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## Judge rules against Idaho farmers

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley farmers found themselves on the losing end Tuesday of a federal judge's ruling that had environmentalists cheering. "It could create problems for all irrigators," said Lynn Tomlinaga, executive director of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators. "It puts a lot of folks in jeopardy."  
U.S. District Court Judge

James Redden declared that federal agencies need to study the effect on salmon recovery of 12 Snake River projects — including reservoirs that hold water for Magic Valley irrigators — along with hydroelectric dams. Redden ruled against not only the federal government but also various Idaho water groups and the state of Idaho. The ruling puts southern Idaho reservoirs at risk of being drained to benefit endangered salmon.

Redden ruled a year ago that the Bush administration's 2004 plan for making the hydroelectric dams on the lower Snake and Columbia safe for threatened and endangered salmon violated the Endangered Species Act. In part because it considered the dams as part of the landscape and only considered changes in how the dams were operated, not dam removal. Salmon advocates, such as Idaho Rivers United and Amer-

ican Rivers Inc., also challenged the validity of the 2005 biological opinion governing operations of irrigation projects on the Snake River above Hells Canyon, which make life tougher for salmon by diverting large amounts of water that would otherwise go downstream. "Rebuilding salmon to healthy, harvestable levels will come in large part from ad-

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## Hospital sale approved



Ed Dahlberg, chief executive officer of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, gets a hand with his bag Tuesday at Joallin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport with help from Chuck Pomeroy, chief financial officer at St. Luke's, while Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Chief Executive Officer John Kee talks with Moresen Davis, St. Luke's senior vice president of nursing and patient care.

### Magic Valley Regional will become part of St. Luke's nonprofit health system

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Come July 1, the county will be out of the hospital business.

With 45 out of 45 precincts counted, Twin Falls County voters showed support Tuesday for selling the county hospital to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, whose parent corporation is the Boise-based nonprofit St. Luke's Health System. Magic Valley Regional will now become part of a regional health care network that includes St. Luke's facilities in Boise, Meridian and the Wood River Valley as well as St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute.

"We're excited," said St. Luke's President and Chief Executive Officer Ed Dahlberg, who flew in from a meeting to watch the votes come in. "It's been a lot of hard work, but it's the right thing and we're going to be better for it."

With 100 percent of votes counted, 10,453 people had said yes to the sale, and 1,395 had said no. The county has looked into selling the hospital a number of times over the years. Advisory committees were formed and studies were conducted. But they never resulted in a deal. Then several years ago, St. Luke's and Magic Valley Regional came together to offer cancer care services locally through St. Luke's Moun-

#### Hospital Question

Should the county "sell" Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, whose parent corporation is St. Luke's Health System Ltd., and lease the hospital real estate to the purchaser until a new hospital is constructed and opened by the purchaser in Twin Falls County, and dissolve the county hospital board?

45 of 45 precincts counted  
Yes - 10,453 - No - 1,395

tain States Tumor Institute. A local board was created to oversee St. Luke's services in the Magic Valley and soon people started tossing around the idea of creating a regional health-care network. Local physicians were especially supportive of

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## Otter, Brady on ballot for fall

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press Writer

BOISE — U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter easily won the Republican nomination for governor in Tuesday's primary, and was already preparing to face off against Democratic nominee Jerry Brady in the November general election.

News magnate Brady also easily beat out his opponent, Lee Chaney Sr., who never actively campaigned. In the heavily Republican state of Idaho, winning the GOP primary is often considered to be the toughest part of the campaign. But some political watchers have said this year Democrats are likely to hold more sway with voters, as the president's popularity declines.

"A Democrat can be competitive with the kind of funding Brady might have," Boise State University professor Jim Weatherly said earlier this month. "It comes down to organization, the ability to get out the vote and Republicans have always been better organized than the Democrats in Idaho."

Democrats also tend to do better in midterm elections in Idaho, compared to presidential election years, Weatherly said. Otter had 69 percent of the vote with 377 of 915 precincts reporting. His closest competitor, Focaltello businessman Dan Adamson, garnered nearly 22 percent of the vote, followed by Jack Johnson with 6 percent and Walt Baynes with 3 percent. Brady won with nearly 84 percent of the vote, compared to Chaney's 16 percent.

"I'm eager to engage Congressman Otter and give Idaho a real look at the issues," said Brady at the Democratic primary celebration in Boise. "I'm eager to start the next event. We're going to talk a lot about Idaho is not for sale."

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## Kramer wins over Grindstaff in District 1

### Fair override levy loses by 27 votes

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With 45 out of 45 precincts counted, Republican Terry Kramer won with 5,926 votes over Republican incumbent Gary Grindstaff's 3,233 in the race for the District 1 County Commission seat. Kramer will now face independent Grant Atkinson in the November general election. "We're really excited about it," Kramer said before the final tally. "It looks like our campaign has gone well. We had a broad base of support and it's showing

in the votes." Grindstaff, who was appointed to the seat by the governor in 2000 to replace Carla Reed and has been twice re-elected, couldn't be reached for comment.

In the District 3 commission race, Republican George Urie won with 4,778 votes to Republican Rip Craig's 3,857. Urie will square off with Democrat Mike Ihler in November.

The vote remained close to this end on the \$1.2 million, two-year override levy to help build Phase 1 of a year-round multipurpose center at the fair-

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grounds in Filer. However, the final count was 5,847 against and 5,820 in favor. Tuesday's voter turnout looked better than expected.

"It's a little bit higher for a primary election, probably because of the county issues (the hospital question) and fair

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### Twin Falls County Fair Override Levy

A \$1.2 million, two-year override levy to help build Phase 1 of a year-round multipurpose center at the fairgrounds in Filer. It would raise property taxes an estimated \$20 a year on \$100,000 of taxable property.

45 of 45 precincts counted  
Yes - 5,820 - No - 5,847



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**TWIN FALLS: FOUR-CAST**

Today: Partly sunny and warm. Highs in the mid 70s  
 Tonight: Partly cloudy with low clouds and fog.  
 Tomorrow: One more warm day in store under a partly cloudy sky. Highs middle 70s.

**TWIN FALLS: FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy and warm	Partly cloudy	One more warm day	Increasing clouds and cooler	Chance of thunderstorms	Scattered showers and cool
High 76	Low 49	77 / 49	70 / 48	66 / 41	65 / 42

**Yesterday's Weather**

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Burley	70	45	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	70	48	0.00"
Idaho Falls	73	48	0.00"
Jerome	73	48	0.00"
Lowell	80	51	0.00"
Moham	72	43	0.00"
Mountain Home	70	49	0.00"
Rainier	70	49	0.00"
Shelby	59	35	0.00"

**BURLEY/RUPERT: FOUR-CAST**

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 Tonight: Partly cloudy with low clouds and fog.  
 Tomorrow: Increasing clouds with maybe an afternoon shower. Highs lower 70s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 Today and Thursday will remain pleasant and warm. Clouds close in Friday with showers breaking in from the west as the next storm system makes its way into Idaho.

**BOISE** Warm temperatures and occasional clouds will be the rule through the end of the week. Showers and thunderstorms along with cooler temperatures will move in just in time for the Memorial Day Weekend.

**NORTHERN UTAH** Mostly sunny and warmer conditions are in store through the end of the week as high pressure builds in.

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Today: 76 / 49	0.00"	70%	30.01"	5:57 AM / 7:50 PM	Low

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	72-80	70-78
Idaho Falls	70-78	68-76
Jerome	70-78	68-76
Lowell	70-78	68-76
Moham	70-78	68-76
Mountain Home	70-78	68-76
Rainier	70-78	68-76
Shelby	70-78	68-76
Twin Falls	70-78	68-76

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	70-80	70-80
Boston	60-70	60-70
Chicago	60-70	60-70
Denver	60-70	60-70
Houston	60-70	60-70
Los Angeles	60-70	60-70
Miami	60-70	60-70
Minneapolis	60-70	60-70
New York	60-70	60-70
San Francisco	60-70	60-70
Seattle	60-70	60-70
Washington DC	60-70	60-70

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	60-70	60-70
Paris	60-70	60-70
Tokyo	60-70	60-70
Sydney	60-70	60-70
Auckland	60-70	60-70

**GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."  
 - Martin Luther King Jr.

**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	50-60	50-60
Edmonton	50-60	50-60
Halifax	50-60	50-60
London	50-60	50-60
Ottawa	50-60	50-60
Quebec	50-60	50-60
Vancouver	50-60	50-60
Winnipeg	50-60	50-60

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# Legislative races too close to call

**By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** — With 13 out of 61 precincts reported Tuesday night, Timothy Deeg led the race to claim the seat vacated by retiring Idaho Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb.

A four-man competition for the District 27 House Seat B Republican nomination turned out to be mostly a two candidate competition between Timothy Deeg and Fred Wood. Retired entrepreneur Ben Maggart of Burley and Declo insurance salesman E. Jim Ruskott also competed for the position. The winner will not face a challenger in the general election in November.

District 27 spans Bingham, Cassia, Oneida and Power counties — with the counties favoring different candidates. Deeg handily took Oneida and Power counties with 67 percent and 85 percent of the vote respectively.

American Falls resident Deeg, 52, serves as the president

of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators. He also has been involved with the Aberdeen-American Falls Ground Water District as well as the Power County Farm Bureau.

Burley resident Wood, 60, is a retired physician who works part-time as a medical director. Additionally, Wood is a former Idaho Department of Fish and Game commissioner. Wood and Deeg ranked first and second respectively in the primary campaign contributions among Magic Valley legislative candidates. In turn, the two also ranked as the highest campaign expenditures.

Wood loaned his campaign \$15,000 of the total \$19,858 in contributions. He spent \$16,874, exclusively in advertising, with roughly half the money being spent on signs and advertising.

Deeg rounded up \$13,765 for his bid for the representative seat, with most of the contributions coming from agriculturally related groups. He spent roughly \$7,557 on signs and advertising.

**District 23 House Seat A**

Jim Patrick was leading Jim Conder in the Republican race for the District 23 House Seat A position with 19 out of 59 precincts reporting at press time. Patrick led 377 votes to 282 for Conder.

The seat was vacated by Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View, who announced her retirement earlier this year after serving 11 terms in the Idaho Legislature. District 23 encompasses western Twin Falls county and Owyhee county.

A retired U.S. Air Force pilot, Conder still farms in Piler. Patrick, a bank director, also farms near Piler. In 2002, Patrick, 60, lost his bid for the senate seat to Sen. Tom Gunnison, R-Butte. Conder, 70, unsuccessfully challenged Field in 2004. The winner will face Democrat Peter Rickards in the general election.

**District 26 House Seat A**  
 Incumbent Bert Stevenson

had the edge over challenger Lee Halper for the Republican nod for the District 26 House Seat. A spot with 8 out of 21 precincts reported at press time. Stevenson had 1,020 votes compared to Halper's 498. District 26 is Jerome and Minidoka counties.

Stevenson has served as the chair of the House Committee on Resources and Conservation. The Rupert farmer is a five-term legislator. Halper, a cabinetmaker and carpenter, has been active in grassroots organizations opposed the coalbed methane power plant proposed for Jerome County. Halper, 58, has challenged Stevenson, 70, for the representative role in previous elections.

The winner will run against Democrat Scott McClure in November.

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# Castleford approves water bond

**CASTLEFORD** — A \$600,000 bond issue to help this Twin Falls county with its water woes overcame objections passed during Tuesday's turn at the polls with 55 of 59 voters nodding approval.

The issue will secure a hard-ship loan through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Mayor Rita Ruffing recently told the Times-News that she wants to secure the funding regardless of whether the city ends up getting more (funding) from the federal government.

"We still need the bond election. The money, if approved won't be here until next year, so we still have to get our funding together to move forward with building our arsenic treatment facility," said Ruffing.

**Twin Falls**

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leavy," said Elections Director Larry Haycock on Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday was a very busy day for Haycock and others in the county clerk's office.

Summer intern Joe Popplewell of Butte, a junior accounting major at the University of Idaho, had his work cut

**Governor**

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Bradly, the president of the Idaho Falls newspaper the Post Register, has criticized Otter for initially supporting a bill that would have sold off some of Idaho's public lands to cover hurricane relief efforts. Otter later withdrew his support of the bill.

Speaking to a lot of folks there in Idaho pretty much convinced me that was a bad idea," Otter told KTVB-Boise in a televised phone call from

Washington, D.C. "That was the reason I got off the bill. Mr. Bradley knows that. If that's the only issue he's got, then bring it on," Otter served as Idaho's lieutenant governor for 14 years before going to Congress. In his first term there, he was one of just three Republicans to vote against the Patriot Act in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. His opposition to the act eventually persuaded the other three members of the delegation to oppose it as well.

Haycock, running on caffeine fuel, appreciated the interns' help.

"He's a good kid," Haycock said. "He's helping out quite a bit."

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**Hospital**

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the idea. So a local committee began working on a proposal that was presented to county commissioners. But county commissioners wanted more before signing on the dotted line. So the proposal was reworked to include the county's wish list, and commissioners gave it their approval and put it before voters.

Meanwhile, hospital officials took the proposal to the people, speaking at endless service club meetings, town hall forums and neighborhood meetings.

If the final vote is yes, ground will be broken this summer on a 40-acre site on the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive for a state-of-the-art hospital.

The new St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will have a total board of over 200 members and will oversee the strategic and tactical direction of the hospital. The system will be governed by a system board that will include five board members from the Tre-

sure Valley, four from Twin Falls County, one from the Wood River area and the system chief executive officer.

The county will retain a revisionary interest in the new system's assets.

Under the agreement, St. Luke's can't sell the hospital for 15 years, and if the system were to be sold, the county would receive 15 percent of the system's total assets at the time of the sale.

A community health trust will be funded with \$15 million, plus an additional \$5 million over the next 10 years, and the county will receive \$3 million to renovate and expand county offices, and another \$1.5 million to renovate or raze the old hospital main campus.

The system will be responsible for current county hospital debt, and St. Luke's will pay the county \$2 million in rent per year for five years. If the county's total indigent care obligation surpasses \$1 million in any fiscal year, St. Luke's will reimburse the county for the excess.

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**Salmon**

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Northwest salmon crisis is dressing the impacts of the down-river dam operations that do the most harm to salmon," Redden wrote.

"There must be a comprehensive evaluation of the effects of water use in the upper Snake River and the down-river dam operations."

Until Sedivy of Idaho Rivers United said the ruling could force the federal government one step closer to the removal of four "out-of-date" dams on the lower Snake River in Washington — a move Sedivy says can resolve the

quo tant working," Sedivy said. Bill McDonald, northwest regional director of the Bureau of Reclamation, the agency that operates southern Idaho's reservoirs, said the ruling was not unexpected, and that the government disagreed with it. The specifics of going forward depend on further orders from the court.

The pending appeal of the biological opinion for the lower Snake and Columbia, he said, will be completed by the end of the year.

Water users in Magic Valley remain leery of Redden's ruling. Both Tomiranga and Vince

Alberdi, manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co., said the order puts pressure on all irrigators, be they surface or groundwater users.

"I just put a cloud of jeopardy on our water," Alberdi said. "It's just not good for the irrigation community."

*The Associated Press contributed to this story.*

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NATION

# Senate panel approves new head for struggling CIA

By Katherine Shrader  
Associated Press writer



Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., reads a statement regarding the committee vote to approve President Bush's nomination of Gen. Michael Hayden to become CIA director, Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

WASHINGTON — Gen. Michael Hayden moved a step closer Tuesday to becoming the nation's 20th CIA chief, where he will take over a spy agency looking for a leader to steer it through troubles ranging from al-Qaida to Washington politics.

The Senate Intelligence Committee recommended confirmation, 12-3, with three of the panel's seven Democrats voting against him. If the Senate approves him before Memorial Day, as expected, Hayden could be sworn in by the end of the week.

"We think he is an outstanding choice to head the CIA," committee chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said after the vote. "He is a proven leader and a supremely qualified intelligence professional."

Hayden, the former National Security Agency chief who became the nation's No. 2 intelligence official last year, has emerged as a leading advocate of the Bush administration's relentless surveillance program.

That defense has raised his profile as the Senate has considered his nomination as CIA chief. It has not seemed to harm his prospects, though Democrats say the program is on shaky legal footing.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., joined Democrats Sens. Ben Wyden of Oregon and Evan Bayh of Indiana to vote against Hayden. "General Hayden di-

rected an illegal program that put Americans on American soil under surveillance without the legally required approval of a judge," Feingold said in a statement.

At or near the top of the U.S. spy apparatus for nearly a decade, Hayden is no stranger to controversies. The CIA has a knack for attracting them.

A career Air Force officer, Hayden climbed the ladder to four-star general from the Reserved Officer Training Corps at Duquesne University. He was stationed in Guam as a junior intelligence officer at the end of the Vietnam War.

In 1999, Hayden took over the world's largest spy agency, the NSA, as it struggled to keep up with communications technology from wireless phones to instant messenger programs.

Hayden brought in a new deputy—William Black—who had retired from the NSA two years earlier. As he prepares to take over the CIA, Hayden earned respect from many CIA veterans when he indicated he hopes to hire the former deputy director of the CIA's clandestine service, Stephen Kappes, who retired after an unusually public dispute with aides to outgoing Director Porter Goss.

# Veterans' data: One of the largest cases of ID theft ever?

Sen. Larry Craig says 26-million deserve answers

By Hope Yen  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs officials waited two weeks to call in the FBI to investigate the theft of sensitive personal data, delaying a warning to 26.5 million veterans now at risk in one of the nation's largest security breaches. Lawmakers from both parties demanded answers.

Burglars struck the suburban Maryland home of the VA data analyst in early May, taking government-owned laptops and disks containing the names, Social Security numbers and birth dates of veterans discharged since 1975.

But the FBI was notified until late last week, two law enforcement officials said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk publicly about the investigation.

"This is a scandal," said Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., in a sensitive news report. "The information was kept from the American public. I would hope that the administration is figuring out a way to find out what happened."

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, said his panel would hold an emergency hearing Thursday because "26 million people deserve answers." VA Secretary Jim Nicholson was expected to testify.

Matthew Burns, a VA spokesman, did not return repeated phone calls seeking comment. In a briefing Monday, Secretary Jim Nicholson said the agency was seeking to act promptly to inform veterans by notifying Congress and setting up a call center and Web site.

Meanwhile, in a briefing paper to Congress, acting VA inspector general Jon Wooditch said he was closely reviewing the theft from a VA data analyst's Maryland home, noting that his office had long cautioned that access controls were weak.

Since 2001, the IG has reported security vulnerabilities related to the operating system, passwords, a lack of strong detection alerts and a need for better access controls, he wrote.

The VA disclosed this week that the personal information—mainly from veterans discharged since 1975—was stolen from a midlevel employee's home in what appeared to be a routine burglary.

The material included the veterans' Social Security numbers, birth dates and in some cases a disability rating—a score of between 1 to 100 on how disabled a veteran is. The agency declined to say whether additional information regarding the nature of the disability was disclosed.

Nicholson has sought to downplay the seriousness of the breach, noting there was no evidence the burglars used the information or even knew they had it. But privacy experts said Tuesday the potential for fraud is significant. An estimated 3.6 million U.S. households, or three of every 100, reported being victims of identity theft in the last half of 2004, a U.S. Justice Department study found.

The VA security breach is second only to a hacking incident last June at CardSystems Solutions in which the accounts of

40 million credit card holders were compromised.

"One thing we need to start doing is punishing people who violate the rules," said Barry Steinhardt, director of the technology and liberty program at the American Civil Liberties Union. He noted that name, date of birth and Social Security number enable identity thieves to obtain credit reports, bank and credit card accounts and place of residence. In other cases, such information could let terrorists use false identities to board planes or allow illegal immigrants to get a job.

The White House sought to reassure the nation's veterans. "We have no indication that these have been used to defraud the 26.5 million people whose personal information would have been contained," White House press secretary Tony Snow said.

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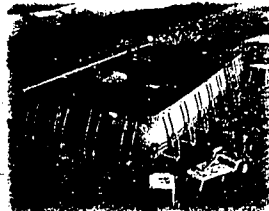
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NATION

# Former senator Lloyd Bentsen dies at 85

By Wendy Benjaminson  
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Former Senator and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, the elderly Texan who famously put down vice presidential rival Dan Quayle in a 1988 debate by telling him "you're no Jack Kennedy," died Tuesday. He was 85.

Bentsen, who represented the state in Congress for 28 years, died at his Houston home, his family said. He had been under a doctor's care since a pair of strokes in 1998. Bentsen's political career took him from a county clerkship in the Rio Grande Valley in the 1940s to six years in the U.S. House, 22 years in the Senate and two years as President Clinton's first treasury secretary.

A shrewd legislative operator, he maneuvered with ease in Democratic and Republican circles alike on Capitol Hill, displaying expertise on tax, trade and economic issues as well as foreign affairs.

The state of Texas has had great senators but no senator has ever been a better senator than Lloyd Bentsen," Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said on the Senate floor Tuesday.

Republican Texas Gov. Rick Perry ordered flags at state buildings flown at half-staff for five days.

"Today we mourn the loss of a war hero and true Texas leader who earned the respect of the nation with his dedication to public service," Perry said in a statement.

In 1988, Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis tapped Bentsen as his running mate while the GOP nominee, Vice President George Bush, chose Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana.

In their Oct. 5, 1988, vice presidential debate, Quayle said: "I have as much experience in the Congress as Jack Kennedy did when he sought the presidency."

Quayle had made similar comments before and Bentsen was prepared.

"Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy," Bentsen said. "I knew Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

The Dukakis-Bentsen ticket lost 40 states — including Texas — to the Bush-Quayle team.

"I have lost a valued friend and wonderful running mate. The nation has lost a great public servant," Dukakis said Tuesday.

Despite his stately reserve, Bentsen liked to recall a youth of derring-do. He recalled that when he was in Army flight training during World War II, he took a plane too far into a dive and barely avoided a crash. He thought he had gotten away with it until the trainer found corn cobs stuck to the plane.

He later flew 50 bomber missions over Europe.

After the war, the 25-year-old scion of a wealthy Rio Grande Valley family was elected Hidalgo County judge in 1946.

Two years later, he moved to the House. In his first term, Bentsen was one of a handful of Southern congressmen who opposed the poll tax that was used to keep blacks from voting.

After the House, he returned to private life in Houston, where he founded an operating financial holding company with the help of several million dollars in seed money from his family.

In 1970, he successfully challenged liberal Democratic Sen. Ralph Yarborough, then went on to defeat the elder Bush for the first of four Senate terms.

He had few missteps in his career. The most prominent was in 1987, when it became known that the newly installed chairman of the Senate Finance Committee had accepted \$10,000 campaign contributions from lobbyists in exchange for once-a-month breakfasts with him. He returned the money and apologized for a "doozy" of a mistake.

Less than a month into his two-year tenure as treasury secretary, Bentsen had to deal with the botched raid on the Branch Davidian complex outside Waco by his department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. He also faced questions about the Treasury's role in handling a failed Arkansas savings and loan in-

volvement in the Whitewater investigation.

The setbacks were offset by the high marks Bentsen won for his smooth dealings with Congress. Clinton gave him a higher profile than other treasury secretaries had enjoyed, taking Bentsen with him for his first summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and deferring to his judgment on budget deliberations.

When Bentsen announced his retirement, Clinton said:

"By any standard, he ranks as one of the outstanding economic policymakers in this country since World War II."

Clinton gave Bentsen the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 1999.

Bentsen's final career was with the powerful Washington law firm Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand.

Former U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen, D-Texas, said his uncle insisted on maintaining

some sort of public life, even after two strokes put him in a wheelchair.

"I know the strokes drove him straight up the wall," Bentsen said. "But he kept appearing at events. It was hard on my aunt, and hard on him, but it was that important to him."

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, B.A. Longino of Lublin; three children and their spouses; and eight grandchildren.



Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, left, and Sen. Dan Quayle shake hands after their vice presidential debate in October 1988 in Omaha, Neb. Bentsen died Tuesday at his Houston home, his family said. He was 85.

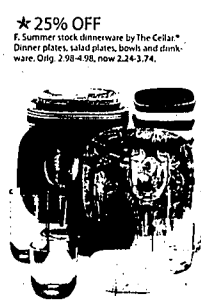
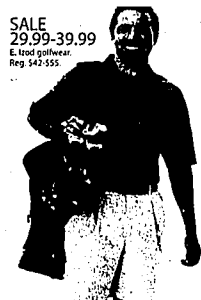
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# Serbia accepts Montenegro's independence

By Misha Savic  
Associated Press writer

**BELGRADE, Serbia** — Montenegro's president said Tuesday he recognized the results of the independence vote in Montenegro that will separate the tiny Adriatic republic from its neighbor with Serbia.

"I supported the preservation of a joint state, but as a democratic president of a democratic republic, I recognize the expression of the free will of the Montenegrin citizens," President Boris Tadic said. He also urged "close cooperation" between Serbia and Montenegro.

The pro-Western Tadic was the first Serbian official to fully acknowledge the outcome of Sunday's referendum in Montenegro.

"As Serbia's president, I accept the official preliminary results of the Montenegro referendum," Tadic said, and appealed for a fast resolution of questions raised about the tally by the pro-Serbian bloc in Montenegro, to "remove all doubt" and make the results final.

The unionist faction in Montenegro — which has close ties with Belgrade's leadership — has demanded a recount, citing unspecified irregularities.

The European Union, the United States and a foreign

Minister have said the Montenegrin vote was free and fair. Montenegro's election authorities confirmed Tuesday that 55.5 percent of voters in the tiny republic had chosen independence.

The Serbia-Montenegro union is the last shred of the federation of Yugoslavia that began its blood-drenched breakup in the early 1990s.

Montenegrins and Serbs share the same language, Orthodox Christianity and culture. They have so much in common as two tribes of the same nation that the one of the anti-independence camp's key arguments against separating was

that there is no difference at all.

However, over the centuries, a separate identity developed among Montenegrins. Because they live in an isolated, mountainous region, Montenegrins were able to preserve their customs better than easier-to-conquer Serbia, which was occupied by the Turks.

Later Tuesday, Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica, who had strongly opposed Montenegro's secession, stopped short of recognizing its independence vote but said that "Serbia was ready to acknowledge the results once they become final" and are declared official by Montenegrin authorities.



Miroslav Lajcak, the EU envoy who oversaw the independence vote in Montenegro, left, and Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica hold a news conference in Belgrade, Serbia-Montenegro, on Tuesday.

# Bin Laden: Moussaoui had no role in Sept. 11

The Associated Press

**CAIRO, Egypt** — Osama bin Laden purportedly said in an audio tape Tuesday that Zacarias Moussaoui — the only person convicted in the U.S. for the Sept. 11 attacks — had nothing to do with the operation.

"I had no connection at all with Sept. 11," the speaker, claiming to be bin Laden, said in the tape posted on the Internet.

"I am the one in charge of the 19 brothers and I never assigned brother Zacarias to be with them in that mission," he said, referring to the 19 hijackers.

The al-Qaida chief said the Sept. 11 hijackers were divided into two groups, "pilots and assistants."

"Since Zacarias Moussaoui was still learning how to fly he wasn't No. 20 in the group, as your government has claimed," bin Laden said. "It knows this

very well," he added. Bin Laden said Moussaoui's confession — that he helped plan the attacks — was "void," calling it the result of "pressures exercised against him during four and a half years" in U.S. prison.

Moussaoui, a 37-year-old Frenchman and admitted al-Qaida member, was sentenced to life in prison earlier this month after a jury ruled that he was responsible for at least one death on Sept. 11.



A Palestinian walks in the apartment where the West Bank's commander of the Hamas military wing, Ibrahim Hamed, 41, was arrested by Israeli troops in Ramallah, Tuesday. Hamed surrendered Tuesday after Israeli troops surrounded his hideout and threatened to demolish it with him inside.

# Israel captures Hamas militant blamed for 78 deaths, including five Americans

By Mohammed Daraghmah  
Associated Press writer

**RAMALLAH, West Bank** — A top Hamas fugitive blamed for attacks that killed dozens of Israelis and five Americans surrendered to Israeli troops Tuesday after they ringed his West Bank hideout and threatened to demolish it with him inside.

The capture of Ibrahim Hamed, 41, was a blow to Hamas' morale as the Islamic militants engaged in an increasingly bloody power struggle with gunmen and police loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Army Col. Amir Abdulafeyeh, who oversaw the capture, described Hamed as "creative and cruel" in plotting attacks on a Jerusalem university, where the Americans were killed; an Israeli fuel depot; Israel's rail system; and a police hall.

Troops acting on a tip surrounded Hamed's hideout in a two-story building in a well-to-do district of Ramallah, just 200 yards from Abbas' residence. A dozen troops and two armored personnel carriers surrounded the cement-block building, which had a yellow awning, and soldiers called on Hamed over loudspeakers to surrender.

Soldiers warned him in Arabic that the building would be razed if he did not come out.

Witnesses said an army bulldozer rained against the green

metal shutters of a ground-floor shop when Hamed did not come out. Thirty minutes later, he emerged wearing a light-colored shirt and gray pants.

Following instructions over the loudspeaker, he took off his clothes and walked toward the soldiers in his underwear. Palestinian militants surrendering to troops are routinely asked to strip to make sure they are not carrying explosives.

After the arrest, soldiers entered the building and blew out the doors and windows in two sparsely furnished top-floor apartments while a robot searched for explosives. Troops removed clothes from the building and found two loaded pistols.

In Gaza City, a high-level meeting of the rival camps, aimed at reducing tensions, produced no results. But Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas insisted recent street violence would not lead to civil war.

Abbas' Fatah movement demanded that Hamas withdraw its 3,000-strong force of militants deployed last week, but Haniyeh was noncommittal. Instead, the prime minister said he would urge his supporters to show restraint and soften their rhetoric.

The Hamas-Fatah talks followed two weeks of deadly clashes that left eight people dead, including an aide to the Jordanian ambassador.

The fighting has been confined to Gaza, where Hamas is strongest. In the West Bank, which is still under Israeli control, Hamas militants largely remain underground to avoid arrest, and Fatah gunmen outnumber those of Hamas.

The increasingly unstable situation in the Palestinian territories was the backdrop to a meeting in Washington between President Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. The United States is encouraging Israel to hold "serious talks" with Abbas as an alternative to the Hamas-dominated government, White House press secretary Tony Snow said.

Hamas is considered a terrorist group by the United States and European Union, both of which have cut off aid to the Palestinian government. On Tuesday, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to stop funding non-governmental groups working in the West Bank and Gaza — except for health programs — and to deny visas to Palestinian Authority members.

The measure also bans contacts with Hamas and limits Bush's authority to waive the aid bans. The administration believes the legislation goes too far.

Tuesday's arrest of Hamed, the West Bank commander of the Hamas military wing, was a further setback to the group, Hamed had evaded Israeli troops for eight years.

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**EDITORIAL**

**Time to give residents a taste of Auger Falls**

**A**sk Twin Falls residents their thoughts on Auger Falls, and you'll get a question in return.

"Where's Auger Falls?" Three years ago, Twin Falls spent \$1.3 million for 550 private acres at Auger Falls, just west of Centennial Park in the Snake River Canyon. The purchase was a bold, sage and a relative steal for the price. But the purchase remains a mystery to many city residents.

That's what we found in an informal survey in downtown Twin Falls Tuesday. Of 15 local residents we approached, only six recognized the name Auger Falls, and only three of those six had visited there.

Now, thanks to Congress and Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, the Auger Falls project is about to see a \$1 million grant for water infrastructure, and possibly another \$1 million to develop the wetlands for conservation.

With at least \$3 million in public money helping the project, it's time for local residents to see what they got.

The problem is that is access. Although the city bought some of the most pristine waterfront area in the region, a stretch of land 50 feet wide and 650 feet long near the entrance remains in private hands. The public cannot get through the iron gate that leads to the property, just behind the city's wastewater treatment plant.

"We have an easement by necessity, so we can go in and do things with the property in visiting and maintaining it," said Lee Glaesemann, the city's engineering project coordinator. "But we cannot allow the public at large to access the property."

Obtaining the remaining piece of private land is an understandable obstacle for the city. In the meantime, Glaesemann and other city

officials have taken small groups into the immense preserve to see the possibilities.

That's precisely what city needs to do, albeit on a bigger scale.

As summer approaches, city leaders should encourage organized groups to see Auger Falls at close range. Each summer, the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation does a yeoman's job of sponsoring activities, tours, and a water festival around Magic Valley. The Auger Falls property is right in our front yard, and we can't see a perfect fit with kinds of activities.

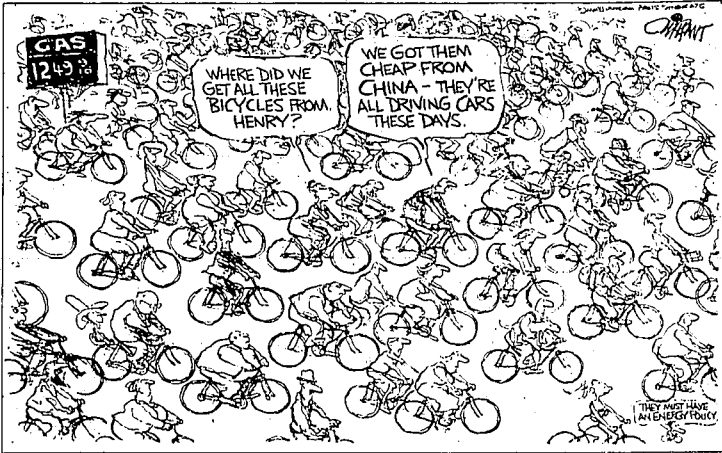
Since the terrain is undeveloped, groups would need to follow some rules in where they could wander. But with a Trans Vbus, or a group of passenger vans from College of Southern Idaho, the residents can tour a priceless city asset for decades to come.

City Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowsyer said he hadn't been to Auger Falls, until after the purchase, but he likes the idea of including it in the parks' showcase.

"It's definitely something we can discuss," he said. "Once you get down there, walk around you're amazed at how big it is."

Last year Twin Falls completed a six-month study concept into the Auger Falls project with public input on which uses to pursue. The higher priority suggestions included hiking, biking, whitewater boating, and walking trails; while horse and motorized use rated lower on the list.

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**A new McCain at the New School**

**I**t was a rough crowd for supporters of American imperialism.



At the New School commencement at Madison Square Gardens (theater on Friday afternoon, dozens of the red-and-black-gowned graduates and some faculty were heckling, cackling, hissing, booing, jeering, whooping, hollering, turning their backs and holding up orange signs that read, "Our commencement is not your platform."

As for John McCain, he spoke about how the "passion for self-expression sometimes overwhelms our civility."

"We're graduating, not voting," one young man yelled.

"This is all about you," another called out. "We don't care."

A little while after the senator quoted Yeats about the fleeting nature of beauty, a student sarcastically called out, "More poetry."

First, McCain and the New School's president, Bob Kerrey, were slapped around by a student speaker, Jean Sam Robe, a 21-year-old from Nutley, N.J., who sang a lyric from a protest song and then abandoned her original remarks to talk about the "outrage" over McCain's speaking gig.

"The senator does not reflect the ideals upon which this university was founded," Robe said, adding, "I am young, and although I don't profess to pos-

sess the wisdom that time affords us, I do know that pre-emptive war is dangerous and wrong."

"She continued: 'And I know that despite all the havoc that my country has wrought overseas in my name, Osama bin Laden still has not been found, nor have those weapons of mass destruction.'"

"The New School, of course, makes New York University seem like Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., where McCain kowtowed last weekend to Jerry Falwell, the looney-toon he formerly deemed an agent of intolerance. (Just as Rudy hadly-buddled with Ralph Reed in Atlanta.)"

The ultraliberal kids at the New School, the pacifist Greenwich Village university, think of themselves as free-thinking rambles-in a world where many college kids, complacently co-opted under Pleds, don't even like to debate, much less protest.

When a rigid-faced Kerrey chided the audience for being rude, a young woman yelled out, "You're a war criminal!"

And a guy chimed in, "Yes, you are."

It was a remarkable tableau to see the two iconoclastic vets, their bodies beneath the black gowns still in tattered, broken pieces from Vietnam, being pilloried by kids angry about another endless war, faceless enemy and fearless defense secretary.

McCain came to Kerrey's defense in 2001. That's when graduate students called for the New School president to resign and for Congress to investigate him because a New York Times magazine piece had revealed that he had led a SEAL unit that killed as many as 100 unarmed civilians, most of them women and children.

The Pentagon is investigating a case in Haditha, Iraq, where Marines are accused of killing 15 unarmed Iraqis from two families, including seven women and three children.

On Friday, Kerrey returned the favor, admonishing the students that when they are "heckling from an audience no bravery is required."

The Arizona senator did not depart from his text and end-gate the students, as Bill Clinton might have done, with a passionate excess of his stance. And, still trying to show his temper is under control, he did not push back, as Rudy Giuliani might have.

He may have even found the screaming students useful, as a

liberal hippie fail that will endear him to the exasperated base he's smooching up. McCain's adviser, John Weaver, called dismissively of the West Village students, saying they should get out more and hear opposing viewpoints.

McCain's pandemonium grew even more absurd this week. He let the Wby brothers — the Texas businessmen who financed a \$2.5 million ad campaign in 2000 trashing his environmental record, a move that enraged McCain and spurred him to call the Wbys W's "sleazy Texas buddies" — hold a fundraiser for him in Dallas.

The senator may have wanted to give the same commencement speech at Liberty, the New School and Columbia as he did at the New School, but he's still a straight-talker, willing to say the same thing to Southern conservatives and Northern liberals.

But Bob Kerrey better summed up the feeling of many of us about the New McCain in the new issue of Men's Vogue.

He mocked the senator's coziness with W, telling Ned Martel: "He kissed but McCain's lips. McCain's lips touch him, Yuck!"

Maureen Dowd's e-mail is [liberty@nytimes.com](mailto:liberty@nytimes.com).

**Land transfers are valid for CIEDRA**

**R**ecently, Carole King and I had a meeting with the Department and Recreation Act have made statements in letters and advertisements that I find very confusing and misleading. It is implied that because I am opposed to the president's proposal to sell public lands to fund the Secure Rural Schools Program, I should not include land transfers and exchanges in my CIEDRA bill.



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"In contrast, my locally developed CIEDRA legislation will provide 163 acres of Southwest National Recreation lands adjacent to Stanley and approximately 3,500 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands to Custer County and local public entities. These lands were selected after careful consideration by the Custer County commissioners, public hearings and public comment and are designed to provide economic opportunities and public benefit for Custer County and its rural communities."

Custer County's 4,000 residents are burdened by the fact that nearly 3 million of its 3.1 million acres are controlled by federal agencies. As I've said many times, one only needs to speak to a county commissioner to realize that this grossly disproportionate public ownership causes a severe strain on their limited resources.

"It is the resident taxpayers who support the great influx of visitors each year that recreate and enjoy the federal lands in Custer County."

Their taxes maintain and pay for roads, law enforcement, their search and rescue, medical aid, infrastructure, facilities and other services that visitors require and use. It is a misunderstanding for Ms. King and her CIEDRA opponents to attack me and my locally de-

veloped compromise legislation by comparing it to the president's wholesale approach for selling federal lands for budget savings. The 3,500 acres I am proposing to transfer have already been identified and vetted in public hearings and comments. Ms. King and her opposition group should just as well compare apples to oranges.

My stand against the president's broad proposal to sell public lands to cut the budget deficit is the right one and my support for a small number of carefully identified federal lands to be transferred to the residents of Custer County who are already burdened by a vast amount of federal lands is equally correct. The two cannot be compared.

Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, represents the 2nd congressional district of Idaho.

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**LETTERS**

**Student seeks amnesty of a different sort**

To Idaho lawmakers: I am seeking amnesty from my student loans. I have been unable to pay them for the past 10 years. I am aware that I am not actually a law-breaker per se as are the people who you are offering amnesty to now.

I am, however, very cooperative. If you would please provide a list of laws that I may break with impunity, I will happily ignore as many of them as is morally feasible for me.

Kimberly

**Filer spring concert produced quality music**

What fun it was attending the spring concert of Filer High School on May 16. Larry Larson led singers and instrumentalists, who comprised the Concert Choir, Madrigals, Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble. It was exciting to hear both the large numbers of students participating and the

**Drivers need to use caution on Canyon Road**

Twin Falls needs to put up a four-way stop sign at Canyon Road and Fillmore Street.

The golfers coming out of Canyon Springs stop and try to look both ways. Then they start pulling out and here comes a car going so fast they hit the bump and fly over it. They don't even slow down a little.

Last weekend, I was behind a gentleman coming from the golf course. He stopped, and I saw him look as I did.

Pulled out and just about got hit.

This is a bad corner, so we need a four-way stop there. Or do they think someone needs to be killed before they do this?

LINDA HAMILTON  
Twin Falls

**Accountability and road directions in Twin Falls**

I frequently drive on the north-south roads that intersect with both Kimberly Road and Falls Avenue. Today, I was driving west on Sugar Factory Road, turned right and drove one mile north to Kimberly Road. After arriving at Kimberly Road, I was told I would need to turn around, go back down the same one-mile stretch and continue on Sugar Factory Road because of the road construction on Kimberly Road. This has happened three times in the last three weeks at different locations.

**LETTERS**

I have a simple solution. How about placing a "road closed" sign at the crossroads a mile away from where the road is closed. Each time I have been driving back, I meet one car after the other, each driver completely unaware that within seconds, they will be asked to turn around and back track.

If this was a problem in the education field, I would be asking you to "Leave No Motorist Behind." If you're an employee on your work force, don't show adequate progress, the leader of your construction efforts would be firing you and not just replace those specific

workers not making adequate progress? That isn't an option. They have a right to be an employee in your business. If you can't get them to show adequate progress, you, as Bossman, would be the one to go.

Your inadequate employees would remain, as they could choose to go to work for a different construction company. By the way, the construction company from which you were just fired would have the funding cut to punish those that call the shots in your company.

Unconsciously, this cut in funding shouldn't end punishing your employees but rather help you learn your lesson.

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JEFF JOHNS  
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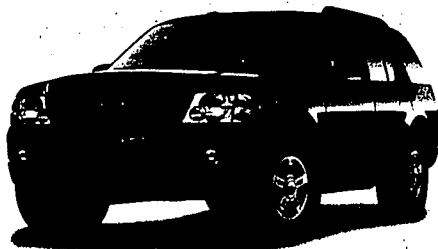
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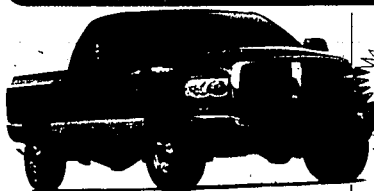
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## Pistons can't bear Heat

### Miami supporting cast takes Game 1 from Detroit

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Pat Riley had one thing in mind when he revamped the supporting cast around Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade.

Get past Detroit. The Miami Heat's new role players were so effective in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals that they didn't even need their superstar duo to steal home-court advantage away from the Pistons.

First-year Heat players Antoine-Walker, Gary Payton and Jason Williams all scored in double figures to lead Miami past Detroit 91-86 Tuesday night.

"We've been here before — we know what to do," Payton said. "We know how to make plays. It's not like we're rookies."

Wade, who sat out more than 10 straight minutes of the second half with four fouls, had 25 points in 27 minutes, and O'Neal scored 12 of his 14 points in the first half — making the Heat feel even better about — starting the series strong.

"I was in a groove, but I couldn't really get into a rhythm," Wade said.

The Pistons, who trailed by as much as 21 in the first quarter and nine in the second, took their first lead on Chauncey Billups' layup with 6:55 to go in the third quarter.

The two-time defending conference champions didn't enjoy the lead long.

Miami snatched control of the game with a 20-5 run, taking a 75-65 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

"Their supporting cast was good — and that was the difference between us and Detroit," Detroit's backcourt scored a lot, but missed a ton of shots.

Richard Hamilton had 22 points on 9-of-22 shooting and Billups finished with 19 on 6-of-15 shooting.

"We missed shots that we normally make," Billups said.

Detroit's Tayshaun Prince scored 17 points to reserve Antonio McDyess added 10 and Rashad Wallace had a quiet



Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace, right, reaches in on Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal during the first quarter of Game 1 of the Eastern Conference basketball finals at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., Tuesday.



night — scoring just seven points after missing seven of 10 shots — perished as he stewed down by an injured ankle.

Game 2 is Thursday night at the Palace before the best-of-seven series shifts to Miami.

"The game becomes huge, no question," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "We have to grab the momentum of the series back."

Only foul trouble slowed down Wade and O'Neal before halftime, and Wade in the third quarter.

Wade was called for his third foul with 7:47 left in the first half, with 13 points on 6-of-6, and O'Neal went to the bench a few minutes later with three fouls and 12 points after missing only one of six shots.

With Miami's leaders on the bench, the Pistons seemed to have a perfect opportunity to

take their first lead.

But the Heat's role players, led by Payton, turned a three-point advantage into a 48-39 lead late in the first half.

The same scenario played out shortly after Wade was called for his fourth foul with 7:14 left in the third quarter.

After Wade went back to the bench, Detroit went ahead 60-55 — its largest lead — before missing 12 straight shots, falling behind by eight and failing to mount much of a comeback.

"That's what it's going to take — a total team effort against a championship team like Detroit," O'Neal said. "Our two main guys got into some foul trouble, but they just came and played good ball, moved the ball and hit open shots."

"If they can do that for the rest of the series — for the rest of the season — we should be OK."

The Pistons played just two days after being pushed to seven games by the Cleveland Cavaliers while the Heat played one week after eliminating New Jersey in five games.

Walker finished with 17 points, Payton had 14 off the bench, and Williams scored 10.

Those three players were the key parts acquired by Riley when he was only the team's president last offseason before he went back to the sideline when coach Stan Van Gundy resigned for family reasons.

The same coach made the drastic changes after Miami lost a 3-2 lead in the conference finals last year against Detroit, which advanced to the finals with a win on the road.

The Pistons are the NBA's first team since the Chicago Bulls of the early 1990s to play in four straight conference finals.

The Heat didn't have a customary short round before Tuesday's game.

They obviously didn't need one.

"You want to draw first blood," Riley said before the game. "Both teams want to do it."

The Heat did.

They went ahead 11-0 while Detroit missed its first six shots. Miami's lead hovered between eight and 12 for the rest of the

quarter, taking a 33-25 lead into the second quarter.

The Pistons probably were thankful their deficit wasn't larger because Miami was outshooting them — 75 to 35 percent.

Detroit didn't shoot much better in the second quarter, but benefited from O'Neal and Wade's foul trouble.

The Pistons' 15-3 run pulled them within one point midway through the quarter, but they appeared to relax when both of Miami's stars were on the bench and they ended up trailing 40-44 at halftime.

Miami started the second half strong, too, taking an eight-point lead before four Pistons scored — including Rashad Wallace with his first points on a 3-pointer — and Billups put them ahead for the first time.

Wallace sprained his right ankle against the Cavs, and hasn't been able to consistently play as well at both ends of the court.

"He looked worse a little bit," Saunders said. "We need to get rejuvenated quick."

### Search to replace Tagliabue begins

The Associated Press

DENVER — Two months after commissioner Paul Tagliabue announced his retirement, NFL owners are finally buckling down to the task of finding a replacement.

During two days of meetings that wound up Tuesday, the owners finished up interviews with a search firm hired to determine what they want in the next commissioner. Now it's up to a committee of eight owners headed by Dan Rooney of Pittsburgh and Jerry Richardson of Carolina to come up with a list of from three to five candidates. The 32 owners will choose Tagliabue's successor from those finalists.

Tagliabue, who announced his retirement in March and had originally set a target date of July to step down, expects to stay on after that. The new target date is Aug. 10.

Rooney said he expects to have a list whittled down in about two months or sooner and the owners hope to meet in July in an attempt to make further progress.

"We're going to try to get things done as quickly as possible," Rooney said.

In 1993, it took seven months to choose Tagliabue to replace Pete Rozelle, including a first-round deadlock after the first vote was taken. That came after a committee made up primarily of "old guard" owners recommended the late Jim Finks, then the New Orleans general manager, and was vetoed by a group of newer owners who resented having a "decision made for them by a group of insiders."

A broader spectrum of owners, including Dallas' Jerry Jones and Oakland's Al Davis, both of whom have had numerous differences of opinion in the past, were asked if he thought there would be the kind of deadlock this time that there was the last time, Tagliabue replied. "I think we are going to do this a lot more efficiently."

The leading candidates for Tagliabue's job, which must be approved by 22 of the 32 owners, continue to be Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer; Atlanta general manager Rich McKay and Baltimore president Dick Cass. One outside name that has cropped up recently has been Michael Powell, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

He is the son of Colin Powell, the former secretary of state.

### Oilers edge closer to finals

The Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Fernando Pisanzi and the Edmonton Oilers are a win away from the Stanley Cup in a

Pisanzi's ninth goal of the postseason helped the Oilers withstand a late rally by the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, and Edmonton won Game 3 of the Western Conference final 5-4 on Tuesday night.

The Oilers got for the sweep and their first trip to the finals since winning the Stanley Cup in 1990 on Thursday at home.

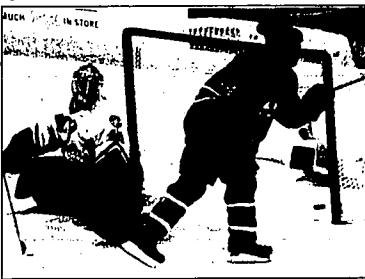
The Oilers roared out to a 4-0 lead on goals by Michael Pezza, Steve Staios and Chris Pronger in the first five minutes of a wild third period.

"At no point was I comfortable at 4-0 because I knew the energy level of our team," Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said. "It was a wild game, I've been fortunate to have won. I've been in those situations where we haven't won."

"We've got to come in here Thursday with some fresh legs." Anaheim came right back on goals by Sean O'Donnell, Edmont's Senné and Chris Knizka to make it 4-3.

"Good lesson for us," Staios said. "That's a desperate hockey team but we like the situation we're in now."

Pezza gave Edmonton some insurance with just over five minutes left. It turned out to be a huge goal after Senné scored his second goal. The Oilers hit Anaheim back within 5-4.



Edmonton Oilers' Fernando Pisanzi scores the fifth goal against Anaheim Mighty Ducks goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov during period playoff hockey action in the NHL Western Conference Finals in Edmonton Tuesday. The Oilers won the game 5-4 and lead the series 3-0.

Toby Petersen scored in the first period to give the Oilers a 1-0 lead.

Eighth-seeded Edmonton, which eliminated Detroit in the first round, has won seven straight since falling behind 2-0 to San Jose in the second round. It's the Oilers' longest postseason winning streak since '90. They are 6-1 at home this postseason.

Edmonton has not yet trailed in a playoff series and already has gone deeper into the playoffs than any eighth-seeded team since the introduction of the conference format in 1994.

The Ducks have lost 13 consecutive games in Edmonton, dating back to Feb. 24, 1999.

Pezza started the Oilers scoring blinge in the third, tipping the puck past Ducks defenseman Ruslan Salei at the blue line and racing in alone on goalie Ilya Bryzgalov. Pezza beat Bryzgalov to the glove side just over two minutes into the period.

Pezza has scored a goal in four straight games and has points in his last six.

The Oilers went on to score twice more in the next two minutes.

### A major streak comes into play

ON THE FRINGE  
Doug Ferguson

Jack Nicklaus holds the record in major championships, one that might never be broken because it was established through a decades of superior golf and a few good breaks. About the only player who has even a remote chance is Tiger Woods.

This record is still playing, not winning.

And while Woods is still more than 25 years away from matching Nicklaus' record of 16 consecutive starts in the majors, it's worth noting now because Woods has not played since the final round of the Masters six weeks ago. And it might be even longer before he returns to the PGA Tour as he grieves the death of his father and adjusts to a life without him.

Convenient wisdom has been that Nicklaus will play next week at the Memorial, where he has won three times.

"I think Tiger will probably play Nicklaus' record over the weekend," if he doesn't play.

Nicklaus, the tournament host, was only guessing, which is anyone can do.

Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG, is known in some quarters as "Dr. No" for his propensity to turn down top 100 requests a day, sometimes without even listening to them. These days, he might as well be called "I Don't Know," because he doesn't.

"At this point, it's undecided," Steinberg said Tuesday morning.

The deadline to enter the

Memorial is 5 p.m. Friday, and whether Woods decides to play probably will draw more attention than anything that happens at the St. Jude Classic in Memphis.

The assumption is that Woods will want to play at least once before the U.S. Open.

If he doesn't play in the Memorial, that will be nine weeks away from tournament golf before the U.S. Open, which would constitute the longest layoff of his career.

There have been three times that Woods did not play a regular PGA Tour event before a major — three weeks off between the British Open and PGA Championship in 1999, and four weeks off between the U.S. Open and British Open in 2002, when he missed the Western Open with the flu.

But that assumes he will play in the U.S. Open. And no one can say with certainty that he will.

It would be surprising if Woods skipped a major, but not shocking.

Not in this case.

Earl Woods died May 3 at home in Cypress, Calif., the same house where Tiger climbed out of a high chair, grabbed a golf club and limped in his father by hitting a ball into a net — left-handed until Pops turned him around to the right side. Subsequent lessons

on the golf course were more about father-son than father-protégé.

Earl did not live violently through his son. His goal was for Tiger to take full control of his life, which he did.

But no one knows how a son mourns the loss of his father. How long it takes until he is ready to move on. Earl also left behind a wife of 32 years, and Tiger no doubt is still tending to his mother.

"We have been off any indication that he's not going to play," USGA spokesman Marty Parkes said Tuesday.

The U.S. Open opens on Father's Day weekend, and what a tribute that would be. The last time a major was played at Winged Foot, Davis Love III won the PGA Championship, making a hole in a glorious rainbow stretched across the horizon and tears were shed in remembrance of his father, a PGA professional who died in a plane crash in 1988.

Tiger is going to be in the same boat as me? I've said Tuesday. "Every time he goes to play golf, he'll think of his father. That's not going to change. It's going to be hard for a while, but it'll also be a positive thing to keep the memory alive."

Then again, Woods is fiercely private with his family and his emotions. Does he go to the U.S. Open where the father's Day angle is played to the hilt? Does he go to Winged Foot, one of the toughest tests any

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Griffey on fire for Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his second three-run home run in as many games and drove in four runs Tuesday night to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 7-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Reds were losing 3-1 when Felipe Lopez and Brandon Phillips led off the fifth inning with singles to right off left-hander Dana Eveland. Griffey then hit a pinch into the stands in right for his sixth homer of the season and third in the last four games.

It was Griffey's 542nd homer, putting him 12th on the career list, six behind Mike Schmidt, Eveland is the 340th pitcher to give up at least one homer to Griffey.

Elizardo Ramirez (2-3) went five innings for his first win in four starts since beating Washington 4-2 on April 24. He allowed three runs, five hits with three strikeouts and three walks.

Chris Hammond and Todd Coffey combined for four innings of shutout relief.

Eveland (0-1), making his third start of the season and first on the road, set a career high with seven strikeouts. He hit the eighth and ninth innings with one walk and a hit batsman in 4 2-3 innings.

The Brewers have lost four of their last five games.



Cincinnati Reds' Ken Griffey Jr. hits a three-run home run off Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Dan Eveland in the fifth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday in Cincinnati.

American League Yankees 7, Red Sox 5

BOSTON — Johnny Damon hit a leadoff homer against his former team, Alex Rodriguez added a three-run shot and New York Yankees' roughed up Tim Lincecum before holding off the Boston Red Sox 7-5 Tuesday night.

Lance Wright (2-3) pitched five shutout innings for the Yankees, allowing four hits and leaving with a 5-0 lead. New York added one run in the sixth and Rodriguez's drive in the seventh made it 7-1 and chased Wakefield (3-6).

The knuckleballer gave up six earned runs on six hits and five walks, striking out five in 6 2-3 innings. The Yankees scored an unearned run in the sixth when Doug Mirabeli had three passed balls that allowed Rodriguez to reach 1, take second and, after advancing to third on a fielder's choice, score.

Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer in the seventh to make it 7-1, then Kyle Farnsworth walked consecutive batters with one out in the

eighth. Mariano Rivera got David Ortiz to pop up behind second base before Ramirez singled in one run to make it 7-5.

Tim Lincecum failed to third base to end the inning. Rivera finished for his ninth save and New York's second victory in six games.

Blue Jays 4, Devil Rays 1

TORONTO — Roy Halladay won his fifth straight decision and B.J. Ryan got his 11th save for the Blue Jays.

Halladay (6-1), the 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner, tossed last since skipping a start in mid-April because of a strained right forearm. He allowed one run and seven hits, striking out seven and walking none in coming within one out of his 23rd career complete game.

Shea Hillenbrand homered for the Blue Jays, who have won two straight after losing their first three games. Craig Nantano's RBI grounder gave Tampa Bay a 1-0 lead in the second, but Hillenbrand led off the bottom of the inning with a homer off Mark Hendrickson (3-1).



Nationals 4, Astros 1

WASHINGTON — Ianorn Ortiz pitched seven strong innings, and the Washington Nationals hit three solo home runs.

Jose Guillen returned to the lineup and drove in what proved to be the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning. Bryce Ward hit a pinch-hit homer in the eighth to give the Nationals a 3-1 lead. Alfonso Soriano, the next batter, followed with a drive over the fence in center, his 10th of the year.

Damian Jackson homered off rookie Fernando Nieve (1-3) in the fifth for Washington.

Ortiz (2-1) allowed six hits and one run. Chad Cordero threw a perfect ninth inning for his sixth save.

Miguel Escobar hit his 15th homer for the Astros.

Marlins 5, Cubs 4

MIAMI — Mike Jacobs hit a two-run single off Ryan Dempster (0-2) with two outs in the ninth inning, giving the Marlins the victory and denying Kerry Wood his first win in 10 months.

Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer for the Marlins, who improved to 5-1 at home before a crowd of 10,979.

Making his second start since shoulder surgery last Aug. 31, Wood struggled with his control, but left with a lead of five innings. He allowed two hits, walked five and struck out three, and even helped himself with an RBI single.

Cogan Kinsler (1-1) struck out two in a perfect ninth for the win.

Michael Barrett and Matt Murton homered for the Cubs, who have lost five of six.

Barbaro's recovery off to good start

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — There was more good news Tuesday on Barbaro's recovery from a catastrophic injury to his right hind leg.

He's actually better today than he was even yesterday and he was pretty good yesterday, Dr. Dean Richardson said. He's walking very well on the left, absolutely normal. The right leg is doing very well.

Barbaro was in his stall, even scratching his left ear with his left hind leg just two days after Richardson and a team of assistants spent more than two hours pulling together the leg bones he shattered in the Preakness Stakes on Saturday.

The surgery performed at the George D Widener Hospital for Large Animals at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center.

"We've run the gamut of emotions from the euphoria of the Kentucky Derby to the devastation of the Preakness," owner Roy Jackson said. "The sad part is that in Barb's case, that the American public won't get a chance to see him continue his racing career. Even though he ran so well in the Kentucky Derby, we probably didn't see his greatest race. But we're just glad we jumped a hurdle here just now."

Richardson added that the Jacksons' main concern was for the health of Barbaro, not for the millions of dollars the colt could make as a stallion if he recovers completely.

"If this horse were a gelding, these owners would have done everything to save this horse's life," Richardson said. "We know the Jacksons a long time. If this horse had no reproductive value they would have saved his life."

Richardson added: "My hope for him is that he lives a painless life. Whether that means he'll be a stallion with lit-



Cards and well wishes hang on Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro's stall as veterinarians Dr. Dean Richardson, right, and Dr. David Levine close the stall gate after attending to the horse in the intensive care unit at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center for Large Animals in Kennett Square, Pa., Tuesday.

tle Barbaro, that would be the extreme hope for him."

Signs expressing prayers and well wishes left by caring fans lined fences to the entrance of the New Bolton Center. "We love you, Barbaro," "Believe in Miracles," "Beat the Odds," some signs were adorned with pictures of the horse. Others were signed by families who filled out of their cars to add a token of support at the makeshift tribune.

"I really don't have an answer why he's captured the popularity of the American people. I just think it's a wonderful thing," said Richardson.

Richardson and the Jacksons were flanked at their press conference by dozens of roses and baskets of apples that were delivered for the stricken horse. Apples, carrots, peppermints and even more flowers filled the lobby. There were so many apples that they had to be shared with other horses in the ICU.

The strapping 3-year-old colt has been a perfect patient from the start. With a fiberglass cast on his right hind leg and a staff of veterinarians keeping 24-hour watch, standing around is the best thing — the only thing — Barbaro can do.

Despite the good initial reports, doctors guardedly have

sideways before jockey Edgar Prado pulled the powerful colt to a halt.

Later that night, he was wanted to New Bolton and surgery was postponed to the afternoon on Sunday.

"I'm hoping for the best. I'm very optimistic," trainer Michael Bantz said. "It's going to be a long time and we have to take it day by day and keep our fingers crossed."

Barbaro has been receiving anti-inflammatory medication, and is able to move around — or even lie down — in his stall if he chooses.

"For this to be successful, the horse has to be able to stand during the healing stage," said Dr. Corinne Sweeney, the executive hospital director. "Lying down also would be advantageous for healing."

Prado, in an interview with MSNBC on Monday night, said he was "devastated about the whole situation and planned to visit Barbaro this week."

"It is like a bad dream," the jockey said. "Unfortunately, that's part of racing. And this is the bad, but part of the racing."

Barbaro sustained a broken cannon bone above the ankle, a broken sesamoid bone behind the ankle and a broken long metatarsal bone below the ankle. The fetlock joint — the ankle — was dislocated.

Richardson said the pastern bone was shattered in "20-plus pieces."

The bones were put in place to fuse the joint by inserting a plate and 27 screws to repair damage so severe that most horses wouldn't have survived it. Horses often are euthanized after serious leg injuries because circulation problems and deadly diseases can arise if they are unable to distribute weight on all four legs. Also, money is a factor.

Some good news comes for fans of New Orleans

H urricane season begins next week which means the people of New Orleans probably have a lot more on their minds than the future of their football and basketball teams.



George Shinn sure seems enchanted with his new city.

Drafting Reggie Bush is nice, but it won't do much to calm nerves around the devastated city when the next big storm begins to brew. Likewise, landing the 2006 NBA All-Star game would help get the levees rebuilt any sooner.

Still, sports fans in the Big Easy have to feel a little better about things following the developments of the past week.

The most important came with the announcement by the Saints that the team had sold a record 55,000 season tickets for the upcoming season in the hurricane-damaged Superdome. Though luxury suite sales still lag, the surprisingly strong fan base means they can spearheaded by NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue to keep the Saints in New Orleans is working.

They hardly seemed possible a few months after Katrina when owner Tom Benson openly was shopping the team to San Antonio and looking for a new NFL stadium to be awarded lease at the Superdome.

Benson was so reviled in New Orleans at the time that someone left a refrigerator tied up on the sidewalk with rattling contents inside. On it was a message scribbled in spray paint: "Do not open. Benson inside."

Allowing the Saints to leave New Orleans would have been political suicide for the NFL, though, and Tagliabue knew it even before the deal was finalized. \$20 million of the league's money to help and insisted the team remain to become a symbol for the rest of the city.

They are smart for something smart for once. Though they raised prices a lot in prime areas, they lowered them in others. Fans could get a season ticket for as little as \$4 a game, and they responded.

The city may still be half empty. But now there will be a full house when the Sugar-land reopens Sept. 10 to a game against the Atlanta Falcons.

The second piece of good news came Monday with a big red bow strapped around it. NBA commissioner David Stern announced the league's 2006 All-Star game would be awarded to New Orleans.

That gave city officials some hope that perhaps the Hornets, who have thrived in Oklahoma City since Katrina forced them out, can stay in their city.

"The NBA would not want to award an All-Star game to a city that was losing its team, so it certainly makes sense for us in that respect," said Tom Thornton, an executive with the company that manages the state-owned New Orleans Arena.

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where, having not prepared the way he was taught? Nicklaus also was 30 when his father, Charlie, died of cancer on Feb. 19, 1970. He didn't play the two weeks before or after his father died, skipping Doran for the only time in his competitive career, returning at what is now the Jay Hill Invitational.

"I took it in a different way," Nicklaus said. "I felt like my dad would be proud of me. That's what he lived for what I did. I didn't want to crawl into a shell. I for me think was the right thing to do."

That was a very different stage in his career. He was in the longest drought of his career in the majors, winless since the 1967 U.S. Open, a streak that stretched to 12 majors before winning at St. Andrews for the first time that summer. He broke Bobby Jones' record for most majors over three years later at the 1970 Championship, and ended his career with 18 professional majors.

That's the standard of greatness Woods now pursues. To miss the U.S. Open would end any chance of Woods going after the other major record — consecutive starts.

Shinn appeared to be the good guy after Katrina, saving the team would stay and help the city rebuild at the same time. He was looking for any loophole he could find to get his lease on the stadium.

Now, however, the roles seem reversed.

The Hornets are getting fat in Oklahoma City, which is suffering from the fact that it's a big-league town. The team averaged 18,717 fans a game — some 4,000 more than in New Orleans — and even though ticket sales have been reportedly playable, the Hornets still plan to play 35 of 41 games in Oklahoma City next season.

The team has threatened to break its lease with New Orleans, unless the state coughs up \$8.5 million for a practice facility, and Shinn is seeking to sell part of the team to Oklahoma City investors.

Shinn, who said he's making twice as much money as he did in New Orleans, made it clear in an interview with The Associated Press in Oklahoma City a few weeks ago that he isn't happy with what he sees in New Orleans.

"In New Orleans, you've got high crime, you've got a bad educational system. Because of all the tourists, it's hard to keep the city clean. It's just hard. It's, you know, a different market," Shinn said. "They couldn't survive without tourists. The whole city is built on it, and you're not. You're built to draw people that want to grow money."

"And a couple things impressed me. I'm a person of faith and I love this country. I've seen more flag-wavers here and more people that are God-fearing than any part of the country."

Those comments may have prompted Stern to get busy and get owners to approve New Orleans for the All-Star game. The last thing Stern wants is to look weaker than Tagliabue and, with the game scheduled for 2008, he seems to have effectively boxed Shinn in on his pledge to return the team to New Orleans after next season.

That may or may not happen, but at the least New Orleans will get an All-Star game this year.

Combine that with the prospect of packed houses cheering the Saints and Bush in the Superdome, and it's been a pretty good week in the Big Easy.

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most underrated streak in sports. Nicklaus played every major from the 1962 Masters through the 1998 U.S. Open. He has been the great to win all four majors — three of them come with exemptions through at least age 65, while the U.S. Open has a 10-year exemption. He needed some help — the USGA gave him a record eight special exemptions. And he needed good health.

Dave has the longest active streak at 63 consecutive starts, which likely will end in the next five years or so. Woods has a record 64 consecutive starts because he already has captured the career Grand Slam and because he started at age 21, one year earlier than Nicklaus.

"That chance will be gone if Woods doesn't play the U.S. Open, although that's not what motivates him.

Woods will play when he's ready, but he knows, when that will be.

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# Toronto wins No. 1 in NBA Draft

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — The Toronto Raptors beat the odds to win the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft lottery.

Hitting out to what to do with it will be the first major decision for new general manager Bryan Colangelo.

Right now we've got a month to go and we'll see what comes our way and see what we can do up. Colangelo said Tuesday, minutes after the Raptors (27-55) jumped four spots in the playoff ball lottery.

The Raptors' chances of landing the top pick for the first time were only 8.9 percent.

"For us to have this kind of luck is a symbol of a reversal of fortune going forward," said Colangelo, who was hired in February a day after the former executive of the year left a similar position with the Phoenix Suns. "We have our work cut out. This will help."

There doesn't seem to be a definitive No. 1 pick for the June 28 draft to be held in New York.

Cranezquez forward Adam Morrison, Texas center LaMarcus Aldridge and LSU forward Tyrus Thomas — all under-considered — are considered top candidates.

Under the NBA's new collec-



live bargaining agreement, this is the first year high school players won't be eligible for the draft.

The Raptors have some nice pieces to build on with All-Star guard Vince Carter, forward Chris Bosh and center DeShaun Thomas, and they have salary cap room.

"We go into this draft not only holding the No. 1 pick but with the cap flexibility to take on a pretty large contract," Colangelo said. "So the combination of those two is pretty powerful. Hopefully, we can make some good decisions. I think at this point we're in a no-loss situation."

Colangelo has a proven track record. He has voted the NBA's

2005 executive of the year for retooling the Suns, who won a league-high 62 games. He left Phoenix after negotiating a contract extension.

Toronto fired general manager Ray Babcock on Jan. 26.

There were a couple of top free-lancers in the lottery, the New York Knicks and the Portland Trail Blazers, the league's two worst teams.

Toronto (21-61) slipped all the way to fourth despite winning a 25 percent chance of winning the top pick.

"Trail Blazers, President Steve Patterson believes his team will still get a good player."

"You may find a player, with as big an impact as No. 4 or even No. 8, as you may at No. 1," Patterson said.

New Orleans guard Chris Paul was the fourth pick in last year's draft and he won the rookie of the year award.

The Knicks (23-59) were losers even before the lottery. They gave their No. 1 pick to Chicago in a preseason deal for center Edley Curry, and then they posted their worst season since 1985-86, Patrick Ewing's rookie season.

The Bulls (41-41) struck a bargain, getting the rights of an unhappy player, making the

playoffs in the process and getting the No. 2 pick overall.

John Paxson, the Bulls executive vice president, called the trade action "a very good deal" but one which hinged on Chicago getting the Knicks' first-round pick.

"It's not a deal that is very good. Basketball player," Paxson said. "We made the deal and we're lucky we got in the lottery."

NBA commissioner David Stern refused to be drawn into the Knicks' problems, which include rumors that Hall of Fame center Larry Brown won't be back for a second season.

"You'd rather that franchises not be in turmoil but in over 22 years as commissioner and with 30 current franchises, the franchise is what the franchise is," Stern said.

"There are going to be ups and downs." Charlotte will have the third pick, which coincides with its third-worst record. Atlanta dropped from No. 4 to fifth overall. The other nine teams in the lottery stayed in the same order as their records.

Minnesota is sixth and will be followed by Boston, Houston, Golden State, Seattle, Philadelphia and Utah.

## SCORES AND STATS

### WHAT'S ON T.V.

#### BASEBALL

• Indians at Twins, ESPN, 11 a.m.

• Cubs at Marlins, WGN, 11 a.m.

• Yankees at Red Sox, ESPN, 5 p.m.

• Braves at Phillies, TBS, 8 p.m.

#### BASKETBALL

• NBA Playoffs, conference finals, Game 1, Suns at Mavericks, TNT, 6:45 p.m.

#### BOXING

• Herman Njuguna (13-0) vs. Antonio Pitagallo (41-3-0), for vacant WBC international junior welterweight championship, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

#### HOCKEY

• NHL Playoffs, conference finals, Game 3, Hurricanes at Sabres, OLN, 5:30 p.m.

### BASEBALL

#### American League

Red Sox 7, Yankees 6

Indians 6, Athletics 3

Mariners 7, Rangers 5

Twins 4, Angels 3

White Sox 5, Orioles 3

Blue Jays 5, Tigers 3

Devil Rays 4, Cubs 3

Mariners 19, Rockies 4

Mets 7, Padres 3

Cardinals 8, Pirates 5

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Market Watch

Table with market data including Dow Jones Industrials, Nasdaq composite, Standard & Poor's 500, Russell 2000.

Stocks of local interest

Table with local stock prices including Albertsons, Con Agri, Del Inc, Midcon, Micron, SuperValu.

Commodities

Table with commodity prices including Oil, Live cattle, Gold.

Intro to eBay selling at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho has scheduled a session of "Introduction to eBay Selling" to be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 3 in room C-303 of the CSI Evergreen building.

Instructor Sherry Rust will teach the basics of using eBay, from creating your first auction to accepting payments, and more.

Quick Books classes will be held at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer classes in Levels 1 and 2 of the Quick Books Pro/Premier 2006 accounting program.

Level 1 classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. June 8, 15, and 22. Level 2 classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. July 6, 13, and 20.

Instructors will be Twin Falls certified public accountants Douglas Dilley and Doug Lincoln. Cost is \$75 per student. Early registration is encouraged.

Level 1 is designed for beginners with little or no knowledge of the program.

It teaches setting up a computer, creating the account, customers, reconciling bank accounts, credit cards, and payroll.

Level 2 is for individuals who have taken the first level or who have a basic understanding of the program.

Students in this course will learn advanced customer invoicing, customer deposits and credit memos, collecting and paying sales tax, writing off bad debts, accounting for non-sufficient funds checks, memorizing entries, and more.

Quick Books students need to be computer literate and be familiar with basic accounting principles.

Students must register before their first class. Classes are limited to 15 students. For information or to register, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

Class to be held at twin business center

TWIN FALLS — The third of the four-part Art of Supervising Management course offered by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays June 8 through 29 in room 248 of CSI's Taylor Building.

Cost is \$390 and includes all instruction program materials. A 10 percent discount is available for two or more people from the same organization. For information or to register, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

Boise downtown leader offers advice to Twin Falls

By Bob Kirkpatrick Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Think differently, but work together. For the visions of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the City Council and the downtown district may not be the same. That's what Karen Sander, executive director of the Downtown Boise Association, told board members of the Historic Downtown Twin Falls Business Improvement District on Tuesday.

Sander was invited to offer her suggestions on improving the area to attract more merchants and customers. "It's essential to get everyone to see the big picture," Sander said. "Improving the downtown district is a joint effort that will benefit the city as a whole."

Sander said it is vitally important for the BID to meet with the chamber and the council to find common ground, and to discuss each group's vision for downtown.

Sanders said it's important to group like businesses together in the same areas of downtown. She said the warehouse district should remain just that, a warehouse district, and not a mixed-use district.

In Old Towne, offices and restaurants have opened in former warehouses — a development that many in Twin Falls have praised. Shawn Barigar, president and chief executive of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, offered his response to Sander's suggestions.

"Some of the things you mention have been discussed in the Hudson Study," a strategic plan for revitalization of Twin Falls downtown and Old Towne, Barigar said. "But there was no mention of block-specific businesses."

Sander said one topic that should be near the top of the list of any discussions between the city's entities is what led to the success of Boise's downtown revitalization.

"In order to attract new business and also retain our customer base, we determined that the downtown district needed to be a vibrant, safe, clean place to be," Sander said. "That was our first priority."

Srand said improving any downtown's landscaping, creating a tree canopy that "gives a sense of comfort and shade and getting local law enforcement to occasionally patrol the area goes a long way to improve downtown environment. This year the Downtown Block Association will try to get business owners who are alumni of Boise State University to promote homecoming. She said the association also promotes International Day — a celebration of diversity.

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Twin Falls city and business leaders listen as Karen Sander of the Downtown Boise Association, center, gives planning advice for creating welcoming buildings in the Old Towne area of Twin Falls on Tuesday.

tion retailer to Boise's downtown also helped turn things around.

"I don't normally recruit retail business to the downtown district," Sander said. "But bringing in national retailers who like to cluster suddenly created a new focus downtown that wasn't there before. It really added balance."

"When a national retailer has a sale, Sander said, foot traffic spills over onto nearby businesses.

"What business wouldn't want to be located next to a national retailer?" she said. Sander told BID members that it also should be to develop a database of down-

town properties, their availability and their square footages — for easy access to potential business owners.

Promoting and organizing are key to a downtown's success, she said. "A couple of years ago, we created a separate retail and restaurant bar forum," Sander said. "But when we ran advertisements to promote the downtown, we marketed all of downtown, and not any one particular business."

Sander said that when she introduced the idea of sidewalk cafes, "it was a fabulous tool in the vibrancy of the Boise downtown district." Boise's downtown also

works with the city's chamber of commerce to develop and distribute gift certificates that can be redeemed only by downtown merchants, and brochures that include maps and a directory of all the arts and entertainment, retail shops and services, museums, hotels, visitor information and other points of interest.

"That's something that is not currently a joint effort between the Twin Falls chamber and Historic Downtown Twin Falls.

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Fannie Mae to pay \$400 million fine

By Terence D'Hara, Kathleen Day and Amy Shin The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Fannie Mae, one of the financial backbones of the U.S. housing market, doctored its earnings for six years so top executives could collect hundreds of millions of dollars in bonuses, the company's federal regulator said Tuesday.

Concluding a nearly three-year investigation into Fannie Mae's accounting and management practices, investigators from the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) said in a report that the Washington-based company's steadily growing earnings from 1998 until 2004 "were illusions deliberately and systematically created by the company's senior management with the aid of inappropriate accounting and improper earnings management."

The report may prompt Fannie Mae to try to recoup some of the bonuses from executives such as former Chairman Franklin Raines.

Of \$90 million Raines received from the company between 1998 and 2003, \$52 million was tied to earnings targets that the company hit, at least in part, by "deliberately and intentionally" manipulating its accounting, investigators concluded.

In a settlement with OFHEO and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Fannie Mae agreed to pay \$400 million in penalties related to its accounting problems.

Fannie Mae also agreed to review whether Raines, former Chief Financial officer J. Timothy Howard and any others should be retroactively fined "for cause" — and possibly forced to repay the company.

Regulators said they will not know the exact portion of bonuses linked to improper accounting until Fannie Mae completes its financial restatements for those prior years.

That work is expected to take months. Because of the accounting scandal, Raines was forced to retire in late 2004, and Howard was forced to resign.

OFHEO's highly critical, 300-page report also blamed the company's board of directors for lax oversight. It documented what investigators said were repeated efforts by Fannie Mae to use its political clout to undermine efforts to more closely regulate its business.

The settlement resolves claims that both the SEC and OFHEO had planned to press against the company, in addition to the penalties, the settlement limits Fannie's size to its Dec. 31, 2005, level — roughly \$72 billion in mortgage investments — and mandates a wide range of internal controls and corporate governance improvements. Many of the reforms are already underway or have been implemented at Fannie.

A criminal investigation by the Department of Justice, however, is continuing, and the company and its officers and directors still face numerous shareholder lawsuits.

The Securities and Exchange Commission polices publicly traded companies, while OFHEO regulates Fannie Mae.

Fannie Mae said it neither admitted nor denied any wrongdoing in the settlement.

"We have all learned some powerful lessons here about getting things right and about ethics and humility," Chief Executive Daniel Mudd said in a written statement.

"We are a much different company than before. But we also recognize that we have a long road ahead of us."

Charles Gibson named new anchor of 'World News Tonight'

By David Bauder Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — ABC announced Charles Gibson as the new anchor of its struggling "World News Tonight" broadcast on Tuesday, replacing Elizabeth Vargas.

Vargas, who is pregnant and goes on leave later this summer, will return in the fall to co-anchor the "20/20" news-magazine, ABC said.

ABC's announcement did not specify a role for Bob Woodruff, Gibson's co-anchor on the evening news until he was seriously wounded in a roadside bombing in Iraq on Jan. 29. Woodruff is still recovering from serious head injuries and broken bones.

In a news release, Woodruff called Gibson a mentor and friend, and said: "I look forward to contributing to his broadcast as soon as I am able." Gibson starts on Monday. He will continue on "Good Morning America" for

June, and then leave that broadcast to concentrate solely on the evening news. Financial terms of the contract weren't announced.

ABC has no immediate plans to replace Gibson on "Good Morning America," where Diane Sawyer and Robin Roberts are currently anchoring with him, a spokeswoman said.

ABC News President David Westin's announcement came less than a week after "World News Tonight" fell to last place in the evening news ratings for the first time since 2001, behind NBC's and the resurgent CBS. CBS has hired NBC's Katie Couric to become its evening news anchor.

Westin had appointed Vargas and Woodruff in November to replace the late Peter Jennings in ABC News' lead anchor role. He had approached Gibson then about doing the job temporarily before the younger anchors took over, but Gibson balked.



Charles Gibson, shown above, has been named the new anchor of ABC's 'World News Tonight.'

# Marketers tune in to tweens

By Paul Farhi and Jennifer Frey  
The Washington Post

In a blink of his bright blue eyes, Zac Efron, 16, became a hot celebrity. He's the star of a movie and has sung on an album that topped the charts for weeks. He's got a sequel to the movie in the works and a pilot for a network show in the can.

Many people older than 16, however, might not recognize Efron as the floppy-haired teen who plays Zac in "High School Musical." A Disney Channel made-for-TV movie that this year erupted into a frenzy of CD sales, downloadable videos and cellphone ring tones.

The DVD of the movie went on sale Tuesday; it was among the biggest advance-sale items on Amazon.com, and 1.8 million DVDs of "HSM" reportedly will be shipped to retailers, along with tie-in merchandise. And Efron's voice is all over that

No. 1-selling CD, even though the "HSM" soundtrack wasn't even played on radio stations most Americans tune into weekly.

That's because the people driving this phenomenon can't drive.

As "High School Musical" proved, pre- and early-adolescent "tweens" create their own economic wave. Last month, for instance, for the first time ever, the top three albums on the Billboard charts were records aimed at kids: "Kidz Bop 9," "High School Musical" and the Jack Johnson soundtrack of the "Curious George" movie.

Marketers have known about tween buying power ever since the late '60s and Bobby Sherman.

What's different is how much more efficient and precise selling to tweens has become. Thanks to niche cable channels and even niche-ier Internet sites, advertisers can target

sages specific to tweens, leaving the rest of the world only dimly aware of tween culture.

Of the 25 most-popular programs on TV to tune to in mid-April, only seven were on the traditional broadcast networks, according to Nielsen Media Research. And 16 were created by either Nickelodeon or the Disney Channel, the twin towers of tween targeting.

Many of the biggest names to emerge from tween culture reside their world. Besides Efron and his co-star, Vanessa Hudgens, also 18, the newest tween sensations are Milky CRT, 14, star of the Disney Channel series "Hannah Montana," and Jamie Lynn Spears (Britney's younger sister), who is the lead in Nickelodeon's "Zoey 102."

The average American tween lives in a world of electronic opulence, inside his or her own room. According to a recent survey by Nickelodeon, 76 percent of 9- to 14-year-olds

have TVs in their bedrooms, with about half this group enjoying cable or satellite service. Some 59 percent have video cameras, and 42 percent have a DVD player and 32 percent have computers connected to the Internet.

Sheer numbers alone don't explain their appeal, however. Although they form a sizeable bloc in themselves, tweens are valued customers primarily because of their influence on their families' overall spending. Says Dave Siegel, a Cincinnati advertising executive and the co-author of the book "The Great Tween Buying Machine,"

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# Prosecution wraps up Lay case

By Carrie Johnson  
The Washington Post

HOUSTON — Prosecutors closed their bank-fraud case against former Enron Corp. Chairman Kenneth Lay on Tuesday by admitting the sophisticated executive who seems "constitutionally incapable of accepting responsibility" for losses to three banks.

In his second oral final day on the witness stand, Lay, 64, told the judge that he mistakenly broke the federal rules because they "pretty well moved out of my memory bank" and

said he "just wasn't paying as much attention to my personal finances as I should have." Because Lay did not contest his signature on loans he used to buy stock in violation of Federal Reserve Board rules, the only issue in the criminal trial is whether Lay intended to deceive the lending institutions.

He faces a maximum six-month prison term for each of the four charges — one for bank fraud and three for false statements — that he is battling.

In calm tones that were in

marked contrast to his prickly demeanor during the government's broader case against him, Lay insisted that he never meant to run afoul of the rules and that, had he known about the problems, he would have "remedied them." Lay added that he only breezed through agreements to borrow millions of dollars. "If I read in detail every document that contains across my desk it is given day, I don't know how I could have done it."

Defense lawyer George "Mac" Sweeney threw him a curve in short closing argu-

ment to U.S. District Judge Samuel Lake III, who will decide the case with the help of a jury. "Mr. Lay's flying in 35,000 feet," Sweeney said. "He got the big picture. He doesn't get into the details. ... He relied on other folks to help him."

But prosecutors, pointing to two memos from Lay's assistant in Lay in November 1995 that he signed that he was bound by that rule, known as Regulation 'U,

Last week, a former bank executive testified that he told Lay the rule, known as Regulation 'U, and that Lay initially balked at them.

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# MARKET SUMMARY

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# MONEY

## Late-day selloff leaves stocks lower

By Christopher Wang  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street closed modestly lower Tuesday after worries about the impact of high oil prices on the economy triggered a late-day selloff, erasing an earlier moderate advance.

Upbeat earnings from homebuilder Toll Brothers Inc. and a rebound in oil and gold prices had lifted stocks through most of the session following their recent heavy losses.

But an afternoon news release that the U.S. Treasury Secretary Sam Bodman was saying soaring energy prices could damage economic growth ignited traders' inflation concerns and set off renewed selling.

Stocks had shown signs of stabilizing after suffering nearly two weeks of declines as the market fretted about interest rates and the economy's health.

But investors clearly were still nervous about keeping money in the market while they remained uncertain about the Federal Reserve's plan for lending rates.

"The bargain hunters ran out of steam, and we still have the same concerns on the macro scene," said Art Cramer, chief market analyst for J.P. Morgan & Co.

"We're still concerned about inflation, the Fed tightening—all of that didn't go away because we're oversold," he added.

There was no new economic data to give investors clues about the interest rate outlook after recent inflation

signals supported the possibility of more rate hikes from the Fed. Although Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke spoke to Congress on Monday, his testimony on personal finance steered clear of the central bank's monetary policy.

At the close, the Dow lost 26.98, or 0.24 percent, to 11,098.35, after adding as much as 77 points earlier. The Dow's 4.2 percent off-a six-year closing high of 11,642.65, reached May 10.

Broader stock indicators also shed earlier gains. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 5.49, or 0.43 percent, to 1,256.58, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 14.10, or 0.65 percent, to 2,158.76.

Bonds pulled back slightly from their recent runup, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 5.08 percent from 5.04 percent late Monday.

The U.S. dollar was flat against other major currencies, with the greenback steady to stand near \$70 an ounce.

The repatriating bond market and stabilizing dollar have been

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Retired Delta pilots ask court to reject deal

By Harry R. Weber Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — A group that represents some retired Delta Air Lines Inc. pilots asked a bankruptcy court judge Tuesday to reject the carrier's latest wage concession agreement with its pilots union.

The Delta Pilots' Pension Preservation Organization said in its objection that if the agreement reached last month is approved it would set the stage for drastically reducing certain pension benefits of the airline's 5,800 retired pilots.

A hearing on the objection is scheduled for May 31, the same day Delta's active pilots are scheduled to accept their new contract with the agreement, which the nation's third-largest carrier says would save it an average of \$280 million a year.

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The retired pilots say the agreement is improper because they believe it goes beyond what is necessary to help Delta.

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McClatchy sells Philadelphia newspapers for \$562 million

By Deborah V. Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — McClatchy Co. is selling The Philadelphia Inquirer and The Philadelphia Daily News for \$562 million to a group of local investors who hope to reverse circulation declines by emphasizing local news and doing more with the Internet.

The Philadelphia papers are being bought by a group led by advertising executive Brian Toller and Bruce Toll, co-founders of luxury home builder Toll Brothers Inc. The papers are owned by 12 currently owned by Knight Ridder that McClatchy plans to sell.

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The deal returns the Philadelphia journalism press to private ownership for the first time since 1953, when Walter H. Annenberg sold the papers to Knight Newspapers Inc. after being named U.S. ambassador to Brazil in 2001.

"The next great era of Philadelphia journalism begins today with this announcement," Toller said. "We intend to be long-term owners committed to serving the region with the vigorous, high-quality journalism we all expect of The Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com, and we intend to preserve both papers and their unique and valuable contributions."

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## FOOD &amp; HOME

ON YOUR TABLE AND IN YOUR SPACE

Eat  
cheap  
Gooding County

Three *Times-News* feature writers sought out restaurant meals around Gooding, Wendell and Bliss priced at under \$7, not including tax or tip.

Here, we tell you about our experiences sampling Gooding County's fare.

As always, we asked a local health counselor, Jill Sherman Skeem, to rate our choices too — and to offer insight on getting a bigger nutrition bang for the dining-out buck.

Two out of three writers didn't choose so well, in Jill's estimation.

But two out of three writers vow to do better next time. Tasty, filling, quick, cheap — and nutritious. That's what we'll aim for.

Our next "Eat Cheap" feature will be in Mini-Cassia, and we'd be glad for some guidance. You can nominate your favorite under-\$7 restaurant lunches in Cassia and Minidoka counties; e-mail your suggestions to virginia.hutchins@ee.net with "Eat Cheap" in the subject line.

Please do it soon.

But don't bother telling us about anything that will get us into tons of trouble with Jill. We've had enough.



VIRGINIA HUTCHINS/Times-News

Turkey-Swiss wrap  
Price: \$4

The soup sign said "cream of asparagus." Oh joy! But though it was only 12:15 p.m., Coyote Joe's had sold out of soups — both asparagus and another. Oh well.

I swallowed my disappointment and ordered a wrap.

Coyote Joe's, a sandwich and espresso shop on Gooding's Main Street, is preparing to move to another Main Street location. I hope it takes the books, games, toys, couch and mismatched tables with it. And the charm. Three dozen coffee

cups hang on pegs, labeled with customers' names. Community announcements line the entry, touting such stuff as organically grown pigs or a senior fair.

Never mind the menu. The co-owner behind the counter gave a detailed explanation of my wrap and filling options (some tortillas taste better than others), asked a surprising number of questions about my preferences (a little turkey or a lot?) and produced a light-on-the-turkey, heavy-on-the-vegetables wrap with Swiss cheese and vinaigrette in an herb-garlic

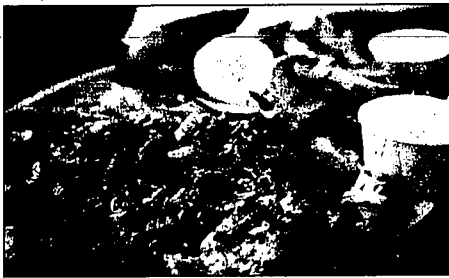
tortilla.

The vegetable selection ventured beyond the basic lettuce-and-tomato limits and included sprouts, green peppers and cucumbers.

Price: \$4. Flavor combination: successful. The only improvement I wished for: higher-quality cheese.

The addition of a \$2.50 bowl of soup would have fit nicely inside the budget, so I remember the absent asparagus with regret.

—Virginia S. Hutchins



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Machaca and salad  
Price: \$6.50

The seafood menu looked tempting on my first visit to El Tapatio Restaurant in Wendell, a cheerfully cluttered establishment positioned under the city's beloved "Hub City" banner. But El Tapatio's seafood dishes are all priced at over \$7, as are most of its Mexican specialties.

So I turned to the breakfast selection and spotted the Machaca: a hearty concoction of scrambled eggs with seasoned, shredded beef (it turned out to be more beef than eggs), onions, tomatoes, jalapeños and bell peppers.

Instead of the rice, beans and french fries typically served with the dish, I asked the server for some kind of fruit or

vegetable — fresh avocado? tomato slices? whatever was available — and left the kitchen staff to interpret the request as they will.

What arrived was a generous salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, mushrooms, onions, red and green peppers and two big chunks of avocado atop the lettuce. Perfect. And I found myself wanting very little of the dressing served on the side — perhaps because the Machaca itself was so tasty. Particularly when wrapped in corn tortillas.

Not the speediest restaurant meal I've eaten lately, but one of the more satisfying.

—Virginia S. Hutchins



MATT CHRISTENSEN/Times-News

Pizza sub and chips  
Price: \$4.50

With a \$7 price limit, I couldn't afford a pizza at Zeppes Pizza & Subs in Gooding, so I got the next best thing: a pizza sub sandwich.

On the way in, I took note of the massive portions the patrons were munching. Glad I did, too, because I ordered a half-sandwich that was more than enough.

My sub was very tasty — similar to a french bread pizza. This sandwich, though, featured toasted sourdough bread, which made for an interesting combination with the thin layer of slightly spicy pizza sauce and mozzarella cheese.

You can't choose your toppings for the pizza sandwich, but I probably would have picked what ended up on the sub: pepperoni, spicy Italian sausage and black olives.

My sandwich — about 8 inches long — had too many olives and not enough sauce for my taste, but I enjoyed it nonetheless. I ate the whole thing and skipped most of the chips.

I wish that instead of potato chips, I could have gotten an Italian salad. Zeppes has a large salad menu. But with a \$7 limit, I couldn't have both. Now, I imagine our nutrition expert Jill Sherman Skeem will recommend that I skip the sub and opt for just salad next time, but I have a hard time eating salad and calling it a meal. Sorry, Jill.

The service was fast, the people polite, the food hot and satisfying. Zeppes is a fine choice for lunch in Gooding.

—Matt Christensen

Reuben sandwich with fries  
Price: \$4.79

STEVE CRUMP/Times-News

Scanning the "sandwich" section of a small-town cafe can be dispiriting. Is there life after the burger, the BLT and the French dip?

Yes, at least at the venerable Oxbow Cafe in Bliss. The Oxbow makes a mean Reuben sandwich.

The Reuben is grilled or toasted rye bread with corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and Russian or Thousand Island dressing. It's a Nebraska

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ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Nuggets, tots and cheese sticks  
Price: \$6.29

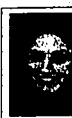
Eating at the Wendell Snack Bar is like stepping into an elementary school cafeteria. Burgers, grilled sandwiches, fries, tots, chicken nuggets — all served in cardboard baskets on plastic trays. All that was missing was my carton of chocolate milk.

Burnt out on burgers, I opted for chicken nuggets, tots and a side order of mozzarella sticks. Three

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## Fresh, refreshing turkey-Swiss wrap wins the nutrition prize

With summer vacation fast approaching, more people will be traveling and eating at restaurants that might not have the largest or healthiest menus. In this "Eat Cheap" series, Matt Christensen, Steve Crump and Virginia Hutchins chose restaurants that everyone can relate to when on vacation or traveling to their destinations.

RESTAURANT NUTRITION  
Jill Sherman  
Skeem

It takes just a few minutes to review a menu and really think

about the options available. I am going to give you suggestions so you can eat in a healthy manner no matter where you go. Planning where and what to eat keeps you from making bad choices.

If you know you will be stopping at a certain restaurant and need some guidance, please contact me. I will be happy to help you with your selections.

## Nuggets, tots and cheese sticks

Matt, to think I had you eating tolu in the last "Eat Cheap" installment. I know you have been going through a tough time lately, kicking the smoking habit (for which I am very proud of you), but ordering a lunch with three deep-fried dishes is not the way to go!

I realize your choices were limited, but this lunch definitely needed more balance. The first clue? Everything had the same color — beige — and the only way to distinguish one item from the next was by the shape.

You were right when you said you felt you were back in school. Unfortunately, these items are standard fare for the

children of this country. However, unless you make chicken nuggets yourself, from one piece of chicken, look for a healthier choice. I realize they are easy to eat, but most chicken nuggets are a composite of chickens, chemicals, fillers and preservatives. In addition, they are deep-fried, and many restaurants still use oil that con-

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# FOOD & HOME

## Nutrition

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 tains trans fats. Our children deserve better food for their bodies, and so do you, Matt. Looking at your second course, french fries would have been a better choice than tater tots. The less processed a food is, the better, and these tots definitely do not resemble "taters." To end this delicious meal with cheese sticks was the tri-ecta of saturated fat. You mentioned ranch dressing and mayonnaise were provided as dipping sauces, but you never mentioned whether you used them. I hope you did not, just looking at this lunch makes me sweat anything green and refreshing.

Since the seasons are changing and we are moving into summer, this is the time to reduce the amount of deep-fried food and oil used. Now is the time to start lightening up our menus so that we can adjust to the heat of the season. Craving more salads and fruit is natural this time of year and helps our bodies cool off. When we crave fat, it is a sign we need more oil in our diet — good-quality oil! The best way to get that and to help with deep-fried cravings is to saute vegetables in either olive oil or light sesame oil. This will help you feel satisfied.

## Nuggets

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 deep-fat fried items. I know, but there aren't any healthy options at the Snack Bar. No one comes to a place like this looking for low-cal options. I ordered at the counter and took a seat at one of the 10 or so booths. I perused the paper for about 15 minutes while I waited for my food. The lunch crowd at the Snack Bar was mostly teenagers and working folks.

## Pizza sub and chips

Matt, I am proud of you for ordering only half a sub and at least having the instinct to order a salad instead of chips. I agree that it is hard to feel satisfied with just a salad for lunch. If available, a side of pasta, vegetables, an appetizer or even meatballs would have gone better with a salad and been a better choice.

A pizza sub consisting of spicy Italian sausage, pepperoni and cheese contains a lot of saturated fat. In addition to the processed meats, the chips and olives are loaded with salt, which leave you craving liquid and sweets. Just reading about your lunch made me thirsty.

When a restaurant has a limited menu and you want to make the best choices possible, choose a veggie sub or one that includes vegetables. If one is not on the menu, request they add veggies. When choosing condiments for your sub, always select healthier ones such as mustard or vinaigrette instead of mayonnaise or butter. Other ways to cut down the saturated fat in any meal are to reduce or eliminate the amount of cheese and to substitute a salad or veggies for chips or fries.

Matt, you didn't mention a

drink, but I am sure you were drinking all the way back to the office.

## Reuben sandwich with fries

Steve, I had no idea the Reuben originated in Nebraska. It was my favorite sandwich growing up — even though it would leave me thirsty and drinking water the rest of the day. It is very satisfying because of the grilled bread, melted cheese, sauerkraut and salty corned beef balanced by the sweetness of the dressing. However, this sandwich is loaded with saturated fat and salt. You failed to mention the side of fries. A green salad or crudités would have been a better choice.

Sauerkraut actually helps the body digest fat. Which is a good thing, especially with this sandwich. Substituting turkey instead of corned beef would improve this sandwich a bit. Steve, I hope you ate the green gar-

nish peaking out from under your sandwich. It was the only part of this lunch that looked refreshing.

This sandwich does bring back childhood memories. A good Reuben is always yummy — but not the healthiest of choices.

## Turkey-Swiss wrap

Virginia, the lunch you chose was by far the healthiest of all the lunches selected. Even though soup is a great addition to any meal, a cream-based soup is not the healthiest. Soups made with a cream, milk or cheese base contain the most saturated fat even though they contain vegetables. Ordering a broth-based soup, especially vegetable broth, is much healthier. It was a good thing they were out of the cream of asparagus soup. This sandwich looks so fresh and refreshing, especially compared with the other lunches. Eliminating the cheese is one

more way to make this sandwich even healthier. Virginia, good job on your choice. Matt and Steve should be taking notice!

## Machaca and salad

Virginia, ordering this meal without beef would help lower the amount of saturated fat, but then it would be called a veggie omelet. "Machaca" sounds so much better. It is always good to review a menu to see what is offered. In this case, having a budget helped you do that. Requesting fruit or vegetables is a great way to make a dish healthier, and this meal is no exception. The dish looked a bit heavy, so the fresh salad and

veggies lightened and balanced the salt in this meal. Inquiring about the type of oil used for the scramble and the corn tortillas will give you an idea whether you want to request another dish or the use of a different oil. It looked delicious and seemed filling.

Way to go, Virginia, for choosing healthier options!

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# How to hire a contractor

By Terri Sapienza  
The Washington Post

When it comes to home improvement, one of the most crucial decisions is choosing a contractor. A warning to the uninitiated: Finding a reliable, trustworthy contractor can be frustrating and time-consuming, but the extra effort upfront will be well worth it.

Sean Zobna, vice president of Contractors.com, a Web site that profiles contractors, offers the following advice:

- **Make sure contractors are properly licensed and insured.** Ask for a copy of their insurance certificates. Find out how much they are insured for and how much liability insurance they have.
- **Ask about credentials.** Belonging to trade organizations such as the National Kitchen & Bath Association or the National Association of the Remodeling Industry demonstrates a

commitment to continuing education as well as interest in abiding by the best practices.

- **Like your contractor.** If you don't feel that you're on the same wavelength, you'll have a difficult time communicating your ideas and concerns. Look for contractors who will listen to you as well as educate you about the process.
- **Check references.** Contact previous clients and ask detailed questions. What was the quality of the workmanship? How well did they stay on time and budget? Did they clean up after themselves? Was there a project manager on site to supervise workers? Contact the Better Business Bureau to see whether any complaints have been filed against them. Whenever possible, visit projects the contractor has done.
- **Get three or four bids.** Put exactly what you are trying to accomplish in writing, so that

when you speak to several contractors you will be comparing apples with apples. Note: When comparing reputable contractors with similar credentials, there should be no more than a 5 to 10 percent difference among bids.

- **Key elements to include in a contract:** The starting and ending dates of the job, a payment schedule, materials and labor warranty information, what materials will be used, how you will communicate with each other if there is a problem, how a dispute will be resolved. Be specific about brand names, materials, finishes, etc. If it's not in the contract, it probably won't stick down the road.
- **Make sure the contractor agrees to obtain all necessary permits.** Don't apply for permits yourself. If you do, you are designating yourself as the general contractor and are liable for the project.

# Fireplace plan might damage woodwork

By Alan J. Heavens  
Knight Ridder News Service

**Question:** My husband wants to try to make a new rack for the fireplace that the wood would sit on to burn. He wants to make it out of tubular steel and fill it with water to make steam that would vent out and

humidify the room. Will the steam damage the woodwork on the mantel?

**Answer:** Sounds like an interesting project, but I'm not absolutely sure it would work. And yes, the steam could damage the woodwork on the mantel — I've seen what can happen when you put a coffeemaker

on a counter right under a cabinet door.

- **How does your husband plan to control the steam output? And would the steam dampen the wood and make the fire smoke more, creating ventilating issues?**
- **There's a lot to be worked out before he proceeds.**

# Reuben

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concoction, oddly enough, first cooked up by an Omaha grocer named Reuben Kalukofsky in the 1920s to serve at the weekly poker games he hosted.

There are many variations, including a "sister" Rachel sandwich, which is made with pastrami or turkey in place of corned beef — and sometimes coleslaw in place of sauerkraut. A Georgia Reuben is made with turkey instead of corned beef, and coleslaw.

For the classic Reuben, there are two essentials: The sauer-

kraut must be fresh — never soggy — and the meat must be corned, not roast, beef.

The only similarity between corned and roast beef is that they both come from a cow. Corned beef is first pickled in brine and then cooked by simmering. The name comes from the coarse salt used in the pickling process: Corn originally meant grain, as in "corns" of salt.

It's a time-consuming process for a cut of meat that's not in big demand anymore: Although it's still a favorite in deli-

catessens, almost nobody eats corned beef with cabbage in 21st century America.

Yet the process produces a meat that's lean and a taste that's utterly distinctive.

Bad sauerkraut, of course, can overwhelm the taste of the corned beef and turn your sandwich into a soggy spongy. But my Reuben at the Oxbow did neither.

Have I tasted better Reubens? Sure, but the Oxbow's makes for a perfectly respectable lunch.

— Steve Crump



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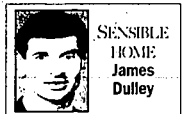
# Some cool options for hot decks

**DEAR JIM:** Our wood deck gets hot, almost too warm to be comfortable, in the summer sun. It seems to make adjacent rooms hotter. I am also tired of the maintenance. What decking options do I have to keep it cooler?

—Ron H.  
**DEAR RON:** An old, dark, discolored deck can become warm in the summer. This heat will radiate in through windows



A light-colored vinyl deck is comfortable to sit on even in the hot afternoon sun.



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and make your house walls warmer. If the prevailing breezes are over the hot deck, you will not be able to open windows for natural ventilation and instead will use energy-guzzling air-conditioning.

You actually have quite a few options for keeping the deck cooler and reducing or eliminating regular deck maintenance.

If you have priced high-quality deck treating chemicals lately, you know how expensive it can be to keep a wood deck well-maintained. Also, treating a deck is not a fun task. The option you select will depend somewhat upon your budget.

All alternative decking materials are going to be more expensive to install than new pressure-treated decking lumber. The life-cycle cost of them is sometimes lower, though, because of their long life and less maintenance. One of the least expensive options is roll-out vinyl deck sheeting. This is available in several colors, and the rolls are from 12 to 125 feet wide. It is made of two layers of ultraviolet-resistant vinyl laminated to a polyester or fiberglass mat. It has a rough

surface for good traction and will keep the surface cooler.

Another, more expensive, option is to replace the existing wood with vinyl decking. Vinyl decking continues to look good with very little maintenance. It has a rough surface texture so it is safe to walk on even when it is wet. The vinyl will stay cooler because the planks are hollow so air flows through them. The relatively thin vinyl also has a lower heat capacity.

Once you pry off the old wood planks, there are several methods to install the vinyl. A simple do-it-yourself method to get perfect spacing is to install tracks along the wood joists. The vinyl planks are designed to snap into the tracks. This looks clean because the track fasteners are hidden. Another vinyl option is to hide the fasteners in a tongue-and-groove design. Many composite solid decking materials, which use a combina-

tion of wood fibers and recycled plastic materials, are available. These are low-maintenance, but they have many of the same thermal characteristics as wood. Selecting a lighter color will reduce the heat buildup in the sun.

Since vinyl is not damaged by moisture as wood can be, place planters on the edges of the deck. The evaporation of the moisture given off from the plants can lower the air temperature around your deck and house.

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**DEAR JIM:** I have remodeled my bathroom and I am installing an attractive cast iron bathtub. I was told it will require more hot water for a bath because of the metal. Should I put insulation under the bathtub?

—Ron B.  
**DEAR RON:** Cast iron bathtubs are attractive, but they are not the most energy-efficient option for a bath. It takes a lot of hot water just to heat up the cast iron. For showering, it is not a major issue. Installing insulation under it will not help much. Standard tubs are made of steel which transfers heat at about the same rate as cast iron. Actually, once the cast iron is warmed up, its mass will hold its heat well.

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# Tips on how to weed out clutter

By Doris Bonavides  
Knight Ridder News Service

Maybe you're getting ready to move or are cleaning up the inside of your home to put it on the market. Either way, you're discovering you've got lots of junk cluttering up your living space. And it's not pretty.

"Letting go" is the motto for eliminating that clutter, especially when moving into a new home.

"Most of my clients feel so bad getting rid of items that people give them that they hide them in the closet just to collect dust," said Kiki Herr, owner of B&K, an organizing and interior decoration business in San Clemente, Calif.

Basically every part of any house — garage, home office, laundry room, kitchen and closets — contains unnecessary items, Herr said, based on her 15 years of experience organizing offices and homes and serving as personal shopper for celebrities such as singers Christina Aguilera and Seal.

Most people who hire organizers want all the organizing done for them, some even ask for periodic cleanings. But there are those who just want to learn how to clean their space and keep it neat.

"There is a place for some of your most treasured family memorabilia or favorite 'junk,' but not for everything," Herr said. Here are some of her tips for weeding out the clutter.

## Get rid of it

If you have a collection you don't want any longer, sell it or donate it. eBay or a local auction house is one place to start. Also estate sales and garage sales are recommended, and most organizers will also help with these sales.

## Focus your time

"You don't have to do everything at once. Organize one room at a time, and concentrate on one area of that room. If you start with the closet, keep your attention just on the closet. If you start to feel bored or tired,

stop. Trying to do everything all at once often leads to burnout — and you decide to chuck the whole project.

## Sort through paperwork — but not all at once

"Put papers in bins, then sort through one bin at a time so the task is less overwhelming. As you progress, put the paperwork into new file folders, and label their contents. The most important tools are a trash bag and a shredder. Less reference materials they can be found on the Internet. Keep receipts and bills for no more than three years. For business purposes, keep records for no more than seven years. A spiral notebook will help to compile all those personal notes that tend to pile up.

## Make it a priority

Set aside two hours a day so you can focus on an organizing area that really needs attention. Make sure you let everyone know that you cannot be disturbed and that it is important you have this time to get things done.

## Don't overbuy

When people move, they tend to want to restock their refrigerator, home office, bedroom, bathroom or other spaces to make them look nice. Make a shopping list and check your cupboards and supplies before you go to the grocery store.

## Figure out what works best for you

Finding a system that works for you is the best route. Just because a system works great for a friend or acquaintance doesn't mean it will work for you.

## Donate, donate

If you plan to lose a few pounds, hold onto clothing one or two sizes down. Donate everything else to charities. The same applies to toys and books. If memories are attached to them, try to donate them anyway.



# Tres chic signs

By Jura Koncius  
The Washington Post

"Everyone in England wants to live in France," laughs Roy Foulger, a graphic designer and entrepreneur lucky enough to have houses in Brittany and Nottingham. When an English friend asked him to bring back one of the familiar blue enamel house numbers that appear all over France, Foulger realized these government-issued staples were not actually available in shops. So he and his wife, Susan, found the factory that makes them for the local jurisdictions and began a business of selling them.

"That was a decade ago. Today, the Foulgers' business, the French Number Co., sells the classic handmade plaques all over the world through their Web site, www.thefrench-number.com.

"It's a romance thing," says Foulger. The vitreous enamel signs, made by traditional artisans, cost about \$36, shipping included. Numbers 1 to 125 are in stock; higher numbers cost a bit more. And custom signs can be ordered, including in colors such as black, English green or red.

The company also sells French dog and cat signs such as "Chien Bizarre" and "Chats Lamantins." Foulger recently did a rush job for someone who was presenting Queen Elizabeth with a sign commemorating royal cats.

# Sedona has large family space

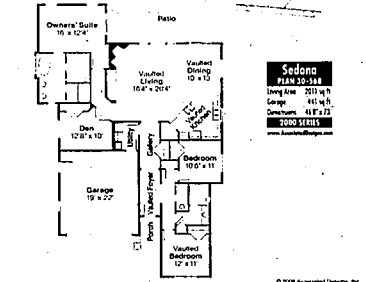
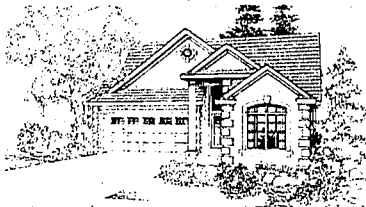
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The Sedona's stucco exterior and corner quoins put the viewer in mind of a neo-classical home one might expect to find near the sun-washed Mediterranean. The entry's Tuscan column adds a touch of classical elegance, as do gentle arches and keystones, highlighted by raised stucco trim.

Entering, you step into a naturally illuminated, vaulted foyer with an arched opening that feeds into a vaulted gallery with a wide closet along the right. Light spills in through an arched transom. The next hallway arch opens out into a bright and spacious vaulted living and dining room.

On the left, a multi-level home entertainment center fills most of the wall. It can easily house a large-screen TV, along with a number of other electronic components. A mess-free gas fireplace nestles into the corner next to the wide rear windows, where it offers warmth and the relaxation of flame-watching on dark nights and drab days. The dining area and kitchen are open to each other on the right. A raised eating bar rims the work island. Counters wrap around two sides of the kitchen, which is vaulted like the rest of this roomy gathering space. It also boasts a large pantry, and has a cook top built into its side. Wide sliding glass doors in the dining room open onto a generously sized, curved-edge patio.

Secondary bedrooms, a powder room, and shared bathroom are to the right of the Sedona's foyer. The front bedroom has a vaulted ceiling and dra-



matic arched window.

The den and owners' suite are well isolated, off to the left of the living room. Owners' suite amenities include a spa tub, walk-in closet, oversized shower, and dual vanity.

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# Cream puffsman ship

They're easier than you might think

By David Hagadorn  
Special to The Washington Post

For some reason, the cream puff has a reputation for being difficult and temperamental. Nothing could be further from the truth; it comes from the simplest dough of all to make.

On its own, there's not much to this pastry workhorse. But it can do far more than provide people with a respectable way to consume gobs of pastry cream. With a little ingenuity, cream puffs can be baked, filled, deep-fried or poached into airy, sweet and savory offerings that will stand out at any party.

The original French term for this dough, *pate a choux* ("hot paste"), devolved into the term *pate a choux* because the puffs they produced resembled "little cabbage," or *choux* in French.

*Pate a choux* contains four basic ingredients (water, butter, flour, eggs) and takes minutes to prepare. The butter and water are brought to a boil, the flour is added all at once to make a solid paste and the eggs are then incorporated one at a time.

By hand, adding the eggs requires stamina because the slithering whites don't easily bond with the flour paste. Using a food processor, however, takes the grunt work out of the dough's preparation. Thoroughly mixing in the eggs ensures a successful outcome: in a hot oven, the water in the dough's egg whites converts into the steam that inflates the shells. The renowned chef Madeline Kamman explains the process well in "The New Making of a Cook" (William Morrow, 1997).

The following recipes are a testament to the versatility of *pate a choux*. One batch of dough can make 40 colorful vegetable bhajis (Indian fritters), 25 to 30 Asian-inspired smoked salmon puffs or 42 piquant cheese puffs. Eighteen halved plain puffs can be turned into 36 hors d'oeuvre containers by topping them with as many fillings as your fertile imagination can conjure.

For dessert, cocoa puffs in vanilla sauce spawns a breakfast staple to end a meal with a light touch.

## BASIC CREAM PUFF DOUGH (Pate a Choux)

Makes about 1 1/2 cups of dough

I prefer this dough to be slightly thicker than is usually called for — especially when it is to be used as the base for other recipes — to help maintain a puff shape.

2 ounces unsalted butter (1/2 stick)  
1/2 cup water

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Knight Ridder News Service

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1/2 cup flour  
2 eggs

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, heat the butter and water until the butter has melted. Add the flour all at once and beat with a spoon until the flour is completely incorporated. Stir vigorously for a few seconds for the flour to cook slightly. The dough will come together and pull away from the sides of the pan, about 1 minute.

Transfer the dough to a food processor and pulse several times to cool the dough. When it's no longer steaming, add 1 of the eggs and pulse 5 or 6 times until the egg is completely incorporated. Add the remaining egg, pulsing until it is incorporated. The dough is now ready to use for whichever application you choose.

## PLAIN CREAM PUFFS

18 puffs

Filled with savory concoctions, cream puffs make excellent "conveyances" for "hors d'oeuvres. Cut across the middle and fill each half for bite-size hors d'oeuvres or snip off the cap and turn the puff into an appetizer or mini sandwich.

Be creative about the fillings. I have used barb gai (a Thai chicken salad), seiche, tuna or salmon tartare, shrimp salad and crab remoulade. Note that there can be some uncooked dough in the puffs (see "Baking puffs" box); it helps keep filled puffs from getting soggy by absorbing some of the moisture of the fillings.

1 batch Basic Cream Puff Dough

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Have ready a large baking sheet lined with a silicone liner or parchment paper.

The dough can be dolloped into heaping mounds on the baking sheet by using a table spoon or a soup spoon. The better method for plain puffs is to fashion a pastry bag from a gallon-sized resealable plastic bag by snipping off 1/2 inch to 1 inch from one of the corners. Pipe the puffs onto the baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Leaving

the puffs in the oven, turn off the oven and let the puffs dry for 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

## VEGETABLE BHAJIS

Makes 40 pieces

Bhajis are Indian fritters traditionally made with onions and chickpea flour. This version is basically a take on fresh pupis. Instead of being fried, they may be baked (425 degrees for 20 minutes), but the baked version is not nearly as crisp. The dough may be made several hours ahead of time if you don't add the baking powder until just before frying. The bhajis also may be fried ahead of time and reheated in a hot oven for a few minutes.

1 batch Basic Cream Puff Dough

1/2 cup pre-iced sweet potato, cut into 1/4-inch dice

1/2 cup sugar snap peas, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1/2 cup French beans or green beans, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed and blotted well on paper towels

1/2 cup frozen corn, thawed and blotted well on paper towels

1/2 cup chopped scallions, white and tender green parts

1/2 cup cup chopped cilantro

2 tablespoons cornmeal

1 tablespoon curry powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 cup oil, for frying

In a medium bowl, combine all the ingredients except the peanut oil and mix well.

In a large pot over medium-high heat, add the oil to a depth of 2 inches. When the oil is smoking (375 degrees on a candy thermometer), carefully drop heaping teaspoons (no more than 10 at a time) of the dough into the pot. Fry the bhajis, flipping occasionally, until they are dark brown on all sides, about 2 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a plate lined with paper towels. Serve warm.

## SALMON PUFFS

Makes 25 to 30 pieces

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## Baking tips

- Use a gallon-size resealable plastic bag with a corner snipped off (1/2 inch to 1 inch, depending on desired puff size) as a disposable pastry bag.
- There is a lot of debate over how to pipe puffs onto baking sheets. Some people spiral the dough, but I prefer to pipe the dough as if collapsing a figure 8 onto itself. This method seems to give the puffs more "lift."
- Bake cream puffs about an inch apart on ungreased baking sheets lined with a silicone liner such as Silpat (preferably) or parchment paper. If using parchment, secure it with tabs of dough to keep the paper from rising when the puffs are piped onto the pan.
- Bake puffs in a hot oven —

- 425 degrees. For plain (to be filled) puffs, leave them in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes with the oven off after they are baked. That achieves extra crispness and keeps the amount of uncooked dough inside to a minimum.
- Be careful not to underbake. Plain puffs should move easily around the baking sheet and feel light. If they feel heavy, let them bake a few minutes longer.
- Cream puffs soften when exposed to the air. If made ahead, they can be crisped in a hot oven for a couple of minutes.
- For do-ahead preparations, you'll get better results by reheating baked puffs than by baking dough that has been refrigerated. Baked cream puffs may be frozen, but freezing diminishes their flavor.

plastic bag with 1 inch snipped off one corner), at least half an inch apart, onto the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes or until the puffs are deep brown and no longer doughy. Serve warm or at room temperature.

## COCOA PUFFS

In VANILLA SAUCE  
Makes 80 mini puffs, about 10 dessert servings

I like to serve these little chocolate cream puffs like a bowl of breakfast cereal, with the ice cream melted to simulate milk, but you could also sprinkle the cocoa puffs onto frozen ice cream or serve them alongside coffee. The puffs may be baked up to 4 hours ahead.

1 batch Basic Cream Puff Dough

2 teaspoons instant espresso powder

5 teaspoons cocoa powder, plus additional for dusting

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Have ready an ungreased baking sheet lined with a silicone liner or parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients except the sesame seeds. Drop table- spoonfuls of dough (or pipe them using a gallon-sized resealable plastic bag with 1-inch snipped off one corner), at least half an inch apart, onto the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle some sesame seeds on each mound and bake for 20 minutes or until the puffs are no longer doughy. Serve warm or at room temperature.

## CHEESE PUFFS

Makes 42 pieces

These are spicy. Monterey jack cheese may be used instead of pepper jack for a milder flavor.

1 batch Basic Cream Puff Dough

3/4 cup (about 3 ounces) grated pepper jack cheese

3/8 cup (about 1 1/2 ounces) grated Parmesan cheese

1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Have ready a baking sheet lined with a silicone liner or parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, combine the dough with the pepper jack and Parmesan cheeses, chili powder and salt. Drop teaspoons of dough (or pipe them using a gallon-sized resealable

3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips

In a 2-plants premium vanilla ice cream, melted in the microwave and then kept cold

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Have ready a baking sheet lined with a silicone liner or parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients except the ice cream. Using an espresso spoon or a teaspoon measuring spoon, drop table- spoonfuls of dough for pipe them using a gallon-sized resealable plastic bag with 1/2 inch snipped off one corner) at least half an inch apart on the prepared baking sheet. You may have to prod the dough out of the bag if a chip gets stuck. Bake for 12 minutes or until the puffs are dark brown, crisp and are no longer doughy.

Transfer to a wire rack and cool completely. To serve, pour melted vanilla ice cream (about 1/2 cup per serving) into cereal bowls, top with a puff and sprinkle with a little cocoa powder.

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**Roasted poblanos form the base for attention-getting flavors**

By Marla Kramer  
The Washington Post

The poblano is the gentle giant of chili peppers: larger than most (four to five inches long, its wide top tapering to a blunt end) but with a relatively mild, even sweet, disposition. Its thick skin makes the poblano a natural for stuffing (think chilies rellenos).

Here, roasted poblanos form a base that is topped with a mixture of ground chicken, yellow bell pepper, diced tomatoes, green olives, raisins and aromatic spices — all lying for attention. This family-friendly meal can be prepared almost entirely in advance. Cool the assembled dish, then cover and refrigerate; when ready to eat, bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes.

Adapted from "The One-Dish Chicken Cookbook," by Mary Ellen Evans (Broadway Books, 2006).



The poblano is larger than most chili peppers but with a relatively mild disposition. Here, Chicken Picadillo-Stuffed Poblanos.

**CHICKEN PICADILLO-STUFFED POBLANOS**

4 to 6 servings

- 4 large poblano chili peppers, hulled lengthwise, stemmed and seeded
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 yellow bell pepper, chopped (1 to 1 1/4 cups)
- 2 large cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 pound ground chicken
- One 14 1/2-ounce can diced tomatoes with juice
- 1/2 cup sliced green olives with pimientos
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese

Lightly coat a 12-by-8-inch baking dish with nonstick spray oil.

Set an oven rack 4 inches from the heating element and preheat the broiler. Place the poblanos, skin side up, on a rimmed baking sheet and broil until blackened, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Let rest for 10 minutes to steam. Holding the poblanos under cold running water, slip off and discard the charred skin. Blot the poblano halves with paper towels and place them in a single layer in the prepared baking dish. Set aside.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

While the poblanos are being roasted, heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and bell pepper and cook, stirring, until they have softened and begin to brown, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, 30 seconds. Add the chicken and cook, stirring constantly and breaking apart with a spoon, until the meat is no longer pink, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes with their juice and the olives, raisins, cumin and cinnamon. Reduce the heat to medium and cook until the liquid has evaporated, 7 to 10 minutes. Stir in the Monterey jack cheese. Spoon the mixture over the poblanos. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until heated through. Serve immediately.

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**Southwest fish and veggies**

By Linda Gassenheimer  
Knight Ridder News Service

Spicy flavors of the Southwest give zip to mild, firm, farm-raised catfish, a seafood choice that doesn't deplete ocean resources and is consistent in quality.

Spiking Florida sweetcorn with chipotle pepper creates a sweet heat. If you don't find chipotle pepper seasoning in your supermarket's spice aisle, use smoked or Hungarian paprika.

To share the corn, wrap ears loosely in plastic wrap or damp paper towels and refrigerate. Thin strips of skewered zucchini complete the meal.

The fish, corn and zucchini cook together under the broiler in about the same amount of time. Watch closely and remove items as they are done.

with garlic: In a small bowl, combine chili powder, cumin and cayenne; sprinkle on fish. Place fish on tray, spice side up, and set aside.

Wash and trim zucchini. With a long, sharp knife, cut into very thin strips (about 1/8 inch thick). Thread onto 2 (about 8-inch) skewers. Spray lightly with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spray each ear of corn with olive oil and sprinkle with chipotle seasoning. Place skewers and corn on baking tray with fish.

Broil 6 inches from heat source for 7 to 10 minutes, turning vegetables once, until fish is cooked through and vegetables are done. Makes 2 servings.

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- Olive oil spray
- 12 ounces farm-raised catfish fillet
- 1 medium garlic clove, cut in half
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- Pinch cayenne
- 1/2 pound zucchini
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 large ears corn, husked
- 1/2 teaspoon chipotle pepper seasoning

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# Thick herb crust puts some life into flank steak

By Deborah S. Hartz  
Knight Rider News Service

A thick coating of chopped fresh thyme, rosemary and tarragon as well as garlic add great flavor to Herb-Crusted Flank Steak. Serve it as is or add a "salsa" of cherry (or grape), tomatoes and olives. You grill the steak, slice it and serve it very hot with tomatoes mixed with chopped black and green olives, fresh basil and parsley tossed in olive oil and sherry vinegar. It's a simple recipe that gets dressed up nicely enough for company.

The olive salad can be made ahead, which makes this perfect for entertaining. It's also a very attractive dish, complete with tomatoes and all those fresh herbs. Of course, you can use the herb preparation with any type of steak you prefer.

If you have a charcoal grill instead of a gas one, invest in a chimney starter. You put the coals in a metal tube with holes and a grate at the bottom. You put two pieces of crumpled newspaper beneath the grate, light it and a few minutes later

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## HERB-CRUSTED FLANK STEAK

- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
- 2 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh-ground black pepper
- 2 (1 1/2-pound) flank steaks
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

- Cherry tomatoes and olives
- 2 cups halved cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1/4 cup coarse-chopped pitted kalamata olives
- 1/4 cup coarse-chopped pitted brine-cured green olives
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
2 tablespoons sherry wine vinegar  
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper, to taste

**\* To make steak:** Mix thyme, rosemary, tarragon, garlic, salt and pepper. Place steaks in a single layer in a large glass baking dish. Brush steaks with olive oil. Rub with herb mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 1 hour and up to 8 hours.

**\* To make tomatoes:** Mix tomatoes, parsley, olives, basil, oil and vinegar in a nonreactive large bowl. Season with salt and pepper. (Can be made 2 hours ahead. Let stand at room temperature.)

**\* To cook steaks:** Preheat a gas or charcoal grill to medium-high heat. Grill steaks about 4 minutes per side for medium doneness. Transfer steaks to a cutting board. Cover with foil and let stand 5 minutes.

Cut steaks across grain into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Arrange steak slices on large platter. Spoon tomatoes with juices over steaks and serve. Makes 6 servings.

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Columnist Steve Crump samples truck stop brew.  
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The Washington Post

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By Andrew McGlothlen

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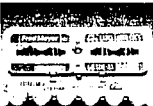


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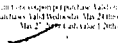
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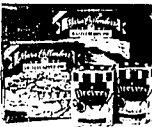
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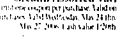
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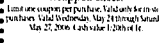
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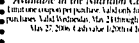
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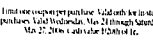
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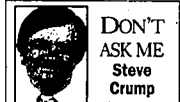
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## I wear the stains I forged in life

Human beings are pretty good at pretending that the obvious really isn't, but it's remarkably hard to explain away a coffee stain down the front of your shirt.

It's a question of volume, really. Your typical cup of joe simply contains too much dissolving lactose-laden liquid to ignore it as you would, say, a mustard stain or a major chest wound.



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

I have a friend who's a barista — they're the grumpy, apron-clad folks who dispense coffee that costs more than \$3 a cup — who claims that it's possible to pass off a coffee stain as if it never happened.

If you're cool enough, she insists, you can pretend that it's decaffeinated to be coffee, um, tainted.

Can't see it, myself. Even when I wear Hawaiian shirts, I can never escape the human stain.

My wife recently bought me a tropical shirt festooned with a selection of large palm trees in assorted colors. Behind the trees is a tropical sunset in hues of orange designed to hide all manner of sins, both spiritual and corporeal.

I wore it for the first time on vacation in Florida recently. In rapid succession, I spilled most of a mojito, a modicum of mango salsa and then an entire fruit salad down the front of it. Couldn't tell it had ever been sullied.

I rinsed out the shirt in the sink and dried it on the shower rod, and the next morning I wore it when my wife and I had breakfast at a Cuban cafe.

Now Cubans face the day only after drinking coffee so appallingly sweet and so prodigiously caffeinated that it sends both their spirits and their blood pressure into low geosynchronous orbit. You could look it up: The Spanish word "arrabe" means "stuck."

The shock of the first sip was so profound that I spilled some Cuban coffee on my shirt. It immediately ate holes in three of the five palm trees still standing. (The restaurant's proprietor let me borrow a tablecloth to wear back to the hotel room, but that's another story.)

My wife, who has essentially spent all of our retirement savings on a house in the blink of an eye, forbids me from drinking coffee unless I first wrap myself in a shower curtain and sit out on the curb. But that would look weird, wouldn't it?

So as a compromise, I am proscribed from drinking coffee if Victoria is present. Or if she thinks someone she knows might conceivably see me drinking it.

This means that I have to frequent the McDonald's drive-through, or order my coffee, park around behind the Dumpster and drink it there.

When it comes to higher-class coffee, Victoria has deemed that I am not cool enough to frequent our favorite Boise coffeehouse. The Flying M, I am permitted to drink coffee at Starbucks, but only if I sit outside in the rain.

Remarkably, though, there are no rules concerning my drinking coffee that I have made — as long as my wife finds no evidence of it. So I went out and bought myself one of those small home espresso machines.

First time I used it, I poured in the water, cranked up the steam, added the coffee and waited. Nothing seemed to be happening, so I peered into the little container where I'd placed the coffee.

Unfortunately, it was under a lot of pressure, the time, so the coffee exploded all over the walls and ceiling of my kitchen. There are actually grounds combing the plain.

Ever since, I've been combing coffee grounds out of my hair and eyebrows. But there are no stains or smudges on my shirt.

That's because I shredded the damn thing and stuffed it in the espresso machine. Makes a dandy filter.

*Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 325-3232 or scrump@magicalvalley.com.*

## Discovering drunks County jail installs new breath analyzing machine

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For years, the breath analyzing room — next to the intake room at the Twin Falls County Jail — has been the make-or-break point for countless suspected drunks arrested for giggling, stumbling, stammering or fumbling.

"Thanks to a \$6,100 grant from the Idaho Department of Transportation, the sheriff's office has replaced one of the room's two aging machines. The sheriff's office, like the Idaho State Police, does not use hand-held breath analyzers in the field. They rely on their

### 2005 drunk driving stats

176 DUI arrests  
5,000 breath analyses at county jail  
Source: Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office

Hand units are not as reliable as the stationary Intoxalyzer 5000 EN, said Lt. Jack Johnson, and are much more expensive.

"By the time you issued one to every officer, you would have a lot more money tied up," he said.

Twin Falls police officers use portable breath analyzers, for the most part at teenage parties.

"We use them to determine the pres-

ence of alcohol, but we don't use them to determine the exact concentration," said Staff Sgt. Dennis Pullin.

The devices cost somewhere between \$1,200 and \$1,400.

For drunks and suspected drunks, the endgame is facing the machine in the jail's breath analyzing room.

Depending on when suspects finished their last drink, their blood alcohol content may rise or fall after the time of the arrest.

Many other factors can alter the results, including a person's weight, height and when they ate their last meal.

The breath analyzers are reversed a bit like Oz in the sense that they make ultimate decisions, deliver credible results,

but operate mainly beyond the grasp of the people who use them. There is no in-house office geek to fix them.

"If they are out of calibration, we send the machine off — usually to the state forensics lab or back to the factory itself," Johnson said.

The wait time at the jail before testing lasts a presumably uncomfortable 15 minutes. Sharing a room, the arresting officer observes the suspect for that period while filling out paperwork.

"You have to observe them for 15 minutes to make sure they don't have something in their mouth that could affect the test — gum or a lifesaver, or any foreign substance that could make the test questionable," Johnson said.



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Top: United Parcel Service freight driver Kevin McClain battles a car blaze with a fire extinguisher Tuesday on Fairfield Street in Twin Falls. After seeing the smoke and flames, McClain stopped his truck and began combating the fire. Center: Twin Falls firefighters put out a car fire Tuesday afternoon on Fairfield S. treat in Twin Falls.

## Man escapes serious injury after car catches on fire

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Solon Short didn't expect to be engulfed in flames when he opened the hood of his fiancée's car.

But that's what happened Tuesday afternoon when he tried to check the fuel filter after the engine died on Fairfield Street.

"I was trying to drive it to my stepdad's house to get it fixed when it died," Short said. "And when I went to check the fuel filter, flames just shot out."

Short suffered smoke inhalation and minor burns to his arms and face.

Smoke clouded the street, and the acrid smell of burning plastic filled the air as passersby stopped to help. Kevin McClain, a freight driver for United Parcel Service, directed traffic; and Lynette Conway of the Times-News tried to snuff the flames with a fire extinguisher.

"I was passing by and was like, 'Whoa, that car is on fire,'" McClain said. "So I jumped out and did what I could do to help out."

Firefighters extinguished the flames within minutes, and treated Short until he could be taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was treated and released.



Flames from his burning car singed Solon Short's face.

ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

## Jerome Highway District gears up for new growth

By Cathy Roemer  
Times News correspondent

JEROME — Rising costs of road construction could cut back on scheduled improvements for some Jerome County roads.

"Last year we could build two miles of road for \$500,000," said Leroy Lewis, Jerome Highway District road supervisor. "This year it's costing us \$426,000 for 1.1 miles of road."

Lewis said fuel and oil products associated with road construction are driving up the cost, noting that "oil costs almost double what it did last year."

Nevertheless, the Highway District will continue with its projected five-year capital improvement plan and maintain the 329 miles of roads the department is responsible for. The district receives some grant money and Lewis said, "We apply for every one we get."

Roads slated for improvement are usually those that get the most traffic, but Lewis said the department tries to rotate upgrades throughout the three-county commissioners' districts.

Traffic in Jerome County is on the increase and with an imminent influx of new hous-

ing developments, Lewis anticipates a increased workload.

"Many people don't realize that the Highway District doesn't maintain control of access, he said.

Private lanes and driveways cannot be installed randomly along county roads.

"We have to place them properly for good drainage and sight distances," Lewis said. Another wear factor on roads is the increase in agricultural use — big trucks and farm equipment.

During the thaw cycle, weight limits are placed on more vulnerable roads but that doesn't always keep overweight trucks from using them, Lewis said.

Consequently, frequent patching is necessary but must be done to "preserve road integrity and protect roads for the public."

But when it's time for a road reconstruct, Lewis said they build to accommodate the heavier equipment and often widen bridges for safer passage.

With the growing season already here, pivot end guns and sprinklers spewing water on

## Two-car collision injures seven

By Renee Wells  
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Seven people were injured Monday evening in a two-car wreck at the Double C Farms feedlot at Willow Creek, south of Burley.

The wreck occurred when the two vans were traveling north on 200 East near the feedlot.

Luigi Calhina, 27, of Rupert, who was driving a 1995 Plymouth Voyager, told officers he lost control when he had a blowout on his van.

This, he accused, Mario J. Morales, 23, of Rupert, to lose control of the 1992 Chevy van he was driving. Calhina received minor injuries, but refused to be transported to the hospital.

Morales' van left the road and hit a power pole. The van spun sideways and went through a pipe fence, partially knocking over a well-casing gate post. It came to rest facing south, after hitting a cow in the pen.

Calhina's van continued down the Willow Creek Road for several feet before entering a ditch.

It then traveled several hundred feet down the ditch before rolling onto its side.

Francisco Calhina, age unknown, of Rupert, who was riding in Morales' vehicle, was transferred by Life Flight helicopter to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls for treatment of severe head injuries.

He was taken to surgery upon arrival and is in critical condition, said Cassia County Undersheriff Gary Bristol. He did not have a seatbelt on at the time of the crash, according to the police report.

Five other people were taken to Cassia Regional Medical Center for injuries ranging from minor to critical.

Other victims listed in the report are Bernardo Martinez, 35; Mecedina Calhina, 15; Silveriano Hernandez, 23; all riding in Morales' vehicle; Augustin Calhina, 32; Santos Calhina, 37, riding in Calhina's van, and all of Rupert.

They all were wearing seatbelts, the report said.

Emergency personnel responded from Oakley, Burley, and Minidoka County to the crash.

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Susan Evon Chugg Eckles

**KETCHUM** — Susan Evon-Chugg Eckles, 52, of Ketchum and formerly of Rupert, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2006, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

Susan was born Sept. 6, 1953, in Rupert, Idaho, to Jay L. and Elma Chugg. She married the love of her life, Craig Eckles, on June 21, 1975. Susan was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She loved all animals and supported the Wood River Animal Shelter. She enjoyed crocheting afghans for all friends and family and loved fishing, camping, being in the mountains, snow skiing, gardening and watching the rewards of her work. Susan touched many lives in her work career with Twin Falls County and First Security-Wells Fargo Bank.

Susan is survived by her husband, Craig Eckles of Ketchum, Idaho; mother, Elma Chugg of Rupert; mother-in-law, Bonnie



Eckles of Twin Falls; brother, Jay L. (Shira) Chugg of Newcastle, Tenn.; brothers-in-law, Bob and Ross Eckles of Nampa and Drew Eckles of Twin Falls; sisters, Cathy (Bob) Brown of Twin Falls and Marylee (Doug) Turner of Rupert; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Jay L.

Chugg; nephew, Matthew Brown; father-in-law, Warren Eckles; and a special aunt, Rose Bishop McClure.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2006, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Bishop James Meltrick officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Wood River Animal Shelter in Hiley, Idaho, or St. Luke's-Saint Alphonsus Life Flight, in care of Hansen Mortuary.

The family would like to thank Justin Day, organ donation coordinator, St. Luke's Life Flight, Wood River St. Luke's emergency team, Kete Bum Police Department and the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center ICU nurses and doctors for their loving care of Susan.

Laura Jane Lucas

**TWIN FALLS** — Laura Jane Lucas left her earthly body and entered her heavenly home and eternal rest on Sunday, May 21, 2006.

Laura, beloved wife, mother, sister and friend, had been home one week recuperating from a previous surgery.

Laura was born August 19, 1963, in Afton, Oklahoma. She married Thomas Leroy Lucas on Dec. 22, 1990, in Vinlia, Oklahoma.

Laura attended the New Life Community Church in Wendell, Idaho. Laura was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

Surviving Laura is her husband, Thomas; two daughters, Shawna (William) James and



Johnelle Petty; and one son, Thomas "Buddy" Lucas Jr. and one grandchild on the way. Also surviving are her four brothers,

Thomas Greenwood, Kenneth Greenwood, Gary Greenwood and Floyd Greenwood; three sisters, Susan McElhany, Karen Greenwood and Sheila Burris; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, two brothers, a stepdaughter and a great-nephew.

Funeral services for Laura will be held Friday, May 26, 2006, at 6 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

SERVICES

**Wesley Walter Jones**, formerly of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

**Dora Mae Perron** of Shoshone, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Shoshone LDS Church; friends and family may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Demary's Shoshone Chapel).

**Maj. Gen. David A. Gray**, formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service on 10 a.m. Thursday at Chapel 2 at the Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

**Claude C. Jackson** of Twin Falls and Mesa, Ariz., graveside service at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**Lyle K. Pizcus** of Filer, celebration of life at 6 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2406 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today with family to greet

friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

**Joyce Lorine Beeson** of Coalinga, Calif., graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone (Demary's Shoshone Chapel).

**Lois W. Giddings** of Jerome, family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Giddings' home, 100 N. 91 W. in Jerome (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

**Helen Gribble Bourdeau** of Coalinga, Calif., and formerly of Elmerman, memorial service Friday at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Coalinga, Calif.

**Joseph Wayne Lee** of Ogden, Utah, and formerly of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Mount Lewis Beth Chapel, 1200 N. Monroe Blvd. in Ogden, Utah; graveside service at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers Mortuary, 845 Washington Blvd. in Ogden, Utah, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Friday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Neille Mae Francis** nee Dunlap of Paul, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Paul Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1450 E. 16th St. in Burley.

**Marian E. Bigley** of Lewiston and formerly of Kinberly, memorial get-together and potluck picnic from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Henry Barby Park on Borah Avenue W. in Twin Falls; for information, call John Bigley at (360) 659-8180 or Irene Easton at 733-3429.

**Floyd Lenard Corthell** of Bull, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

**Les Schultz** of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Cemetery (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

held one hour before the service Friday. Arrangements are under direction of the Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel.

**Virginia Burmelster** HEYBURN — Virginia Lee Burmelster, 77, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

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**Mary Rogers** RUPERT — Mary Rogers, 83, of Rupert, died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2006, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Heyburn. A viewing will be

Feds reject petition to list owl as endangered

By Juliana Barossa Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday rejected a petition to list the California spotted owl under the Endangered Species Act, saying the population is stable and programs that prevent forest wildfires will allow it to thrive.

The decision rankled the environmental groups that had requested protection of the spotted, football-sized owl.

This was their second effort to list the bird in three years. The petition's denial was based in part on the recommendation of scientists commissioned to study the owl, said Steve Thompson, manager of the agency's California-Nevada operations office. They found that fires that creep through excessive brush and eventually consume the old-growth forests the owls prefer are their main threat, Thompson said, adding that U.S. Forest Service tree thinning programs will prevent the spread of flames and ensure the owls remain off the endangered list.

But environmentalists protested, saying the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan, amended in 2004 to allow cutting trees of up to 30 inches in diameter, is logging in disguise and destroys owl habitat.

"They're completely off base," said Neal Greenwood, with the Center for Biological Diversity's Portland office. "Logging is by far the most serious threat to the California spotted owl and the kind of fuel reduction they're talking about is just that — logging."

Greenwood said that it's long been understood that the owls need mature trees.

He said that thin, easily consumed vegetation such as grass, brush and small trees under 12 inches in diameter are what feed the raging fires that can race through California's hills in summer and fall.

Environmentalists said the petition's denial has more to do with the current political climate than with threats facing the owl.

Another threat to the California spotted owl is encroachment into its territory by a larger, more aggressive owl — the barred owl, originally from the East Coast.

But although the eastern owl moved quickly into the Pacific Northwest, its spread into the Sierra has been slower than anticipated, and it hasn't reached Southern California yet, federal officials said.

Placing the owl under federal protection would have required officials to designate habitat that is essential for its recovery.

That could have significant impact on activities allowed within the 11.5 million acres of national forests in the Sierra.

It could severely limit commercial logging in the area, as seen when a closely related subspecies — the northern spotted owl — was listed as threatened in 1990.

Large tracts of federal forests were closed to logging in Northern California, Oregon and Washington, cutting back logging by 80 percent in federal forests and reducing it in private lands, and leaving timber-dependent towns to face an economic slump.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Elizabeth Elchholz** MOUNTAIN HOME — Elizabeth Elchholz, 95, of Mountain Home, died Saturday, May 20, 2006, at a Boise care center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

A viewing will be held at 9 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

**Ray Lacy** TWIN FALLS — Ray Lacy, 79, of San Antonio, Texas, died Thursday, May 18, 2006, in his home in San Antonio, Texas.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2006, at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2006, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2006, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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# Floodwaters begin to recede in Magic Valley

By Will Sites  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** — The good news is that the bad news is drying up. The National Weather Service in Boise issued a statement Tuesday that said, for the most part, the snowpack flooding is beginning to recede for Magic Valley residents.

However, flood warnings will continue through today for residents along the Big Wood and Little Wood rivers in Gooding, Lincoln, and Blaine counties.

The weather service reported that the discharge measured Tuesday below the spillway at Magic Reservoir decreased to 5,500 cfs. However, that amount of flow will create minor flooding down stream along the Big Wood River in Gooding County through today and until the water recedes.

For Lincoln County residents, the flood warnings will continue through today. The weather service reported minor flooding along the Little Wood in Shoshone City. Minor flooding is forecast for the Big Wood below Magic Reservoir near Shoshone.

Flows along the Big Wood will be near the base of the state



The Big Wood River Monday evening at the state Highway 46 bridge in Gooding. Just before reaching an expected high mark Tuesday morning of 8.5 feet, The National Weather Service has continued a flood warning for Gooding County until at least Wednesday afternoon.

Highway 75 bridge north of the community.

In Halley, the weather service measured the Big Wood at 6.4

feet Tuesday morning with moderate flooding forecast. The stage is expected to gradually fall over the next few days, but

will remain a threat to lower subdivisions in Halley and some secondary roads in Ketchum.

# Study: Oregon power plant spreads haze to parks

**BOARDMAN, Ore. (AP)** — A new federal study shows that a coal-burning power plant in Eastern Oregon has polluted 10 protected parks and wilderness areas in three states.

Haze from the Portland General Electric plant near Boardman clouds views from Hells Canyon on the Idaho border, at Mount Jefferson in Washington and Mount Rainier in Central Oregon, according to the study.

Air in wilderness areas is supposed to be protected as the cleanest in the nation. The U.S. Forest Service commissioned the analysis and provided a copy to PGE, the state's largest electric utility, but so far the federal agency has taken no action on it. The Oregonian newspaper obtained it through the Freedom of Information Act.

The findings raise the possibility that PGE will have to install millions of dollars worth of pollution controls at the Boardman plant, which was authorized in 1975 — just in time to avoid overhauled provisions of the federal Clean Air Act. Federal authorities later acknowledged in a court case that the early authorization was a mistake.

Boardman is now one of only two major coal plants in the West without modern pollution controls and no immediate commitment to add them, said Patrick Cummins, air quality program manager for the Western Governors Association.

PGE officials have acknowledged that the plant is probably contributing to haze and said that they will address the problem

if it's verified by another analysis with newer data, which is planned by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

"If this shows the controls are necessary and required, we will put them on," Mark Fryburg, environmental policy specialist with the company, told The Oregonian.

But an updated state study could take more than five years. The company has committed to accelerating the DEQ study, but not to adding controls on any speeded-up schedule.

Fitting the plant with scrubbers and other devices to capture compounds that create haze and acid rain could cost \$150 million, Fryburg said. The plant, a major source of power and income for the Portland-

based utility, has been off line since October because of breakdowns.

It's expected to be back in service later this month.

The Boardman plant, along with a nearby giant dairy complex, have come under increasing scrutiny as a source of worsening air pollution in the Columbia River Gorge plus acid rain and fog that eats away ancient Native American rock art.

Officials at the Forest Service, which manages the gorge, said they were surprised at the wide effects of the plant's emissions.

"The number of wilderness areas affected is almost unprecedented," said James Bussett, manager of air resources and smoke management in the agency's regional office in Portland.

# Illegal parents could be split from U.S.-born children

**NOICROSS, Ga. (AP)** — Laila Montezuma was 16 when she fled across the border from Mexico with her mother, only to be abandoned by the smuggler paid to get them into the United States. They had to bite their "coyote" to reach Houston.

But Montezuma's own daughter will be spared those straits. Even if her mother and her husband are both deported for being illegal immigrants, little Alma could eventually return to enjoy her opportunities her parents sought here.

"She's not going to have to fight for anything for the simple fact that she was born here," Montezuma said as her infant daughter played in a waiting room at a pediatric clinic in suburban Atlanta.

About 2 million families face the risk of being split up because the children are U.S.-born citizens but the parents are illegal immigrants. At least one lawmaker has proposed ending citizenship by birthright, restricting automatic citizenship

at birth to children of U.S. citizens and legal residents.

The United States has one of the most liberal citizenship policies in the world, granting citizenship to anyone born on U.S. soil based on an 1868 constitutional amendment. About 3.1 million children are U.S. citizens by birth, even though one or both of their parents are here illegally, according to estimates by the Pew Hispanic Center.

Supporters of that measure say it is the only way to fully integrate immigrants. "If a person has a stake in the society where they are, and you can't beat that as an integration measure," said Demetrios Panademetris, president of the Migration Policy Institute, a Washington think tank.

But critics who want to eliminate the right insist it is a magnet for illegal immigration and an obstacle in efforts to deport millions of illegal immigrants.

It's not as large a magnet as jobs, but it will be easier to solve the problem of illegal immigration if we avoid the mixed-family

situation," said Rep. Nathan Deal, R-Ga., who tried unsuccessfully to revoke the citizenship-by-birth right in the immigration bill passed by the House in December.

Deal and other advocates of stricter controls say immigrants come to the U.S. in part to have "anchor babies" — children who can offer their parents some immunity from deportation and then petition for them to receive green cards after turning 21. But just how many immigrants do so is unclear.

Border Patrol agents rescue one or two immigrants in labor every year.

Daniel McClafferty, part of a Border Patrol military team, found an 18-year-old woman in shock with her newborn daughter last month about 20 miles north of the border in the foothills of the Arizona desert.

A fellow immigrant had helped deliver the baby, cutting her umbilical cord with a nail clipper. McClafferty helped evacuate the mother on a helicopter and carry the baby to the

closest road, four miles away.

Alejandro Ramos with the Mexican consulate in Tucson, Ariz., said the mother had asked for a U.S. birth certificate for her daughter, but her whereabouts were unknown.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers try not to separate families but they do "arrest and remove people every day" who have grandparents in the U.S., said agency spokesman Marc Raimondo.

Immigrants who are ordered deported can ask a judge to let them stay if, among other things, they are able to prove their deportation would be an "extremely unusual hardship" to a U.S.-citizen spouse or child.

Immigration judges typically consider whether children can speak the language of their parents' native country and whether they have enough money to survive and whether they have serious health problems, said Elaine Korns of the Executive Office of Immigration Review, which runs federal immigration courts.

# Fire remains unaffected by high winds

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)** — A desert wildfire that has burned about 8,000 acres of New Mexico grass and brush remained uncontained Tuesday, but firefighters were pleased that high winds that fanned the blaze Monday did not blow the fire out of control.

The National Weather Service posted a red flag warning for much of the state Monday. Gusts between 10 and 50 mph were common, but state Forestry Division spokesman Dan Ware said firefighters were able to keep the fires in check.

The Adobe fire southeast of Animas in New Mexico's boot heel has burned about 8,000 acres and was about 10 percent contained, Ware said. No structures were threatened.

The 5,500-acre Cerro Fire, which charred grass and some

ponderosa pine in Mora County, was started by lightning Monday night and whipped by winds by Tuesday. The threat to several structures was over and the fire was 70 percent contained, Ware said.

North of Corona, wind gusts of up to 45 mph fanned the Encino fire before "some well-timed rain" put a damper on the spread of the fire, Ware said. Crews are putting out 650-acre fire, but 100-acre fire north of Tucson in the Santa Catalina Mountains. With 100-degree

temperatures and high winds expected over the next three days, authorities requested the fire from spreading.

It was 10 percent contained by Monday night, according to fire officials who said no structures were threatened and no injuries have been reported.

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# Primary election results Unopposed races



**Statewide**  
221 of 517 precincts counted  
U.S. representative, District 2  
Jim Hansen, Democrat, 3,680  
Mike Simpson, Republican (I),  
21,222  
Lieutenant governor  
Jim Risch, Republican, (I), 25,420  
Secretary of state  
Don Yuusro, Republican, (I),  
25,567  
State treasurer candidates:  
Jill Ellsworth, Democrat, 4,618  
Jon Crane, Republican (I), 24,293  
State controller  
Debbie Groves Twiegler, Democrat,  
24,553  
Attorney general candidate  
Robert "Bob" Wallace, Democrat,  
4,586

Maxine Bell (I), 1,392  
Idaho County coroner —  
Republican  
Gerald Ostler (I), 1,407  
Jerome County treasurer —  
Republican  
Mary Childers (I), 1,395  
County commissioner, District 1 —  
Democrat  
Samuel R. Harris, 122

**Gooding County**  
2,052 people voted  
District 25 Senate — Democrat  
Clint Stennett, 226  
District 25 House Seat A —  
Democrat  
Wendy Jaquet, 225  
District 25 House Seat B —  
Democrat  
Donna Pence, 224  
County commissioner, District 1 —  
Republican  
Helen P. Edwards, 1,417  
County coroner — Republican  
Gary Loder (I), 1,368  
County assessor — Republican  
Patty Bouscher (I), 1,561

County assessor — Republican  
Max Vaughn (I)  
County treasurer — Republican  
Laura Twiss (I)  
County clerk — Republican  
Duane Smith (I)  
County commissioner, District 3 —  
Lynn Hunsaker

**Cassia County**  
11 of 22 precincts counted  
District 27 Senate — Republican  
Denton Darrington (I), 494  
District 27 House Seat A —  
Republican  
Scott Becke (I), 530  
County Treasurer — Republican  
Gayle Erikson (I), 494  
County Assessor — Republican  
Martell Holland (I), 506

**Lincoln County**  
6 of 6 precincts counted  
County coroner — Republican  
Keith E. Davis (I), 629  
County commissioner, District 3 —  
Republican  
Jerry Nance (I), 497  
County commissioner, District 3 —  
Democrat  
Jerry Heimendinger, 84

**Minidoka County**  
Due to a software glitch, results  
were not available at press time  
District 26, Senate — Republican  
Dean Cameron (I)  
District 26 House Seat A —  
Democrat  
Scott McClure  
District 26 House Seat B —  
Republican  
Maxine Bell (I)  
County coroner —  
Joel Heward

**Camas County**  
Due to a software glitch, results  
were not available at press time  
County commissioner, District 1  
— Republican  
Bill Davis  
County Commissioner District 3 —  
Republican  
Kenneth Backstrom  
District Court Clerk — Republican  
Rolie Bennett  
County Treasurer — Republican  
Doyle Bachell  
County Assessor — Republican  
Lynn D. McGuire  
County Coroner — Republican  
Doris Boggs  
1st Precinct Officer — Republican  
Ron Chapman  
2nd Precinct Officer — Republican  
Galen Colter

**Jerome County**  
8 of 10 precincts counted  
District 25, Senate — Republican  
Deah Cameron (I), 1,381  
District 25 House Seat A —  
Democrat  
Scott McClure, 125  
District 26 House Seat B —  
Republican

# Carter, Mondale are pair to live longest since leaving office

By Doug Gross  
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale have surpassed John Adams and Thomas Jefferson as the president and vice president who have lived the longest since leaving office.

As of Tuesday, Carter and Mondale had lived 25 years and 121 days since leaving the White House in 1981. That's a day longer than Adams and Jefferson, who both died July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed.

More important than their longevity, some observers contend, is the legacy of productivity the pair have created.

The modern presidents seem to be living longer, said Jay Lakes, director of the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum in Atlanta. "The question of what they're going to do when they leave office assumes a lot more importance now than it may have in the past, and that Carter and Mondale have really sort of set the pace for very active and productive lives after leaving the White House."

Carter, 91, and his wife, Rosalynn, founded The Carter Center in 1982. He has traveled widely since then, working on peace, democracy and health initiatives worldwide. He won the Nobel Prize for his efforts in 2002.

Carter's other pursuits have included volunteering annually for the Georgia-based Habitat for Humanity, writing more than

20 books, and hobbies that include painting and woodworking.

Four years after leaving the White House, Mondale, 76, was the Democratic nominee for president. He was appointed ambassador to Japan by President Clinton in 1993 and was Clinton's special envoy on the Asian financial crisis and economic reforms in Indonesia five years later.

After Sen. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota died in a plane crash during his re-election campaign in 2002, Mondale replaced him on the ticket but lost to Republican Norm Coleman.

Mondale currently is senior counsel at Dorsey & Whitney LLP, a Minneapolis law firm, where he specializes in issues involving Asian finance and government.

"He comes into the office nearly every day," said Larry Splet, a spokesman for the firm. "He remains very active and engaged."

Mondale was traveling overseas and could not be reached Tuesday, Splet said.

Carter, meanwhile, was hosting a Carter Center forum of human rights workers worldwide.

In opening remarks Tuesday at the Human Rights Defenders Policy Forum, Carter didn't mention the milestone.

In a 2004 interview with The Associated Press, he said he decided early on to use the clout from his presidency in the years that followed.

Carter was 52 and Mondale was 48 when they took office in 1976. Carter was defeated by Republican Ronald Reagan in 1980.

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# Sandpoint festival director earns jail time

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) — The executive director of the Festival at Sandpoint has been sentenced to serve two months in jail for her fourth drunken driving conviction.

Judge Justin Julian sentenced Diana Bendix Wahl to 180 days,

but suspended all but two months of the time. The judge also offered to have Wahl serve just one month in jail if she checks herself into an inpatient alcohol treatment program for one month.

Wahl, 43, apologized at the

sentencing, saying her conduct brought negative publicity to the festival.

"I do believe that good can come from bad and you can learn from things that happen to you," Wahl said before the judge interrupted her.

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# U.S. and Mexico must work together to improve citizens' lives, Fox says in Utah

By Brock Vergakis  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Kicking off a three-day, three-state tour, Mexican President Vicente Fox on Tuesday stressed the need for greater cooperation between his country and the U.S. on such things as trade, energy and security. Left unmentioned was the hot topic of illegal immigration.

In a lunchtime speech to about 500 business, civic and religious leaders, Fox discussed his accomplishments during his six-year term, which ends this year, and promoted trade opportunities with Utah and the rest of the U.S.

Working together, Mexico and the U.S. can improve the quality of life for citizens in both countries, he said.

"The future of North America must guarantee great competitiveness, greater regional security, greater availability of energy, greater trade exchanges and, naturally, a greater well-being for all of its inhabitants," said Fox, who is also scheduled to visit Washington state and California this week.

He spoke of the steps he has taken to strengthen the Mexican economy and the democratization of his country.

He did not mention immigration, although his visit comes as the U.S. Senate considers legislation to strengthen border security, authorize new guest-worker programs and give an

eventual chance at citizenship to most of the estimated 12 million people already living illegally in the United States.

Instead, Fox rattled off statistics indicating that Mexico's economy is growing and is free of corruption, and said the country is interested in doing business with the U.S.

"We need to continue to strengthen the economic, educational and cultural ties between ourselves," Fox said. "We fully support the businessmen in Utah and Mexico that are present with us today."

Later, Fox was scheduled to meet with Mexican immigrants at the Utah Cultural Center and then attend an official dinner at the governor's mansion.

Utah, like many states, is divided on immigration. While Utah's largest minority population is Hispanic, there also is growing frustration about the wave of illegal immigrants entering the state.

Jorge Fierro, a Mexican citizen who has lived in Utah since 1988, hopes Fox addresses how he and future leaders can improve the lives of Mexicans. Fierro, who is catering an address Fox is scheduled to make at Block Market, said he has been stand in 1997 and now sells Mexican food products in supermarkets throughout Utah.

"This is going to boost our morale now that our brothers and sisters are facing uncertainty in their future," Fierro said. "The Minuteman Project,



Carmen and Rene Garcia, owners of G&G Orchards near Yakima, Wash., laugh as they talk to members of the media on their property Tuesday. Mexican President Vicente Fox and Gov. Chis Gregoire will meet with farm workers and tour G&G Orchards today. G&G Orchards is the largest Hispanic-owned tree-fruit business in the state.

which opposes illegal immigration, is planning protests at the Capitol, where Fox is scheduled to address a special session of the Legislature today.

"I'd like to see Vicente Fox tell his people to respect the law and come here legally," said Alex Segura, founder of the Utah Minuteman Project.

Fox will also meet privately today with Gov. Jon Huntsman, a Republican. Huntsman supports President Bush's plan to send as many as 6,000 National Guard troops to the Mexican border.

# Senate votes to double employer fines for illegal immigrants

By Suzanne Gamboa  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Tuesday to fine employers who hire illegal immigrants up to \$24,000 for each unauthorized worker, providing teeth to a broad immigration bill before sending it to a final vote later this week.

Employers would have to check Social Security numbers and the immigration status of all new hires within 18 months after money is provided to the Homeland Security Department to expand the electronic system for screening workers.

"This is probably the single most important thing we can do in terms of reducing the inflow of undocumented workers, making sure we can enforce in a systematic way rules governing who gets hired," said Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

The amendment passed 58-40. Opponents said the verification system would take years to implement and complained that workers deemed illegal could still hold onto jobs until their appeals are exhausted.

Employers who don't use the new computerized system could be fined \$200 to \$600. The system would include information from the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service and Homeland Security Department.

The \$20,000 fines for hiring illegal immigrants once the new screening system is in place would be double the present level. Repeated violators could be sentenced to prison terms of up to three years.

The House passed a bill in

December that would impose fines on employers of undocumented workers ranging from \$5,000 to \$40,000. But, unlike the Senate bill, the House measure would require employers to screen all employees — an estimated 140 million people — instead of only new hires.

Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., scheduled a test vote for today that sets up the bill's final passage, likely Thursday. Its most controversial provision would put more than half of the nation's 12 million illegal immigrants on a path toward citizenship without ever having to leave the U.S. Critics call that amnesty and Republican leaders refused to even allow it to be considered in the bill the House passed in December.

Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., who leads a group of 100 conservatives in the House, said Tuesday he plans to offer a bill this week that would let employers rehire illegal workers now on their payrolls after they have returned home and applied for a new "W" visa to return.

"The solution is to set up a system that will encourage illegal workers to self-deport and come back legally as guest workers," said Pence, who earlier voted for the enforcement-only House bill.

The Senate defeated an effort Tuesday by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., that would have let all illegal immigrants remain. In contrast to the Senate compromise that would require more than one-third of them to leave.

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Speaker protests to Bush about FBI raid on congressman's office

By Laurie Keilman Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Dennis Hastert... FBI's unprecedented raid on Rep. William Jefferson's office...

makers' anger. We are hoping that there's a way to balance the constitutional concerns of the House of Representatives with the law enforcement obligations of the executive branch...

their election-year vow to campaign against what they call a Republican 'culture of corruption.' Officials said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi...

Medicare and more. Jefferson remained defiant late Tuesday. 'I will not give up a committee assignment that is so vital to New Orleans at this crucial time for any uncertain, long-term political strategy.'



Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., right, and his communications director, Melanie Russell, leave a Capitol Hill news conference, Monday. The FBI revealed Sunday that Jefferson, under investigation for bribery, was videotaped accepting \$200,000 in \$200 bills from an FBI informant.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales tried to strike a conciliatory tone, saying, 'We have a great deal of respect for the Congress as a coequal branch of government.'

Justice Department officials said the decision to search Jefferson's office was made in part because he refused to comply with a subpoena for documents last summer.

Abuse trial opens for second Army dog handler

By David Dishneau Associated Press writer

FORT MEADE, Md. — Prosecutors at the court martial of an Army dog handler said Tuesday he was part of a crew of corrupt soldiers who enjoyed tormenting detainees at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.



Front row, from left: Sunni Arab Deputy Prime Minister Salam Zikam All al-Zubale, Shitto Primo Minister Nouri al-Maliki and Kurd Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh sit with other parliamentarians at the inauguration of Iraq's new national unity government in the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad on Saturday.

Bush says he'll review Iraq's need for U.S. military help

By Terence Hunt Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush, facing political pressure for troop cutbacks, said Tuesday he would make a fresh assessment about Iraq's needs for U.S. military help now that a new government has taken office in Baghdad.

the role of U.S. military in Iraq will change as the new government takes place. 'This is a new, permanent government that will chart a new path for Iraq,' said White House spokesman Bartlett.

toward democracy we're seeing,' the president said in the East Room, standing alongside Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

Dutch police release suspect in Natalee Holloway disappearance

The Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — The latest lead in the disappearance of Natalee Holloway was reported Tuesday when a prisoner officer released a man identified by witnesses as having deep scratches on his face shortly after the Alabama teen vanished in Aruba nearly a year ago.

The suspect was a croupier at the casino in the Holiday Inn where the 18-year-old Holloway was staying when she disappeared May 30, 2005, during a high school graduation trip to the Dutch Caribbean island.

The release of Guido W. apparently leaves Aruban authorities no closer to cracking a case that has generated worldwide media attention and tarnished the island's reputation.

Three toddlers, two adults run over outside restaurant in Georgia

By Charles Odum Associated Press writer

COVINGTON, Ga. — A man ran over three young children and two women with a car in the parking lot of a McDonald's restaurant Tuesday, police said, and one witness described him as having a smile on his face.

running over a curb as the victims left the restaurant, then hitting them and the building before backing up and hitting them again, police said. Ryan Boldman-Snyder, 20, an employee at the McDonald's, was on a break outside when he heard screaming, and said Barnes was "smiling the whole time."

Lanny Barnes, 46, was in custody and charges against him were pending. 'All indications are that he intentionally hit them,' Assistant Police Chief Almond Turner said.

The children were airlifted to an Atlanta hospital, about 30 miles away, and the women were in a hospital in Covington, authorities said. They were hit by a Honda Accord.

Associated Press Writer Harry R. Weber contributed to this report from Atlanta.

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American Legion - Burley - Post 17, 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1501 Oakley Ave., call Lyle Morton at 547-5477.

Disabled American Veterans - Chapter 5 - 6:30 p.m. first Monday at 653 S. Main Ave., call Duane H. Smith at 735-3634.

Marine Corps League - Magie Valley Detachment - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at 459 S. Main Ave., call Bob W. Smith at 734-7426.

Jobs Daughters - Bethel 18 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1519 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Masonic activities - Bethel Masonic Lodge 528 - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at 113 E. Main St. in Burley.

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Support Groups - Magie Valley Down Syndrome Family Connection - call Tina at 734-1797.

Magie Valley Home Educators - For information, call 734-1254 or 422-4216.

Recovery Includes Debt Recovery, call Connie at 630-6128, ext. 101.

Grandparents as Parents - Twin Falls - 7 p.m. second Monday at Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Blvd.

Weight Watchers - Chapter 48 - 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Jerome Public Library, call 734-7426 or 234-3149.

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Teen recognized for academic achievement - Taylor Rees of Gooding has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Student Award winner.

Hope Lynn Nauman of Twin Falls - The scholarship was awarded based on academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school, community activities, honors, work experience, and a career goal.

ShopKo suppliers - Kimberly-Clark Corporation, S.C. Johnson - A Family Company, and Procter & Gamble are partners in the ShopKo Scholar program and provide a portion of the scholarship funding.

Jackpot student wins award in art competition - Congressman Jim Gibbons (R-Nev.) has announced that Rafael Martinez, a senior at Gooding Combined School, has won the Nevada 2nd Congressional District Award in the 25th annual Congressional Arts Competition.

T.F. student will receive \$1,000 scholarship - Chandra Minick of Twin Falls has been named a ShopKo Scholar and selected to receive a college scholarship award through the 2006-2007 school year.

T.F. family awarded State Family of the Year - Fete and Jerry Hillman of St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls was awarded the State Family of the Year by the Knights of Columbus during the state convention in April in Loviston.

SHEMBERGER-LARSEN - MALEIN - Oksana Semberger and Ted Larsen were married May 11.

We want your news - Please send your news and photos to: Deadlines: For the Sunday page: noon Wednesday.

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For his eagle project, he traveled to Aguila, Mexico, for six days where he helped build five houses, and dry walled, taped and painted others.

He is the son of Dennis and Sue Irish of Twin Falls.

Gooding Middle School to hold awards assembly - GOODING - The Gooding Middle School will hold its awards assembly at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Classics Cruisers will hold barbecue at Filler rest area - BUILL - The Classics Cruisers will hold a barbecue, walking tour and show and shines Saturday.

The barbecue will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Filler rest area.

From 1-3 p.m., a show and shine at Smith's Dairy, walking tour, mathematics and language usage before testing began.

While the school's goal is to have all of its students at the

proficient level or above, the individual student's goal is based on "expected growth" from their particular starting point each year.

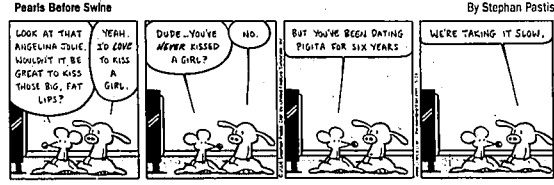
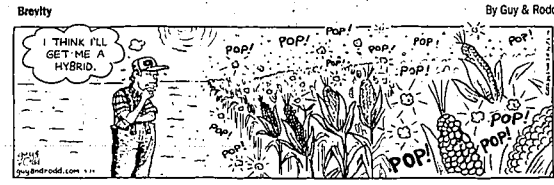
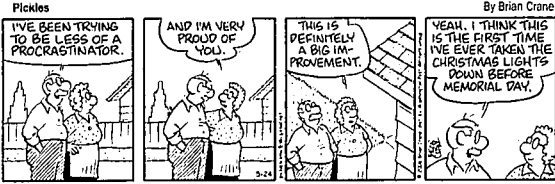
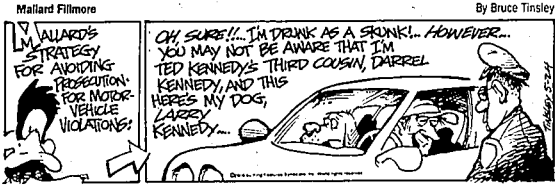
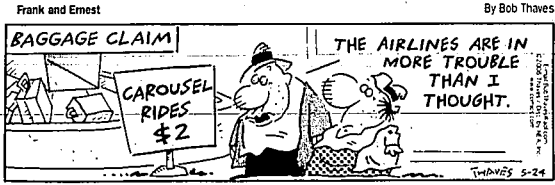
Students who reached all three of their goals will be given a gold medal, a certificate and will be invited to a pizza party with other gold medal achievers.

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# COMICS



## Make your deal, Gemini

**IF MAY 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Life is like a box of chocolates. Explore all the possibilities, as your path has few pitfalls in the year to come. Make plans at leisure so that you can launch them over the winter when good fortune lights your path. Remember that good things come in small packages next December and January. A small opportunity may lead to bigger and better things that bring you lasting happiness.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** What you see isn't always what you get. Early morning dealings echo behind a deceptive facade. Gather complete information and seek guidance from your friends before acting.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Make a good impression. People think you are a bit better than you really are and might make you an offer you can't accept. Be frank about your shortcomings and develop trust for the future.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Make a deal. Work out the petty details today while fairness prevails, but sign in the dotted line tomorrow to ensure a plethora of pennies. Avoid starting amorous adventures tonight.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):**

### HOROSCOPE

**Jeraldine Saunders**

Guide your money boat with a wise and steady hand. Think through a plan of action to carry out tomorrow. A minor flirtation could turn into the real thing by the weekend if you are patient.

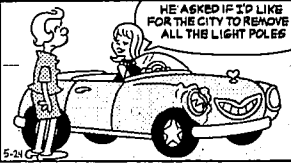
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Contemplate the truth. Most advice may be heavy under these stars. Plan for the future or hold an important meeting or discussion. Your adventures may be turned into teamates.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Something better will come along. Infatuations that begin under these stars may not go the distance, but tomorrow conditions improve. Dedicated research will pay off in the long run.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Most truths are naked so people tend to cover them up. Lay out plans for the future and seek advice from professionals today. Be well prepared before you put your ideas into action.

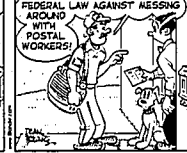
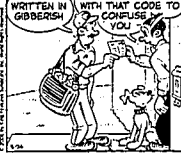
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** There are plenty of fish in the sea. Where a new hookup is concerned, you may consider the time-honored tradition of catch and release. Tomorrow you may net a much better catch.

Boetie Bailey



By Mort Walker

Blondie



By Dean Young & Stan Drake

The Born Loser



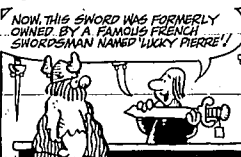
By Art Sansom & Chip

Garfield



By Jim Davis

Hagar the Horrible



By Chris Browne

Hi and Lois



By Chance Browne

Classic Peanuts



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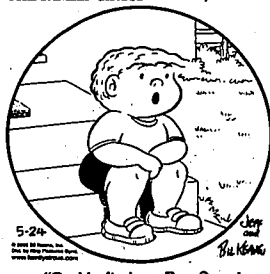
Dennis the Menace



By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



# New Mother's Day tradition includes her favorite foods

**DEAR ABBY:** This year, for the first time that I can recall, we did not celebrate Mother's Day at my mom's. She was diagnosed with dementia in January. It has been a difficult time for our family, but we were told to continue to honor Mom's routine as much as possible.

It was my idea to plan a family dinner at my house, including Mom's favorite foods. Remembering that one of her favorite desserts is cheesecake, I decided to make one. I searched through Mom's recipe box, but was unable to find her recipe. (Mom was such a great cook, she probably had it committed to memory.)

A friend finally gave me a recipe from your cookbooklet set, and I decided to use it because it looked easy enough. It was!

Not only did my family love the dessert, but Mom told us the cheesecake was probably the best she ever made! I thought you'd like to know you were a big part of our celebration this year. Thank you, Abby. I'd also like to order three cookbooklets for one for each of my sisters-in-law. Can you please tell me how to order them?

**— KATIE'S DAUGHTER**  
How sweet of you to let me know about your Mother's Day.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

Although your celebration was a success, I'm sure it was tinged with bitterness. That you are continuing your mother's traditions warmed my heart.

I'm also pleased that the cheesecake recipe—which my own mother used for many years when she entertained—was a hit with your mom and the rest of your family. And I agree, it's a breeze to assemble. (I can do it in less than 15 minutes.)

You can order my recipe book set by sending a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$12 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Postage is included in the price.

As a recipe lover, I know you'll find more recipes that will please your in-laws, and July 4 — another holiday that families celebrate together — is coming up soon. (It's my mother's birthday.)

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 30-year-old woman who has been dating a man I'll call "Paul" for almost a year. I love him and he says I love me, but sometimes I have a hard time trusting him.

Women call him here at my apartment at 4 a.m. They also leave messages on my answering machine inviting him over for dinner. Paul won't call them back if I am around. He says they're "just friends." But then he tells me he doesn't know how they got my phone number. (It's unlisted.) He swears he hasn't talked to any of them in more than a year.

Am I just being insecure? If so, how does someone deal with these feelings of jealousy? Should I believe him and take the chance of drowning, or get out now and go on with my life without him?

**— SINK OR SWIM**  
**IN ARKANSAS**  
**DEAR SINK OR SWIM:** You appear you have fallen in love with a womanizer who has been giving out your private number. If these women were just my friends, Paul would return the calls while you were present and inform them that he's already involved with someone.

When you call your insecurity and jealousy are your survival instincts trying to warn you that he is not on the level. You won't be able to verify that or swimming if you climb out of the water now. I've thrown you a lifeline. Please take it.

**DEAR KATIE'S DAUGHTER:** This day in history: "What hath God wrought!" was the overwrought message, the first to be telegraphed. The sender was Samuel Morse, full-time artist and part-time inventor. This historic transmission took about 24 days and traveled at the speed of light all the way from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.

"Three Blind Mice" was written to celebrate Thomas Ravenscroft in 1609. He meant for it to be performed as a round. Educators at the time believed that singing rounds was a great way to teach concentration.

In case you're applying for interesting jobs, a "biontenist" was once another word for a water tower.

Cleopatra wasn't actually Egyptian. Her family descended from a line of Greek Macedonians, and maintained a strictly incestuous relationship to keep the bloodline pure. At least that was true until Cleopatra had her brother/husband killed and then romanced some Romans.

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# The first telegraph message was sent on this day in history

**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTS!**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

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# Valedictorian still waiting for diploma after graduation day microphone theft

**GALLATIN, Tenn.** — The valedictorian of Gallatin High School is still waiting for his diploma after he tried to steal the microphone at his graduation and deliver the speech traditionally given by the student body president.

Chris Linzy, 18, grabbed the microphone as his name was called out Friday with the rest of his classmates and said about two sentences before he was cut off.

Just as I felt like I had something to say," Linzy said Monday after meeting with school Principal Rufus Lassiter. "Nothing against the speaker, but I felt like what I had to say was equally important."

"I'm a little bit frustrated. I felt like I should be able to speak. I was the valedictorian and I was the one who achieved the most," Linzy said.

Lassiter said school officials have not awarded the diploma and were still trying to decide what action to take against Linzy. After the meeting, it was agreed that Linzy would write letters of apology to school faculty and the Sumner County School Board.

"I drew attention to Chris instead of the 2006 graduation class," Lassiter said.

## Odds & Ends

Japan said they don't know how the thieves made off with the heavy sculpture devoted to the founder of Buddhism.

The familiar bald statue had sat in the restaurant's rock garden on top of a large water fountain for 16 years. The 3-foot, 6-inch statue cost \$1,500, Turallo said.

Buddhists believe in karma, which says a person's actions in this life determine the quality of their existence in the next.

## Stargazer gets caught, arrested in chimney

**BRAWLEY, Calif.** — A man who got stuck in a home's chimney claimed he fell in when he climbed onto the roof to look at stars, authorities said.

Police saw things differently and arrested him for investigation of residential burglary.

We read and heard of things like that before but I've never seen it," said Brawley Fire Capt. Manuel Sevilla. "The situation, it was more funny than anything."

Police said the 27-year-old man told them he got stuck near the bottom of the chimney Friday night and removed his pants and used them around to set off the home's motion detectors.

Officers responded twice to the home on Saturday morning but saw no signs of an intruder and left.

Police returned again after neighbors reported commotion coming from the home in

the Southern California desert 110 miles east of San Diego.

## Bowler rolls his first perfect game at 81

**SIMI VALLEY, Calif.** — Rex Cooper bowled his first perfect game at 81.

Cooper bowled 12 consecutive strikes to achieve the feat at Brunswick Valley Bowl last month.

"I still haven't completely come down. My wife and I look at each other and ask 'is it really true?'" said the retired Rocketdyne employee, who uses a heavy, 15-pound ball.

He will have to replicate the feat in a few years, however, if he wants to set a record. Berry Thomas of Nashville, Tenn., was 87 years and 11 months old when he bowled a perfect game in March 2001, according to the United States Bowling Congress Web site.

Cooper, a longtime member of the Brunswick Senior League, has an average score of 190. His best recent best was 267, which he bowled two years ago.

His perfect game on April 25 earned him 27 free games from Brunswick. He also will receive a special jacket and certificate from the league, said Richard Cooper, the league's secretary, who is no relation to the Cooper.


The week after his perfect game, Cooper reverted to form, averaging 168 over three games.

"I came down a little bit," he said. "You try to get that feeling back, but it just doesn't come back."



— compiled from wire reports

# Graduation 2006



*Andrea 2006*



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Castleford High School


**Ericka Brook Lee**  
Twin Falls High School


**Jamie Carter**  
Twin Falls High School





**Brent Little**  
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**JoAnna Plaza**  
Filer High School





**Kristopher J. Ziglich**  
Twin Falls High School



**Casey W. Fairchild**  
Buhl High School






**Vanessa Reyes**  
Twin Falls High School


**Andrea Kay Tomlinson**  
Twin Falls High School



**Ben Hobbs**  
Jerome High School



**Ashley Ann Adams**  
Twin Falls High School



**Austin James Wood**  
Twin Falls High School


**Melissa Eckler**  
Twin Falls High School


**Keely Ann Cook**  
Dietrich High School


**Jessica Eckler**  
Twin Falls High School




**Rainee Baugh**  
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**Lacey Hays**  
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**Sami Shuss**  
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# Class of 2006




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 Magic Valley High School  
 Class of 2006




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**Amanda K. Hartley**  
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**Donald Lyle Beer**  
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 Hansen High School  
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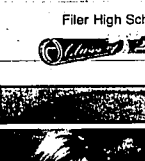
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Responsible for repairs and maintenance of plant electrical systems, to include design plans, system update and new equipment/system installation

Requirements:  
 Two to four years experience and/or training in potato processing equipment maintenance and troubleshooting  
 Idaho State Journeyman license  
 Experience with PLCs, and process instrumentation.  
 Valid Idaho state drivers license  
 Ability to interpret ladder logic is a plus

For additional details and to apply, and/or to see many other openings, please visit our website at [www.simplot.com](http://www.simplot.com).  
 We offer competitive benefits/salaries. EOE/AA employer.

**DRIVER**  
 Clear Springs Foods, Inc. is accepting applications for a relief long haul driver.  
 This position entails replacing full time drivers during their vacations, shuttling equipment to and from repair agencies and performing various work in the processing operations.  
 The person hired for this position will be offered a very competitive wage and benefit program that includes:

- Family Medical and Dental Insurance
- Paid Personal Leave
- Vacation and Holidays
- 401(k) Retirement Plan
- Employee Stock Ownership Plan
- Life Insurance

If you possess a Commercial Drivers License (Class A), have an experienced background in the operation of a class eight vehicle, and have interest in long haul driving, please apply to apply today. Interested candidates must complete an application. Please call 208-543-3428 with your resume.

Clear Springs Foods, Inc. Processing Operations  
 1579-A Clear Lakes Road - Hwyl, Idaho 83316  
 An Employee-Owned Company  
 AA/EEO/M/F/D/V - Drug Free Workplace

**Employment**

**CONSTRUCTION**  
 Residential Framers/Laborer in Twin Falls will train. Pay DOE. 208-848-9318

**CONSTRUCTION**  
 Wanted Lead Journeyman Carpenter. Min. 10 years experience in all phases of construction. Need to be able to lead a crew, manage job from start to finish. Must have own tools. Willing to relocate. Joe 208-735-5999

**CUSTODIAL**  
 Jerome County Courthouse has PT Custodial Position, evenings, 19 hrs a wk, pay \$7.00 DOE. For applications and job description Recruiters Office, Room 302 in the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. All applicants are subject to background checks & drug screening. Accepting applications until position is filled.

**CUSTODIAL**  
 Jerome County Courthouse has part-time Custodial Position, evenings, 19 hours a week. Mon-Fri. Pay \$7.00 DOE. For applications and job description Recruiters Office, Room 302 in the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. All applicants are subject to background checks & drug screening. Accepting applications until position is filled.

**DRIVERS**  
 Delivery Route Salesperson  
 The successful candidate will be responsible for providing safe, reliable prompt and courteous delivery of propane gas to private and commercial customers. Qualifications include a CDL with HAZMAT and a clean driving record. Must be a strong team player with excellent skills in customer service who is able to adjust to changing work schedule with after-hours emergency call-outs. Some heavy lifting required. Competitive salary, bonus and benefits package. Apply in person to fill out applications, takes 30 minutes. As part of the hiring process, background checks and pre-employment drug tests are performed. Suburban Propane 603 Locust St. Suite 100 Twin Falls, ID. 83301. 208-733-4608

**JOURNALISM**

Health and Social Services Reporter  
 The Casper Star-Tribune is seeking a health care and social services reporter. Bachelor's degree and news reporting experience required. We offer competitive pay and benefits, plus the chance to make a statewide impact, writing for the Wyoming Newspaper Association's "general excellence" winner among daily newspapers. Send your resume, photo and list of references by May 31, 2006 to  
 Clark Walworth, Editor  
 The Casper Star-Tribune  
 P.O. Box 50, Casper, WY 82602

**GRAPHIC DESIGNER**  
 The Times-Herald is looking for an individual with computer graphic design experience and skills to work in our Twin Falls office. The successful candidate will design advertisements on light deadlines, and generate ad ideas and campaigns with the sales team. The applicant must possess the ability to maintain quality control of ad production from start to finish. Qualified applicants will have an Associate Degree in Computer Applications, Computer Graphics, Graphic Arts or the equivalent in experience. Experience with Macintosh computers using Adobe InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop; strong typing and design skills are essential. This is a full-time permanent position. 401k, health insurance and vacation benefits and competitive pay make this a great place to work. Serious candidates, send resume to:  
 Attn: Kent Schmidt  
 The Times-Herald  
 P.O. Box 548  
 Twin Falls, ID 83301  
 or e-mail resume and cover letter to: [kent@magvalley.com](mailto:kent@magvalley.com)

**GENERAL**

**Mountain Village Resort**  
 Stanley, Idaho

Has openings for the following positions for summer employment

- Cashiers (must be 19)
- Front Desk Attendants
- Housekeepers
- Maintenance Helper
- Shop Helper/Mechanic

Apply online at [www.mountainvillage.com](http://www.mountainvillage.com) or fax resume to (208)774-3647

Limited housing is available.

**Employment**

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
 Full-time/part-time exciting opportunity. Great benefits and growth. Good people skills and a genuine interest in helping people. Health Insurance with resume at the Health Food Place 1111 Blue Lakes N.

**DISPATCHER**  
 Local Magic Valley company looking for full-time dispatcher for local hauling. Agricultural experience preferred. Strong organizational skills, flexibility, self-starter a must. Salary DOE. Excellent benefits. Please apply by sending resume to P.O. Box 839, Wendell, ID. 83455 - Attn: Dispatching

**DRIVER**  
 CDL driver wanted full-time at Rasmussen Local 878-0800. Mon-Thurs 9am-12pm

**DRIVERS**

Franklin Building Supply Inc.  
 Twin Falls  
 is currently seeking Full-time Drivers with Class A CDL. Qualified applicants must have MVR and be able to pass DOT drug test and background check. This is a year around position. We offer competitive pay and best benefits package in the industry. Apply in person. 1390 Highland E. Twin Falls

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**hasings**  
 BUY SELL TRADE RENT

**Assistant Manager**

Build a lasting career with a well established and growing retail store. We are seeking a motivated individual who is a self-starter, has excellent customer service skills, and is willing to work hard. This individual should have a minimum of 2 years experience in a retail environment. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Apply in person at 1390 Highland E. Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**EDUCATION**  
 The Jerome School District is accepting applications for the following positions:  
 Secondary Science, Jerome High School  
 Secondary English/Humanities, Jerome High School  
 Day or Alternative Program  
 Secondary Math, Jerome High School  
 Elementary Special Education Resource, Horizon Elementary  
 Title I Math Teacher, Jerome Middle School  
 ESL Teacher, Central Elementary  
 Valid Idaho Certification with appropriate endorsements  
 Salary placement on Certified Salary Schedule

**District Food Service Director**  
 Applicant should have knowledge of: federal reimbursement guidelines, state nutrition requirements, menu planning, training in technology, financial management, employee hiring/supervision, and be able to multi-task with many different projects. Preference will be given to applicants with knowledge in: Meat/Time and NutriKids  
 Depending on experience \$27,500 to \$32,500

**Extra Curricular Coaching Positions:**  
 Cross Country Girls' Head Coach  
 Football - Head Coach  
 Football - Head Assistant Coaches  
 Track - Girls' Assistant Coach  
 Track - Boys' Head Coach

Proven ability to work with students, coaches, administrators and parents. Two years experience coaching in that specific sport or participating in a college or High School program specific to that sport. State Teaching Certificate or Certification by American Sports Education Program. Salary placement on Extracurricular Salary Schedule.

**Full Time Building Custodian**  
 Summer Maintenance Positions  
 Ability to communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedural manuals. Ability to effectively communicate in one-on-one and small group situations to parents, students, and other employees of the district, to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables. Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram or schedule form. Ability to work in a friendly manner and to develop effective working relationships with students, staff and the school community. Ability to perform duties with awareness of all district requirements and Board of Education policies, and applicable laws. Complete job description available upon request.  
 Salary placement on District Custodial Salary Schedule.

Application information and complete job descriptions can be obtained by contacting:  
 Linda Adams, Clerk Jerome School District #261  
 107 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West Jerome, Idaho 83338  
 208-324-2392 ext.1010 adams@ds261.k12.id.us

**Employment**

**DRIVER**  
 If you truck driver. Dots endorsements. Call 208-539-1250.

**DRIVER**  
 The A.C. Houston Lawyer in Ketchum Idaho is looking for a CDL Driver. Class A preferred but not required. Must be hard working and detail oriented. Great pay and benefits. Full-time to the right local hauling. Apply in person and ask for Kurt at 320 N Lewis Dr. Ketchum, ID.

**DRIVERS**

Local needed. Small local company. Dedicated reliable haulers. Home once a week. Gary Bick Trucking 208-537-8787

**DRIVERS**

Expanded Fleet - Now Equipping 35 more for OTR. Earn up to \$5/mile on driving record and experience. Benefits include 401k, medical, dental, vision plan, paid vacation, mostly no-touch long haul. Complete recruiter at D&D Transportation 800-223-7671 ext 440

**DRIVERS**

Glenn Milk Trispartition is looking for OTR Drivers for our vans and trailers. Starting pay is \$5 a mile with benefits & 401k and health insurance after 90 days. Prose call 877-324-3516 between 9am-5pm for Tim or Dave.

**IMMEDIATE Opening!**  
 Class A & B Drivers, Excellent Benefits Available!  
 Drug Free Workplace Applications at J & C Custom 1987 Highland Ave. Mon-Fri.

**DRIVERS**

Join the Clear Creek Disposal Team CDL REQUIRED. We offer competitive pay, Medical, Vision and Vision Insurance, Vacation, Uniforms and a pleasant work environment. Contact Mike Gibbs for an application: (208) 725-9500 or [mkgibbs@clearcreek.com](mailto:mkgibbs@clearcreek.com)

200 Employment

DRIVERS Experienced Delivery Drivers... Full-time... 217 Hwy 30 W... 207-878-4772

DRIVERS Local Hauling for Burley, Twin Falls & Paul... CDL Drivers... 207-878-4772

DRIVERS Year-round home every night... 401k... 208-735-6575

DRIVERS PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVER... Full-time... 208-735-6575

DRIVERS Red-Mix Drivers... Full-time... 208-735-6575

DRIVERS Trucking Inc... Full-time... 208-735-6575

DRIVERS Wanted Energetic... Full-time... 208-735-6575

EDUCATION Math Instructors... Full-time... 208-735-6575

EDUCATION STAR WEST SATELLITE... Full-time... 208-735-6575

EDUCATION Confined Elementary Teachers... Full-time... 208-735-6575

EDUCATION The Valley School District... Full-time... 208-735-6575

EDUCATION "Elementary Teacher... Full-time... 208-735-6575

EDUCATION "High School Secretary... Full-time... 208-735-6575

ST. BENEDICTS Family Medical Center... 709 N Lincoln Ave... 208-324-3444

St. Benedict's is a mission-driven health care organization... 208-324-3444

- DIRECTOR OF NURSING (FT) LABORATORY MANAGER (FT) RADIOLOGY MANAGER (FT) HUMAN RESOURCE GENERALIST (FT) ...

Competitive Wage/Excellent Benefit... 208-735-6575

200 Employment

FARM Experienced Irrigator... Full-time... 734-5053

FARM Ranch Hand needed... Full-time... 734-5053

FOOD SERVICE Kitchen help... Full-time... 734-5053

FARM Twin Falls Care Center... Full-time... 734-5053

FARM Standby Hay is looking... Full-time... 734-5053

FARM Parts Runner... Full-time... 734-5053

FARM CDL Drivers... Full-time... 734-5053

FOOD PROCESSING Local food processing... Full-time... 734-5053

FOOD SERVICE Food Service Supervisor... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Immediate Availability... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL No Sales Involved... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Shift Start Times... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Full-time position... Full-time... 734-5053

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GENERAL CDL Drivers... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Heavy Equipment Operators... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Backhoe/CDL A Personnel Plus... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Dishwasher/Pre-Cook... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Sales & Janitors... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Collector position... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Immediate Openings... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL General Labor... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Local moving company... Full-time... 734-5053

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GENERAL Fireworks Stand Operator... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Idaho Transportation Department... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Part-time Dishwasher... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Housekeeping... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Attention Subcontractors... Full-time... 734-5053

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GENERAL Tour guides needed... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Irrigation... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Landscaping... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Manufacturing... Full-time... 734-5053

GENERAL Medical... Full-time... 734-5053

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200 Employment

MANUFACTURING Manufacturing plant looking for full-time General Laborers. Drug free work place. Apply in person at JP 80 W. 100 S. Jerome

MEDICAL Direct Care Staff Benefits available. All Shifts Starting Pay \$7/hr. Call 208-730-4559

MEDICAL

Alterra Full-time, night CNA position. Sign-on Incentive available! Apply at Alterra Wynwood 1387 Locust St. N. Twin Falls, ID 83301

MEDICAL Job opening cardiology practice. Need Full-time RN or CMA/ EKG Tech. Duties include office and assisting in surgery. Good resume to P.O. Box 1808 Twin Falls, ID 83303

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MEDICAL Home Care Options is interested in hiring part-time home care aides. Must be able to perform basic life support training and certification. Hispanic preferred. Full-time CNA position with flexible schedule. Benefits available. For more information, call 739-0121 Monday, Friday, EOE

MEDICAL

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY Sign On Bonus Direct Care \$7 to start Individuals with language start at a higher wage DOE. Great Benefits Must have drivers license car insurance. Assist persons with disabilities to achieve greater independence. Apply at Inclusion House, 450 Falls Ave. #100 Twin Falls, ID 83301

MOTEL Arco ID, Manager for 12 units. 4200-4326 or 733-2767

NANNY Full-time nanny needed in Twin Falls area. Must have previous child care experience. Call 208-898-9211 for more details.

OPERATOR Chopper Operator, Pack Tractor and Tractor. Must be experienced for the season. Mechanical ability & English. 308-30839

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200 Employment

FARM Wanted Ranch Handyman outside of Boise. Call 208-325-2331

PROFESSIONAL

LCCP or LMSW, needed to work with children 3-18 years old. Part-time or full-time available. Must be able to pass background check. Pay DOE. Benefits available. Fax resume to 208-738-0999 or call 208-738-0995

PROFESSIONAL

Company seeking well motivated individual for a Loan Originator position. Great income potential, experience a plus. Marketing and sales experience a must. Please fax resume to 734-9732

RECEPTIONIST

Must be proficient in Microsoft Office. Log & real estate background preferred. Fax resume to 733-5259

RESTAURANT

Cashier and Pizza Maker positions. P/T evenings & weekend shifts. Must be 18 or older. Apply in person Cedar Lakes 405 Hwy 30, Filer, Idaho

RESTAURANT

Hiring Wall Staff, Cooks and Delivery Drivers. Days & night shifts apply. Magic Valley Pizza Hut

RESTAURANT

Kitchen/restaurant staff. Buses, Dishwashers and Waitstaff needed. Apply at Travlers Inn, North of the Hansen Bridge

RESTAURANT

Assistant Manager for mornings. Apply at 820 Lake Lakes N.

RETAIL

Kimberly Nurseries New Garden Shop is looking for a creative & energetic Sales Associate with strong customer service, cashier & computer skills. Apply today at 2802 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, ID.

RETAIL

Hiring Apparel GM and overnight shifts. Must be available weekends and holidays. Apply online at Shopko.com or at the store in Idaho Falls.

SALES

Magic Cell Nextel is looking for a part-time person for mobile sales. Must be able to work flexible hours. Pay DOE. Bring Resume to Magic Cell 845 Lake Lakes Blvd.

SALES

National merchant process for comp. seeking experienced, motivated SALES PERSON to service Twin Falls area. Position pays base salary plus car allowance, commission & contribution toward benefits. Must be able to travel. Small resume to 866-340-9742. Email: jay@northwest.com No phone calls please. EOE

SALES

Seeking self-motivated Sales person. To demo and for technical support of absorbent and construction materials. Travel south Idaho. Experience in computers. Please send resume to Zee Corp LLC, 2140 Eldridge Ave. Twin Falls, ID 83301

SALES

Insurance Sales We provide Health Insurance For The Self Employed. Extensive Training. Free Leads. Weekly Commissions. \$ Bonus Per Year. Stock Ownership Plan. \$50,000-\$100,000 Immediate Income. Sales Reps needed. Call Ken Chupa at (208) 939-2919 Or visit www.UGANorthwest.com

SALES Leading manufacturers rep. seeks a self-motivated Sales Person to demonstrate and technically support electronic water level and flow sampling and flow measurement to established customer base, in groundwater, surface water and wastewater applications. Travel in Pacific Northwest. Top Experience in Electronic speaking, computers, databases and spreadsheets needed. Please send resume to: Eledata. PO Box 31, Jerome, ID 83338 or email to eledata@eledata.com

200 Employment

PLUMBERS Apprentice & Service Plumbers needed. 208-325-2331

SOCIAL WORK

Unlicensed Social Worker 20-40 hrs/week working with children 3-18 years old. Benefits available. Fax resume to 208-738-0999 or call 208-738-0995

TECHNICIAN

Rural ILEC/LEC in South Central Idaho is seeking an entry level Technician for telephone, CATV, IPTV, and construction related activity in Rupert. Ideal candidate must have an Associate Degree in Electronics or Telecommunications. Complete P/T job application available on line www.pmt.org. P/T is a union focused telecommunications organization doing business in the Magic Valley for 50 years. There is a simple opportunity for advancement here. Contact Mike at PO Box 386 Rupert, ID 83350 or mtyk@pmt.org

CLASSIFIEDS

It pays to read the line print! Call The Times-News to place your ad 208-733-0531 ext. 2

VETERINARY

Veterinary Technician/Veterinarian needed for busy small animal hospital. If you are a compassionate, people and animal loving individual please give us a call at 208-733-0657

VETINARIAN

Sawtooth Animal Center is looking to hire Vet Tech, full or part-time. Veterinarian Technician position available and capable to work well with animals and people. Kennel Assistant. Full or part-time. Must be available weekends and holidays. Must have experience working with multiple species. Must be responsible service oriented and willing to work as a team member. Pick up an application at 712 N. Main

WAREHOUSE

Experienced Mill man and Warehouse position, must be able to lift 55 lbs. routinely. Full-time, 40+ hours. Apply at Kimberly Seed National Seed Plant, Dry Free-Work Place

WELDER

Kodiak Northwest is hiring a welder for full-time positions. No certification necessary, but competence in metal fabrication and welding test will be given. Full-time inside work & benefits pkg. 208-438-8245

PUBLIC SERVICE

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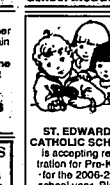
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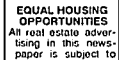
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JUMBLE

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.
PEWID
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Print answer here:
Yesterday's Jumbles: HASTY CRACK GROUCH FIERCE
Answer: What the baby sits called when his parents came home - FRIM 'CHARGES'

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