods to win a PGA Tour event on a sponsor's exemption. Now, he doesn't even have status on the Nationwide Tour.

Has anyone heard from Ty Truon lately?

Cason Wittenberg? Before anyone knew of Baddeley, the promising young star was 19-year-old Sergio Garcia, who chased Woods down the fairways of Medinah at the '99 PGA Championship, went 3-1-1 at the Ryder Cup and embraced a rivalry before he had a driver's license.

If they compare you with a golf player, that means that you have something in your game," Garcia said when he made his PGA Tour debut as a professional in the '99 Byron Nelson Classic.

After winning twice on the PGA Tour, Garcia began 2002

by saying his goal was to become the first player to win the money title on both sides of the Atlantic. And when asked that day whether he was closing the gap on Woods, Garcia replied, "He's 26. I think that I can be as good as he is at 26 when I'm 26, or hopefully sooner."

Garcia now is 26 and no closer to Woods than he was four years ago, starting with the fact he hasn't won a major.

And he's the best of the young players.

Instead, Woods' challengers are coming from experience.

Vijay Singh was approaching 40 when he set a target of becoming No. 1 in the world at the end of the '02 season. He worked harder than ever on the range and in the gym for two years, and finally took Woods down in 2004 by winning nine times, rising to No. 1 after beating Woods head-to-head on Labor Day outside Boston.

The latest challenge is from Phil Mickelson, who turns 36 during the U.S. Open, where he will be going after his third consecutive major. Mickelson was better than today's young crop of players when he was

their age, but it took him winning a major — now at three straight years winning a major — for him to be a certifiable threat.

Ernie Els has been part of the picture as long as Mickelson, winning the U.S. Open right after Woods' watershed victory in the '97 Masters, and winning the British Open in 2002 when Woods was going after the Grand Slam. The Big Easy turns 37 in October.

It's not too late for a youngster to emerge as a serious threat to Woods.

Garcia remains the top candidate, and while he struggled at the Masters, he is one victory away from moving into the top five in the world ranking, and one major away from being perceived differently.

There is plenty of attention on rookie J.B. Holmes after he won in Phoenix by seven shots, and on Camilo Villegas of Colombia with his three top-3 finishes (in two of those, he was a combined 16 shots out of the lead). But until any of them wins consistently against strong fields, or captures a major, who's to say they won't be another David Gossett or Justin Rose?

Chaney looks different, sounds same in retirement

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Chaney likes his goatee — it makes him look hip at 74 — and he has no plans to shave.

Chaney rarely uses a razor anyway when he's rushing from a banquet where he was feted for his outstanding contributions to basketball to a barbecue ribs contest where he was a celebrity judge.

Hopefully he grabbed some extra napkins. The sweet sauce he uses to slather on the ribs is a way of sticking to whiffers.

"If it starts to look bad, like a Fu Manchu, I'll cut it off and be young again," he said, laughing.

Retirement certainly has its advantages for the former Temple men's basketball coach. Chaney hardly seems to have slowed down since retiring last month after 24 seasons with the Owls. He popped up when Temple hired Fran Dunphy as his successor, and looked impressive while accepting his award Monday night at the Herb Good Basketball Club banquet.

Each time he remained in the back, trying to avoid the spotlight that followed him throughout his Hall of Fame career. While the other city coaches laughed and ate together on the dais, Chaney sat alone at a table near the door

with a doggie bag of buffet food, exchanging stories with friends and fans who stopped by to wish him well.

Many were moved by his brief and touching speech about the dangers of smoking. It spoke passionately about the hazards of cigarettes and how they affected his ill wife, who is struggling to quit.

While nursing a drink later in the evening, Chaney said he knows he'll have a hard time adjusting to life without basketball.

"How am I going to be when the bell rings for the following season?" Chaney said. "I don't care how old you are, that's always going to be something that's there in your head and in your heart. As long as you know that you're leaving the program in good hands, you can walk away and not have ill feelings."

Temple's Mardy Collins, a likely first-round pick in the NBA draft, wonders how Chaney will adjust to days without those early-morning practices.

"It's going to be tough for him because all he knows is basketball," Collins said. "He'd be up late at night watching film and call us to talk to us about basketball. I think it's going to be a

tough transition for him."

Chaney said he was absolutely thrilled when Dunphy, the former Temple coach, was hired at Temple. He beamed while talking about longtime assistant coach Dan Lohvick getting the head job at Hartford.

In those two situations settled, Chaney wants to tend to his family. Besides his wife, whose health has improved since he retired, his daughter also experienced a health scare earlier this year. Both episodes made him want to spend more time at home.

"I will spend a great deal of time right now trying to revisit what my life is all about," Chaney said. "I'll spend time with my family because of the many things that have happened with my family. You don't get hit by lightning a couple of times without someone saying there's a third strike coming up."

Chaney said his daughter was given only a 50-50 chance to live after she was diagnosed with a tear in her aorta. He found out before the Owls played Massachusetts on Feb. 1 about her condition and he thought about quitting immediately.

"You run into all kinds of things in your life, and at 74

years old you say, 'Hey, man, how much longer can you continue to fight the battles on the basketball court? How many times can you leave here showing a strong face about what you're encountering?'" he said.

"I'm hoping that I can avoid the third strike."

Chaney decided to stick out the season. When his wife's condition worsened — forcing him to miss his final game in the season — he decided to walk away after 741 wins as a college coach, including a 516-252 record at Temple.

"I can't help but thank the university that after 24 years that they gave me an opportunity to decide on my own time," he said. "That's pretty special. That doesn't happen. So that makes Temple pretty special."

So are Chaney's relationships with his players. When Collins was Chaney with his new look Monday, he was surprised since the crusty coach wasn't the biggest fan of facial hair on his own players.

Collins couldn't resist giving Chaney some good-natured ribbing about the goatee, wondering why there was a double standard.

"He said, 'Because I'm the boss,'" Collins said.

Even in retirement.

Afflalo, Farmar named UCLA's co-MVPs in basketball

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Aaron Afflalo and Jordan Farmar, who helped UCLA reach the national championship game for the first time in 41 years, were named co-most valuable players at the Bruins' basketball awards banquet Tuesday night.

The sophomore duo also led the Bruins to the Pac-10 regular season tournament title. UCLA set the school record for

most wins with 32 and finished with seven losses.

Afflalo was UCLA's leading scorer with 15.8 points. He averaged 4.2 rebounds and 1.77 assists, and scored in double figures in 34 of 39 games.

Farmar was the second-leading scorer with 13.5 and led the Pac-10 in assists with 5.11. He was named to the Final Four all-tournament team.

Afflalo also received team awards for free throw champion and outstanding defensive player, for the second year in a row.

Lac Richard Mbah a Moute, the Pac-10 freshman of the year who led the Bruins in rebounding and led the conference in field goal percentage, was named most valuable freshman and team rebounding leader.

Senior Cedric Bozeman re-

ceived an award for competitive spirit, inspiration and unselfish contributions. Senior Ryan Hollins was honored for outstanding team play.

Freshman Alfred Aboya was honored for academic achievement and team contribution, and fellow freshman Darren Collison received the most improved player and mental attitude award.

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Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrials	11,268.77
Nasdaq composite	2,359.14
Standard & Poor's 500	1,307.65
Russell 2000	769.81

Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$25.35	no change
Con Agri	\$21.40	▲ .07
Dell Inc.	\$28.97	▲ .12
Idacorp	\$33.13	▲ .47
Micron	\$16.03	▲ .91
Supervalu	\$29.23	▼ .27

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$71.35	▲ .95
(May, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$82.62	▲ .02
Gold (June)	\$623.3	▲ 4.5

Micron shares up on better DRAM pricing

NEW YORK — Shares of Boise, Idaho-based Micron Technology Inc. shot up in morning trading on Tuesday after an analyst upgraded the stock and said slumping DRAM memory prices seem to be recovering sooner than expected. JPMorgan analyst Shawn Webster upgraded the stock to "Neutral" from "Underweight" and lifted 2006 estimates to 24 cents per share earnings on \$5.4 billion in revenue, from previous estimates of 12 cents per share on \$5.3 billion in revenue. Analysts polled by Thomson Financial expect the company to earn, on average, 40 cents per share on \$5.46 billion in revenue. Webster believes that Micron, a maker of DRAM (dynamic random access memory) chips, as well as flash-memory chips and image sensor chips, could benefit from better-than-expected demand and prices for DRAM.

McDonald's to sell fitness DVDs with meals

PORTLAND, Ore. — McDonald's Corp., the world's largest fast-food company, is partnering with a fitness company to sell exercise DVDs at its restaurants with the launch of its new "happy meals" for adults, the company said Tuesday. McDonald's, which has been hit with lawsuits blaming it for contributing to the obesity of children, said the partnership with RespondDesign, the publisher of "YourselfFitted," a video game focused on health and fitness.

Northwest drops legroom fee on top filers

DETROIT — Northwest Airlines' most loyal customers no longer must pay \$15 to secure a seat with extra legroom. On Tuesday, the company modified a new pricing plan that charges for the right to reserve some of its aisle and exit-row seats. The change gives its most frequent fliers access to those seats without paying the fee and moves some of the most-coveted seats out of the program. Elite members of Northwest's WorldPass frequent-flyer plan who rack up at least 25,000 miles a year are eligible. The changes answer letters, e-mails and hundreds of Internet postings protesting Northwest's month-old pricing plan.

Index shows core inflation is tame

WASHINGTON — U.S. producer prices rose 0.5 percent in March as gasoline prices showed their largest gain in 17 months, the Labor Department said Tuesday. Outside of food and energy, however, seasonally adjusted finished goods prices showed little movement. The core producer price index increased 0.1 percent in March, the smallest gain since November and a hopeful sign that higher energy prices have not led to a more generalized inflation.

— compiled from wire reports

Albertson's purchase sinks Supervalu earnings

By Joshua Freed
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Supervalu Inc., one of the nation's largest food sellers, said on Tuesday its fourth-quarter profit fell more than 93 percent because of charges for selling off some stores as it gets ready to close its purchase of Albertson's Inc. Earnings for the quarter ended Feb. 25 fell to \$6 million, or 4 cents per share, from \$92.9 million, or 65 cents per share, a year earlier. Revenue edged up from \$4.59 billion to \$4.64 bil-

lion. Eden Prairie, Minn.-based Supervalu sold store clusters and money spent on supply chain improvements, cost it \$72.4 million during the quarter, cutting its earnings by 51 cents per share.

Wall Street analysts expected a profit of 56 cents per share, not counting the charges for special items, on sales of \$4.69 billion, according to Thomson Financial. For the full fiscal year, Supervalu's earnings declined 47 percent to \$206.2 million, or \$1.46 per share, from the previous fiscal year's profit of \$395.8 million, or \$2.71 per share. Annual sales edged up 2 percent to \$19.86 billion from \$19.54 billion. Supervalu and drugstore

The drop
Supervalu's 4th-quarter profit fell more than 93 percent.

The future
Supervalu will have about 2,500 stores when the Albertson's deal is finished, up from 1,381 now.

chain CVS Corp. are leading a consortium that is buying much of Albertson's, the nation's second-largest grocer, for \$9.7 billion. Supervalu will pay about \$6.3 billion in stock and cash and assume about \$6.1

billion in Albertson's debt. Supervalu said it hopes to announce its executive buyout for the expanded company in early May, and said it hopes to give fiscal 2007 guidance by mid-May. The deal is expected to close in late May.

"Fiscal 2007 will be the year we begin the transformation of Supervalu into a national retail pharmacy chain," said Supervalu CEO and Chairman and Chief Executive Jeff Noddle. It said it will have about 2,500 stores when the deal is finished, up from 1,381 now.

Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to the U.S. comes at a time of unease among American businesses, political leaders and the public about how China is using its new power.

China's business trip

Hu starts U.S. visit in Seattle with business

By Allison Linn
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived in the Seattle area Tuesday for talks with business leaders before he heads to Washington to meet political leaders worried about China's muscular stance in trade, energy and currency policy.

Hu planned to meet with Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and other business leaders, and tour a Boeing Co. commercial jet plant on Wednesday. Hu began his trip in Everett, about 30 miles north of Seattle, where about 120 members of the Seattle Kung Fu Club and a handful of ribbon dancers from a Seattle elementary school gathered to welcome him.

Hu also was greeted by government and business leaders, including Gov. Chris Gregoire and Starbucks Corp. Chairman Howard Schultz. Hu has set an ambitious mission for his four-day U.S. tour. It comes at a time of unease among American businesses, political leaders and the public about how China is using its new power.

His summit Tuesday with President Bush will cover a broad agenda, from China's much criticized currency and other trade policies, to its aggressive stance for oil and uranium, to its stance toward nuclear programs in Iran and North Korea.

The visit comes as Redmond-based Microsoft, after years of battling widespread software piracy in the potentially lucrative China market, is hopeful that things are changing. Chinese government officials say they are serious about cracking down on sales of illegal copies of Microsoft's Windows operating system, and some computer makers are pledging to ship more computers with legitimate Windows software installed.

One of those companies, Lenovo Group Ltd., met Monday with Microsoft officials to reaffirm Lenovo's 5-month-old commitment to sell computers with genuine operating systems. Microsoft held a similar meeting last week with another computer manufacturer Founder Technology Group Corp., also among the



Chinese President Hu Jintao greets supporters and media on his arrival at Paine Field, in Everett, Wash., Tuesday. Hu planned to kick off his U.S. trip by meeting with Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and other Seattle business leaders later in the day, part of a two-day whirlwind Washington state visit that will also include a stop at Boeing Co.

companies that had pledged to promote legal Windows use. Although analysts say it could be some time before any promised changes have a significant effect on Microsoft's sales, the pledges are a feel-good backdrop for Hu's visit with Gates and other business and government executives. Chinese government offi-

cial promised their U.S. counterparts last week to fight software piracy, as they tried to ease tension over the record trade gap between the two countries. For Microsoft, the move is important because it sees China as a major market in which to increase revenues. Lenovo, which last year

bought IBM's personal-computer business, is the world's third-largest computer company. In an interview Monday with The Associated Press, Lenovo Chairman Yang Yuanqing said 70 percent of the computers Lenovo sells in China are now loaded with licensed Windows copies, up from 10 percent six months ago.



People wave American and Chinese flags as China's president, Hu Jintao, leaves Paine Field, in Everett, Wash., Tuesday.

Yang said the Chinese government has been a major force behind the change, both by requiring government agencies and big companies to install legal software and by cracking down on piracy. Lenovo expects to buy \$1.2 billion worth of Microsoft software in the next 12 months, including about \$200 million for the Chinese market.

The company also is eager to improve protections on intellectual property because of its own international aspirations.

Utah falls from No. 1 to No. 3 in bankruptcy filings

The Associated Press

SAIT LAKE CITY — Utah no longer leads the nation in bankruptcy filings. Utah had one filing per 39.5 households in 2005, making it No. 3 in the nation, according to a report released Monday by the American Bankruptcy Insolvency Association. From 2002 to 2004, Utah was ranked No. 1 in personal bankruptcy rates.

For 2005, Indiana had the highest rate of filings for every 34.4 households. Ohio

Bank said that next year, Utah's ranking will probably be between No. 8 and No. 15. "Utah's economy is very strong. We're fourth in the country in job growth. Home-price appreciation is dramatically stronger than it was," he said. He said states like Indiana and Ohio are showing weakness in home-price appreciation and have experienced tens of thousands of layoffs in the manufacturing sector. Samuel Gerardo, ABI executive director, said bankruptcy

filings will decline dramatically this year, perhaps by as much as 40 to 50 percent. ABI said the top reasons people file for bankruptcy are case of obtaining personal credit and credit cards, loss of a job, financial mismanagement, medical problems and divorce. Among factors for the high rate in Utah has been the state's highest birth rate in the nation making it the nation's youngest state. Utahns also tend to marry younger and have larger families.

Feds: Drug companies can assist Medicare patients

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Federal regulators gave drug companies a green light Tuesday to provide free medicine to needy Medicare prescription-drug plan enrollees, backing away from an earlier prohibition. A minor panic had ensued this year after major drug companies said they would cut off an estimated million to 2 million charity patients on May 15 who had been receiving free medicines under the industry's "patient assistance programs," that can continue.

What this means to YOU.

If you have been receiving free medicine through the drug industry's "patient assistance programs," that can continue. Medicare beneficiaries said they would drop the practice because of a lawsuit filed last week by the Medicare Part D program. The Department of Health and Human Services regarding insurance rebates. Medicare beneficiaries said they would drop the practice because of a lawsuit filed last week by the Medicare Part D program. The Department of Health and Human Services regarding insurance rebates.

But critics said the cutoffs would prevent Part D enrollees from tapping an alternative supply of medications during a lapse in their coverage, when expenses reach between \$2,251 and \$5,100 a year. Medicare enrollees who help to middle-income enrollees who are not eligible for Medicare's special financial aid program, called the Limited Income Subsidy.

Facing consumer and industry complaints, including a harsh letter this week from several U.S. senators, the inspector general, Daniel R. Levinson, issued another opinion saying companies would not be punished for helping needy Part D enrollees under certain conditions. "Lawful avenues exist for pharmaceutical manufacturers to give free drugs to financially needy patients, including Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Part D," Levinson said.

Among the conditions, he said Part D enrollees could still receive free drugs if their out-of-pocket drug expenses exceeded 3 percent of their household income. New Jersey-based Schering-Plough Corp., which had requested the opinion, welcomed the endorsement of its own assistance program as a "complement" to Medicare Part D. London-based GlaxoSmithKline P.L.C., with a U.S. headquarters in Philadelphia, said it would ask the inspector general to ensure that it can provide medication to Part D enrollees. It was unclear how other big companies might alter their programs.

MONEY

Skilling fires back during examination

By Frank Ahrens The Washington Post

HOUSTON — The government Tuesday pressed its case that former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling dipped into company reserves to pay himself bonuses in violation of company policies...

Federal prosecutor Sean Berkowitz, who is cross-examining Skilling, concluded the morning session by forcefully accusing Skilling of approving Enron's accounting...

"You knew that when you took money, you were taking it out of the 34," that he would get that money out of reserves, didn't you?" Berkowitz said.

"No," Skilling replied. "I don't know that from the number came from, didn't you?" Berkowitz said.

Stocks surge as Federal interest rate hikes end

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks surged Tuesday on news that the Federal Reserve policymakers believed their run of interest rate hikes is likely nearing an end...

Wall Street was already climbing in mid-afternoon when the Fed released minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee's March 27-28 meeting...

trading. He is in his second day of cross-examination in the 12th week of the trial...

The closest Berkowitz got to an admission came halfway through the afternoon session...

"Not typically," Skilling said, noting that there was significant flexibility in quarterly earnings...

The exchange grew testy at one point, with Skilling growing increasingly frustrated with Berkowitz during Monday's trial...

Berkowitz taunted Skilling: "I know it's difficult for you to sit here and answer questions, Mr. Skilling. I know at times you are critical of you."



Former Enron CEO Jeff Skilling, left, and his attorney Daniel Petrelli, right, leave the federal courthouse in Houston Tuesday.

Skilling said nothing. After absorbing some shots from Berkowitz during Monday's questioning, Skilling seemed determined to score points of his own Tuesday.

Berkowitz pressed Skilling to admit that the former energy giant, which declared bankruptcy in December 2001 on its way to collapse, engaged in a flurry of suspicious deals in December 2002...

struggled to hit its earnings targets for the year. Skilling denied all of Berkowitz's accusations, except for the ones he said he couldn't remember...

"OK, let's move past 1999," Berkowitz said. "I think you should," said Skilling, known for his cutting sense of humor.

Stocks surge as Federal interest rate hikes end

Committee's March 27-28 meeting that showed most of the panel's members thought that the end of the tightening process was likely to be near...

But the release of the minutes, which said that the rate-hike market wanted to hear, the Fed has raised rates 15 times in a row since June 2004...

serve believe that the end of the rate hikes is near, that they've good news for investors, said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Investment Advisors in Albany, N.Y...

Traders had already gotten some comfort Tuesday from the Labor Department's report that core wholesale inflation, which excludes volatile energy and food prices, rose just 0.1 percent last month...

Overall inflation rose 0.5 percent, the fastest pace in three months, after a 1.4 percent drop in February. However, the core inflation rate, which excludes energy and food prices, rose just 0.1 percent last month...

Any sign of rising inflation has sent stock prices falling, as fighting inflation has been the Fed's primary concern.

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Black-owned firms grow at four times the national rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black-owned businesses are among the fastest-growing segments of the American economy, the government said Tuesday. The number of black-owned businesses grew by 45 percent from 1997 to 2002, more than four times the national rate for all businesses, according to a report by Census Bureau. Revenues from black-owned businesses increased by 25 percent during the period, to about \$89 billion. However, nearly all black-owned businesses are small — 92 percent had no employees other than the owners. By comparison, about three-fourths of all U.S. businesses had no employees.

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Tuesday showed a mixed picture for oil and gas prices. Oil prices were mostly flat, while natural gas prices fell. The report is the third in a series of Census Bureau reports on businesses owned by women, Hispanics and blacks. Together, the reports show that the three groups are underrepresented in business ownership but are narrowing the gap with white men.

From 1997 to 2002, the number of black-owned businesses grew by 45 percent, to about 23 million. The number of businesses owned by women grew by 20 percent, to 6.5 million. The number of Hispanic-owned businesses grew by 21 percent, to nearly 1.6 million.

Black entrepreneurs owned 12 million companies in the 2002, or about 5 percent of all nonfarm businesses in the U.S. Hispanics owned about 7 percent and women of all races owned about 20 percent, according to the Census Bureau.

Black-Owned Firms: 2002. <http://www.census.gov/prod/2002/02020202bk.pdf>

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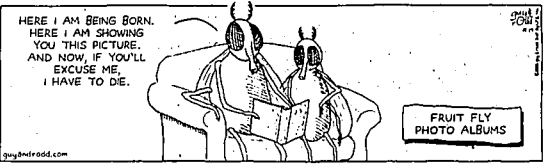
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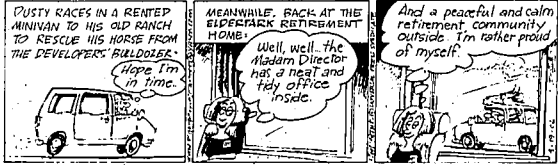
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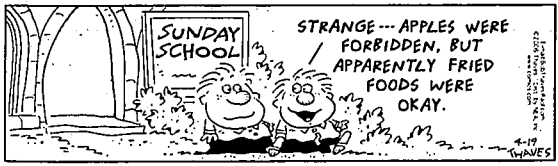
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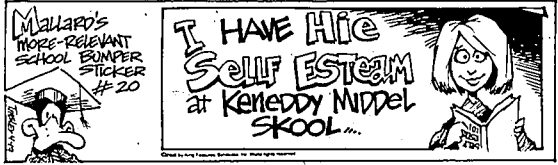
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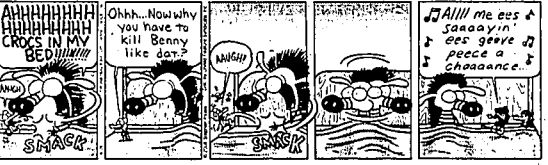
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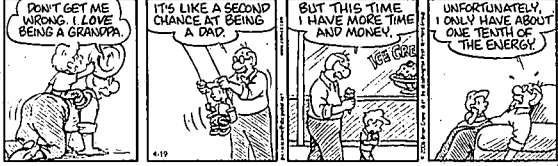
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Non Sequitur

By Wiley

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By John Deering



Birthday boy can do no wrong

IF APRIL 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your attractions are obvious to everyone and those you meet tend to ignore your faults between now and August. Make hay while the sun shines; pursue that new job you've dreamed of, or make an important career change—or even fall hopelessly in love. Opportunity may come knocking in November and you should be ready to answer the door if you want to improve your life and prepare for years to come. Next February you will be everybody's darling once again, and can make admirable progress in career areas or enter into a romantic commitment that will fulfill its promise.

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on your door.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Reap rewards. A golden opportunity might be lurking right around the corner. Go forward with contracts, deals and promises. You and a significant someone can make beautiful music together.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Words can't always convey the right message. As Frank Sinatra sang, "Flowers mean forgiveness." Prove your heart is in the right place and that you are willing to forgive and forget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Live and let live. Just because someone else wants everything neat as a pin doesn't mean they are criticizing your messy habits. Get good advice from a friend and find a compromise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go ahead; get hooked on a feeling. An apology won't reach to knock you in the head and no one will make fun of sincere expressions of love. People will shower you with kindness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Heaven may send you a greeting card. The more generous and committed you are, the more likely you will enjoy the message. Go ahead; make a promise or put your heart on the line.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love and improvement may light up your heart. Promises made under these stars are likely to be kept. Make a pledge of your heart or sign on the dotted line without worrying about consequences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Switch gears as needed. Be cut and dried with the numbers, but warm and kindhearted with people. You can gain lasting trust and admiration by making a generous gesture now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): All's fair in love and war. But being fair means making a compromise and being gener-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan the future. A happy monetary improvement might be within view. This is the time to collaborate with others. Be exacting about rules, but a carefree fun with dealing with a special someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Magic happens. You might be blessed with a new acquaintance who offers a helping hand at exactly the right time. Find time to sit down and discuss the future with a loved one.

Bertie Bailey By Mort Walker

1. I HAD ANOTHER ARGUMENT WITH MY MOM AND DAD...
2. I WANT TO FIND A NICE GUY AND SETTLE DOWN.
3. AND THEY WANT ME TO GET MARRIED.

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

1. I LIKE TO MAKE A SMALL WITHDRAWAL FROM MY BANK ACCOUNT.
2. THERE, I'VE GOT YOUR BALANCE PULLED UP ON MY COMPUTER.
3. AND YOU'RE RIGHT, A SMALL WITHDRAWAL IS THE ONLY KIND YOU CAN MAKE.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

1. WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY, DEAR?
2. CYBER-SHOPPING.
3. GLADYS, YOU KNOW WE'RE ON A TIGHT BUDGET!
4. RELAX - I WAS CYBER-WINDOW-SHOPPING!

Garfield By Jim Davis

1. I THOUGHT IT WAS TUESDAY.
2. BUT AS IT TURNS OUT, IT'S WEDNESDAY.
3. BUT IN SPITE OF THAT STARTLING REVELATION, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MAN IS STILL ABLE TO FUNCTION!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

1. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?
2. OUR CORNED BEEF IS EXCELLENT!
3. NO - I DON'T LIKE ANYTHING MADE WITH CORN.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

1. LOOK AT THE BABY ON THE JAR, SHE'S HAPPY.
2. HOW DO I KNOW SHE ATE THIS GLOP?
3. YOU CAN'T TRUST A KID WHO SELLS OUT.

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

1. WHEN YOU STOP TO THINK ABOUT IT, CHARLES BROWN IS THE REAL BACKBONE OF OUR TEAM.
2. HE'S THE CLEAN-UP UTTER, HE'S THE PITCHER AND HE'S THE MANAGER!
3. THAT LEAVES US WITH A PRETTY WEAK BACKBONE, DOESN'T IT?

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

1. WAS HE A GOOD PROVIDER?
2. HE ALWAYS LOOKED OUT FOR MY WELFARE.
3. HOW SWEET.
4. EVERY MONTH HE MADE SURE I CASHED MY CHECK.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

1. LEMONS MIGHT MAKE GREAT PIES, BUT THEY TASTE TERRIBLE IN PERSON!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

1. "Am I handsome yet, Mommy, or am I still just cute?"

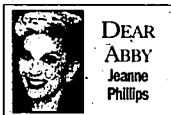
Dad's new wife is weary of stepdaughters' taunts

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Quinn," and I have been married for two years. We're college sweethearts who re-found each other. Our marriage is solid and romantic. We were both married before — so we truly appreciate each other. Quinn is extremely good-looking, and I'm no slouch, either. We have been told many times what a striking couple we are. Quinn came into this marriage with grown children. He has two daughters, three of whom make a point of saying, each time we see them, how "Mrs. Smith really has the hots for Dad," or "Miss Johnson wants Dad so bad she can't get over him," or "We ran into our old high school teacher, and she only wanted to talk about Dad and how hot he was." Another daughter tells us how all her friends (21 to 23) want to date him!

This has become redundant and tiring, and I don't believe any of it is true. I think they say it only to make me uncomfortable and, frankly, I feel it's rude. What's the best way to handle this?

— THE NEW WIFE

DEAR NEW WIFE: Do it with humor. If Quinn was my husband, I'd smile, put my arms around him and say, "Let 'em eat their hearts out, girls."



are people who would take the advice of a clerk in a drugstore over that of their own doctor. Recently, an elderly gentleman asked me to take the catheter out of his arm and insert it correctly — as it had been incorrectly inserted at the hospital and he was bleeding. I was horrified. I told him he should go back to the hospital and have them re-insert it properly. He said he had not asked for my opinion and accused me of not wanting to help him. He then asked a pharmacist the same question and got the same response from him.

This scenario is not uncommon. It happens every day. Please tell your readers that just because someone works in a drugstore, it does not mean he or she has had any medical training.

— "KITTY" IN CLEVELAND

DEAR "KITTY": I'm printing your letter and hope it will help, but please don't bark on it. The people you are describing appear to be confused and not completely on track. Your problem may be something that simply goes with the territory, and my advice is to continue directing customers who are in need of medical intervention to get help from someone who is qualified to

'cause he's mine, all mine! Then I'd add, "And by the way, we're thinking of starting a family." Since they can dish it out, let's see how well the "girls" can take it.

DEAR ABBY: I work for a large drugstore chain as a clerk. There is no special training required to be a clerk in a drugstore except to learn to operate a cash register. I earn \$7 an hour, and the job is mostly physical (running shelves, etc.).

While I like my job, I am puzzled by the number of people who ask me for medical advice, especially senior citizens. I do not work in the pharmacy part of the store, but people often approach me and ask me and my co-workers all sorts of medical questions — as if we had to attend medical school to work here. I always try to be helpful, but as I have no medical training, I'm usually of no help at all.

It distresses me that there

Shot heard 'round the world flew on this day in history

This day in history: The first battle of the American Revolution took place as the farmers and townfolk of Lexington, Mass., confronted the British in the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" on April 19, 1775.

"In cold blood" is not just a literary cliché, but a legal term meaning "premeditated." In other words, not done impulsively in the heat of the moment.

The radio telegraph helped catch a fleeing fugitive for the first time in 1910. Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen poisoned his wife in England and hopped an ocean liner for Canada in his mistress disguised as a boy. This maneuver gives the whale only about two seconds to quickly blow out and then suck in air — up to 525 gallons of it.

If you're thinking of a career change, the field of myomancy's slowly open. That means



telling the future by interpreting the behavior of mice.

One Dr. Maertens of Germany decided flogs needed a pretty bad skinning needed, making it uncomfortable to walk. And that's how he became the founder of Doc Martens shoes.

Some honors will pay you, some will cost you. For example, if you want your own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, expect to pay for it. Last time checked, it will set you back several thousand dollars.

Frogs don't have to drink water because they absorb it through their skin.

The Irish, Kawaits and English consume more pounds of tea per capita than either the Americans or the Japanese.

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Easter Bunny gets hopping mad, then fired

PORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — The Easter Bunny has been fired — for losing his head — in Arthur J. McClure, 22, who had been hired to play the Easter Bunny at a local mall has been accused of removing the head of the costume and hitting a customer, authorities said.

McClure punched Erin Johansson when she got up close to the photo exhibit was closing 10 minutes early Saturday night, police reports said. The incident was witnessed by dozens of people at the Edison Mall, including 15 children.

McClure said he never punched Johansson. He said he was trying to stop a fight between his wife — exhibit manager Crystal Frechette — and Johansson.

He said he took the bunny's head off because he had been wearing it for nine hours and

was hot.

My shirt was soaked with sweat," McClure said. "I almost threw up."

Mall management issued an apology to parents and children. Golden, Colo.-based Nozer Programs Corp., which contracted with the mall to run the photo set, fired McClure and Frechette on Monday. They also have been charged with battery and disturbing the peace.

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COMMUNITY

Community page coordinator: Will Sites — 735-3233

Young women compete for title of Junior Miss

BURLEY — Mini-Casita participants in the America's Junior Miss Scholarship Program will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20 in the King Fine Arts Center in Burley.

Tickets are available in advance for \$6 from any 436-6556 or Lori Bar 436-9294 or Charmaize Ralph 670-5181. Tickets at the door will be \$8.

There will be 17 contestants competing for scholarships and the title of America's Junior Miss for Mini-Casita. The main focus of America's Junior Miss is "Be Your Best Self."

Contestants are judged on scholastics, interview, self-expression (poise), fitness and talent.

They are taught how to walk for poise, sit for an interview and how to be their "best self."

Contestants include:
Jemma Elysta Hephworth is the daughter of Steve and Jodi Hephworth. She is a student at Burley at Declo High School and plans to attend Brigham Young University Idaho studying culinary arts and business management. She has been active in 4-H and various neighborhood clean-up projects. She enjoys dancing, sewing, quilting, music and church sports.

Shanne Wright is the daughter of Dan and Rayette Wright. She is a student at Burley at Declo High School and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho studying computers. She has been active in her Young Women church group and ISOPSS (Burley Special Olympic Partners Program).

She enjoys singing, dancing, composing music, cooking and art.
Whitney Rae Jones is the daughter of Kendall Jones and Lauren Allen. She is



a student at Burley High School and plans to attend the Paul Mitchell The School studying cosmetology. She has been active in cheerleading and ISOPSS (Burley Special Olympic Partners Program). She enjoys dancing, scrapbooking, golfing, boating, snowboarding and cooking.

Sarah Brannan is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Brannan. She is a student at Minico High School and plans to attend Brigham Young University Idaho studying child psychology. She has been active in 4-H, science club, Spanish club, tennis and ski club. She enjoys swimming, tennis, kayaking, skiing and walking her dogs.

Kasla Sue Allen is the daughter of David and Dorene Allen. She is a student at Declo High School and plans to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah studying fashion design. She has been active in 4-H, Spanish club, drama club and prom committee. She enjoys reading, drawing, cooking piano, soccer, volleyball and math.

Sarah Schenk is the daughter of Wayne and Alice Schenk. She is a student at Minico High School. She has been active in 4-H and her church and is a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who of America. She enjoys horses, art and basketball.

Rachel Montoya is the daughter of Kathryn and Raymond Montoya. She is a student at Burley High School and



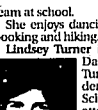
plans to attend Boise State University and will be a music performer and Broadway singer. She has performed at several community events including Crop Walk, Bury Centennial Celebration, Relay For Life and school sporting events. She enjoys music, scuba diving, swimming, hiking and rock climbing.

Brylene Whitehead is the daughter of Todd and Becky Whitehead. She is a student at Burley High School and plans to attend Utah State University studying writing and communications. She participates in orchestra and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Young Women's Leadership Program. She enjoys painting, writing, reading and soccer.

Diana Westergard is the daughter of Donna Westergard. She is a student at Burley High School and plans to attend college studying dental hygiene. She is active in the Youth Club and Student Council. She enjoys cross country, track, tennis, music, dancing, swimming and reading.

Koryl Wadsworth is the daughter of Jeff and Marion Wadsworth. She is a student at Oak Hill High School and plans to attend Brigham Young University majoring in education. She is active in performing arts.

She is active in volunteer work through her church youth group and is on the Stingerette drill team, track team and the quiz bowl



team at school. She enjoys dancing, reading, scrapbooking and hiking.

Lindsay Turner is the daughter of Danny and Claudia Turner. She is a student at Declo High School and plans to attend Utah State University studying to be a mental health counselor. She is active in 4-H, Music Club, the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra, D Club, yearbook and the Sing Dance Team. She enjoys sewing, music and dance.

Brooklyn Lee Draper is the daughter of Bruce and Brenda Draper. She is a student at Burley High School and plans to attend the University of Oregon majoring in business with a minor in business (Burley at Declo High School and plans to attend ISOPSS (Burley Special Olympic Partners Program).

General Olympic Community performs community service. She enjoys dancing, reading and traveling.
Jill Irish is the daughter of Dave and a student at Declo High School and plans to attend Brigham Young University Idaho majoring in education. She is active in ISOPSS (Declo Special Olympic Partners Program), Jazz and Pep Band, Trendsetters and her church youth group. She enjoys soccer, softball, reading, music, dancing and tutoring students.

Jennifer Jeppson is the daughter of Sharon and Terry Jeppson. She is a student at Burley High School and plans to attend college studying reading, music, dancing and tutoring students.

Olympic Partners Program, Ti-Da and German Club. She enjoys dancing, singing, piano and snowboarding.
Monica S. Del Toro is the daughter of Antonio and Maria Elsa Del Toro. She is a student at Burley High School and plans to attend Boise State University studying music education and music therapy. She is active in her church choir, speech and drama, Big Canto Choir and Burley Bobcat Band. She enjoys soccer and track.

Heatherly Alejandra Norman is the daughter of Ted and Jilly Norman. She is a student at Minico High School and plans to attend Idaho State University studying medicine, specializing in chiropractic. She is active in Boy Scouts, French Club, Key Club and Science Club. She enjoys dancing, studying foreign languages and cultures, reading, drawing, camping and scrapbooking.

Whitney Erin Jolley is the daughter of James E. and Laraine Jolley. She is a student at Minico High School and plans to attend college studying acting and forensic psychology. She is active in Boy Scouts, Spanish Singers and French Club. She enjoys singing, reading, music and sewing dancing.

National sponsors of America's Junior Miss include Tyson Foods, Inc., SeaWorld, Busch Gardens, the City of Mobile, and Mobile County. National category sponsors include the American Junior Miss Council, Mobile County and Regions Bank. The 49th annual America's Junior Miss National Finals will be held in Mobile, Alabama, on June 30.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Coin club meeting is open to the public

PAUL — The Empty Pockets Coin & Currency Club will meet Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Paul City Community Center. They will be bringing their quarter collections to display.

Anyone having an interest in collecting coins and currencies is invited to attend. For information call David Byczek at 678-3938.

Community Resource meeting will be luncheon

HEYBURN — The Mini-Casita Community Resource meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Connor's Cafe, Highway 27 in Heyburn. Presentations will be by Leslie

Godard of the Idaho Human Rights Commission and Joel Rogers of Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

The event is a no-host luncheon. The next meeting is April 26. They will include MDC Magic Valley Developmental Disabilities Agency and Diana Hoare of the Girl Scouts of Treasure Valley.

For more information, call Linda Castenada at 678-5185, ext. 3128. Kirk Andrews at 878-0725 or Pam Howard at 878-0725-7705.

Downing anniversary has been postponed

TWIN FALLS — Bob and Doris Downing's open house celebration for their 60th wedding anniversary scheduled for Sunday at the Turf Club has been postponed until a later date.

Twin Falls woman will celebrate 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS — Rye Tupper will celebrate her 80th birthday during a gathering of friends and family from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Mandarin House restaurant. Tupper's birthday is today.

CSI holds workshop on following your dreams

TWIN FALLS — "From Recipe to Market," a workshop for those who dream of marketing their favorite recipe, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Room C95 of the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Rick Vain director of the Small Business Development Center in Boise, will discuss the process. Students will learn that they should be involved in the business and market planning that will be required to start a specialty food business.

The class will go from helping students come up with product concepts all the way to managing a nationally recognized product.

Cost is \$35 per person; a spouse or business partner can register for an additional \$10. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. For more information or to register, contact Sherry Rust, training facilitator at the Idaho Small Business Development Center at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

Marine Corps League

Thursday at 5 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. third Monday at 4:30 Shipway Ave. in Twin Falls. Call Chapter Commander Don Hill at 744-9574.

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Behind 10 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1914 Overland Ave. in Burley. Behind 11 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 603 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Burley. Behind 12 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1116 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Burley.

Masonic activities

Blue Mountain Lodge #3 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday at 1116 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Burley. Blue Lakes Lodge #4 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday at 603 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Burley. Blue Mountain Lodge #5 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday at 1914 Overland Ave. in Burley. Blue Mountain Lodge #6 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday at 603 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Burley. Blue Mountain Lodge #7 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday at 603 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Burley. Blue Mountain Lodge #8 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday at 603 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Burley. Blue Mountain Lodge #9 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday at 603 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Burley.

Girl has big 'To Do' list

"Hi, my name is Kyrn. I like to listen to music and dance. I also write poetry. My favorite subjects in school are Art and Reading. I'm a good student and I get mostly As."

When I graduate from high school, I plan to continue my education in the Army. Later, I might like to do police work in a Special Victims Unit. I might also like to be a photographer. I have a long 'to do' list! Just a few of those things are: sky diving, surfing in the ocean and ice-cream.

According to Kyrn's case manager, she has made significant progress since she was placed in her home. She is following rules and building lasting relationships. Her interest in police work comes from being victimized; however, she is proud of devel-



oping personal survival skills. She would do well in a family where she and her 10-year-old sister, Cassidy, are the only children. Both girls might fare well in a family with older mentors or sisters. Teenage brothers are a less-preferred complication.

12-step, substance abuse support groups

How to Recover - 12-step meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Friday at 1044 E. Main St. in Burley. Call 678-2258 for more information.

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Other
Debtors Anonymous - Call 732-0767.
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Age 15

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NATION

'No Child' law raises fears of more school segregation

Editor's Note: More than four years after President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act, nearly 2 million children's test scores aren't being counted under the law's required racial categories. An Associated Press review found states are exploiting a legal loophole that is slowing the law's impact on academic progress and leaving some educators fearful that schools might become more segregated.

By Frank Bass
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Wedged in a poor, gritty immigrant neighborhood, Henry C. Dwight Elementary School harks back to an earlier era of learning, its ceilings as high there is a fireplace in the library and students wear uniforms as they dart between classrooms. The oldest public school in one of the nation's oldest cities, Dwight finds itself at the center of a growing national debate over whether the nation's newest education experiment is — unexpectedly — encouraging school segregation.

That's because the No Child Left Behind Act requires schools to demonstrate that students in specific racial, social and economic groups are making annual progress. A school fails if even one group fails. The more groups in a school, the greater chance for failure.

Dwight's population is racially and economically diverse, making its future under the law uncertain even though it is currently meeting its goals. The law stresses getting students proficient in math and reading by 2014, the principal says.

"They're (federal officials) not valuing the incremental successes, but we're making great gains," said Stacy McCann, who supports the law. "I believe schools ... are making

gains, but they might not make the mark that has been set."

Many of Connecticut's mostly white, rich suburban schools, which already are succeeding under the law, don't want the same uncertainty. They are resisting efforts to diversify, fearing that taking minority or poor students will hurt their chances to meet the law's requirements.

"We've had a reluctance on the part of school districts to accept youngsters who come in with deficiencies because they're concerned that if they get enough of them ... they'll become labeled as failing schools," Connecticut Education Commissioner Betty Sternberg said.

And that complicates Sternberg's efforts to resolve the nation's longest-running desegregation lawsuit, which accuses Connecticut of failing to provide minority students with as good an education as whites.

The state also is leading a multistate lawsuit challenging the No Child legislation, arguing it is too costly for Connecticut to administer writing tests as frequently as the government requires.

Henry Johnson, the U.S. Department of Education's assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education, said he understands the concerns but believes the accountability the new law imposes on schools will ultimately benefit all children.

The creation of surveys "might generate concern. I don't want to dismiss that. But the reality is that whoever shows up has to be taught. And the expectation is that they'll be taught well ... Good instruction is good instruction," Johnson said.

The Associated Press reported Monday that states across the country are helping their public schools skirt the law's requirements by deliberately



Connecticut Education Commissioner Betty J. Sternberg talks about the No Child Left Behind law during an interview with the Associated Press in her office in Hartford, Conn. "We've had a reluctance on the part of school districts to accept youngsters who come in with deficiencies because they're concerned that if they get enough of them ... they'll become labeled as failing schools," Sternberg said.

undercounting nearly 2 million mostly minority students' annual test scores in the required racial categories.

By reducing the number of scores, the schools are improving their chances of avoiding failure and the penalties that go with it. Another unintended solution, experts say, is for schools to become less diverse.

"The really rich and ritzy suburbs that don't participate in any form of integration, that turn their backs on all efforts to admit minority kids or low-income kids into their first-rate public schools, those districts aren't going to suffer at all," said Jonathan Kozol, an educator and author of several acclaimed books on race and education.

"They're going to be rewarded for their selfishness. They're going to be rewarded for their inactivity because they're not admitting any kids who are at any academic risk. They're not admitting any kids who had been previously

studying, for perhaps the first six years of school, in a rotten, overcrowded school."

Barbara Radner, director of DePaul University's Center for Urban Education, works with Chicago public schools and has heard some parents complain about the treatment of inner city children when they move to suburban schools.

"I have heard that there is a resentment toward these kids because they are dragging those schools down in the lists," Radner said.

When Congress passed the landmark law in 2001, Dwight was one of Hartford's worst-rated schools and exactly the type of multiracial, underperforming school the government intended to pressure to improve.

So far, Dwight has. It has met its annual goals under the law even though it has eight special groups it must report to the government and a student population that hails from 21 countries.

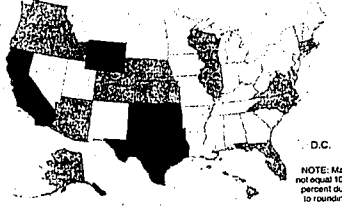
NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

1.9 million children left behind

State exemptions that allow schools to exclude students in required racial categories are helping schools earn passing grades and escape penalties under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Percentage of excluded students from total eligible, 2003

0.1-3.9% 4.0-6.9% 7.0-9.9% 10.0-11.9% 20.4%



Percentage breakdown of excluded and total students, (Number of students in parentheses)

White	Hispanic	Black	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian
United States EXCLUDED (1.9 million students)	8.1	16.1	1.7	0.2
15.0	26.8	23.8	11.5	17.7
TOTAL (57.7)	4.3	10.9	0.9	1.4
58.5%	13.8	17.5	1.2	1.7
Idaho EXCLUDED (10.5 thousand)	16.1	11.5	1.7	0.2
TOTAL (136.2)	83.9%	1.7		

SOURCE: AP Reporting

Elizabeth Horton Sheff, a Hartford city council member who as a parent in 1989 filed the desegregation case against Connecticut, said these aren't enough inner city schools like Dwight that are succeeding with diverse populations.

"The big picture," Horton Sheff asked, "very little has changed. The progress has been far too slow."

"This nation is increasingly becoming more colored," she said. "If we don't treat our children in a manner that will help them grow, if we continue to offer them diminished des-

tinies, then all America will go down. The quality of life for all America will decline."

April Wintersson, Dwight's literacy director, hopes the No Child Left Behind Act won't put so much pressure on schools that they can't celebrate the small daily victories that fill the wide halls and small desks at her school.

"There needs to be the idea that no child can be left behind," she said. "I think sometimes people become lethargic and don't really fight those battles to make sure that every child succeeds."

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NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED TRUSTEE'S SALE

Rescheduled from Prior Sale Date: 02/17/2006 TS No. 05-15705 Doc ID # 00063498722005N Title "Order No. 5010632 Parcel No. RP-T2051022200A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States. At the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Avenue Suite 113 in Twin Falls ID 83301 on 05/19/2006 at 10:00 a.m. (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/28/2004 as Instrument Number 2004-011678, and executed by Dore and Estelle Dow and in favor of the joint and several Grantors(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, N.A., as Trustee, recording the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: Lot 20 in Block 2 of Olden Addition, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 4 of Plans, Page 13. The Trustee has in its possession a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed through the street address of the property, that the property is located in Twin Falls, ID 83301 sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the time in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay the monthly payment due 07/01/2005 of principal, interest and insurance, as authorized in the promissory note recorded by said Deed of Trust. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$ 79,989.35, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcement of the obligations hereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said obligation. The above grants are made to the Trustee as Beneficiary, under the LANC-28, Lancaster, CA 90028-1821 Phone: (800) 281-8218 ReconTrust Company, N.A. Successor Trustee Rahmi Bernaldez, Assistant Secretary ASAF# 766321

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Dated this 2nd day of April, 2006
 IS/Kathryn Thompson, District Clerk

PUBLISH: April 12 and 18, 2006

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