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Wal-Mart drops appeal

Retailer sees right on issue of left-hand turns

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Wal-Mart has dropped its appeal to the City Council and is now one step closer to building a new store on the southwest corner of Washington Street and Pole Line Road.

The city's Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the plan for the North Haven PUD Subdivision subject to a number of conditions — one being that Wal-Mart's entrances and exits off North Washington Street be restricted to right-hand turns only. Attorneys for Wal-Mart appealed this one condition, but on Monday, dropped the appeal.

"We won't continue the appeal," said Paul Smith, a local attorney working as the outside counsel for Wal-Mart. "They (Wal-Mart) look forward to working with the city staff on the traffic requirements on Washington Street."

After reviewing a traffic study conducted by a Boise engineering firm, city planners had decided that allowing left-hand turns in and out of the large retail store would be accidents waiting to happen.

"They're trying to plan ahead and take care of an issue before it occurs," said Renee Carraway, the city's planning and zoning administrator, on Monday afternoon before the council meeting. However, the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer saw it differently.

"We should move forward as a community, but we feel you (city planners) are holding Wal-Mart to different standards than Target, Fred Meyer and Costco," Smith told city planners back in April.

Carraway said Blue Lakes Boulevard is a perfect example of what can happen when left-hand turns are allowed out of large, busy retail operations.

"The commission felt they didn't want to repeat the situation on Blue Lakes with the traffic problems," Carraway said. The Fred Meyer situation is a good example. It's very congested, very difficult to make a left."

As soon as the conditions have been met, Wal-Mart can move forward with its plans.

"When the North Haven Subdivision Final Plat conditions have been met and the plat has been recorded, then every lot owner can submit building permits," said City Engineer Jackie Fields.

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Water users ponder fallout of court ruling

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

GOODING — What happens next? That's the question Magic Valley water users are asking after a district court judge ruled a principle of Idaho's water law unconstitutional on Friday.

The answer turned out to be more of the same: wait and see.

District Court Judge Barry Wood declared unconstitutional Idaho's rules of con-

More information online:

To view District Court Judge Barry Wood's ruling on conjunctive management, visit the Idaho Department of Water Resources: www.idwr.state.id.us/Calls/Water%20Call%20Lawsuits/default.htm.

conjunctive management, or handling jointly ground and surface water. The issue at

hand was: What happens when there isn't enough water to go around? In times of scarcity, Wood ruled, the state should shut down those with junior water rights — ground-water users experience shortages.

But pumpers won't know for a while if they will be shut down this season.

In his ruling, Wood instructed surface water attorneys to prepare a judgment telling Wood what sort of damages their clients have

suffered. After surface folks complete their "wish" list, Wood will decide if their requests are fair. Following that process, the ruling on damages together with Wood's opinion on conjunctive management likely will be appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court.

Until last May, the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer saw six years of drought, putting even more stress on the depleted underground reservoir. Surface water users have alleged that too much

groundwater pumping reduced the aquifer's level.

In January 2005, surface water users placed a "call" for water — they petitioned Karl Dreher, the director of Idaho's Department of Water Resources, to shut down ground-water users with junior water rights.

Dreher answered the call in May 2005, determining how much water surface users are entitled that year and when ground-water pumpers would

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The business of death



Coroner Dennis Chambers poses Thursday by 'Tall Paul,' an anatomy model, in his office in Twin Falls. Chambers worked for 29 years for the Twin Falls Police Department before becoming coroner in 2001.

Coroner relies on experience, humor

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He is the closest thing Twin Falls has to someone who can communicate with the unatturnally dead.

County Coroner Dennis Chambers' job is to find out how someone died and whether that death was accidental, intentional or self-inflicted.

"I'm the last person who can speak for them through my investigation," Only after he has approved the cause of death can the dead person's body be put to rest.

But not all victims' families are satisfied simply learning the cause and manner of death.

"The hardest part is notifying families," he said.

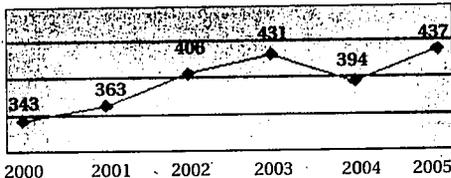
For months after her son's suicide, a local woman continued to call Chambers.

"She couldn't accept it," he said. "I feel that it's something I can do for the family — try to help."

He was appointed in 2001 after his predecessor resigned in mid-term.

The job, which requires no medical or

Yearly deaths processed by Twin Falls County Coroner



Information courtesy of the Twin Falls County Coroner's Office

forensics certification, is not for everybody. The poorly remunerated post does not attract many people, Chambers said. For him, however, it has been a good fit.

He has more than 29 years with the Twin Falls Police Department, more than 19 of which he spent in the crime lab.

His experience prepared him for the job in two ways.

First, he is acclimated to death scenes.

Over the years, he has developed a robust and often morbid sense of humor.

"We all have our defense mechanism and I've got a weird sense of humor," he said.

But jokes like, "People are just dying; to get in to see me," are sometimes misunderstood.

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Kimberly student wins national speech championship

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Sometimes a son will argue with his father. It's usually about yard work, school work or some other form of work, and it usually ends with a compromise.

But that's not the case in the Nield household.

That's because 16-year-old

McKay Nield, of Kimberly works as fervently as he argues — or should I say debates. Call it what you will, but his ability to persuade people took him all the way to Orlando, Fla., where he won the Business Professionals of America National Speech Championship.

Who said arguing will get you nowhere?

"He's always held his own pretty well, even with stuff that most kids don't care about," said McKay's father, Myron Nield. "He talks about Bush's immigration policies and education policies, while my other kids are talking about motorbikes and basketball."

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Kimberly High School student McKay Nield recently won the Business Professionals of America National Speech Championship in Orlando, Fla.



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TWIN FALLS 10-DAY CAST

Today: Record highs are possible today and it will also be mostly sunny and mostly dry. Highs mid 90s.
 Tonight: Warm with scattered thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.
 Tomorrow: Continued heat with scattered p.m. thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT 10-DAY CAST

Today: Unseasonably warm with possible record highs in the upper 80s with mostly sunny skies.
 Tonight: Mostly dry and warm. Lows in the 50s.
 Tomorrow: Scattered showers and thunderstorms and very warm. Highs in the upper 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Today, tomorrow and Thursday will be unseasonably warm. However, today will be the only mostly dry day for scattered showers and thunderstorms are likely tomorrow and Thursday.

BOISE
 Heat with record highs likely for today and possibly Wednesday. Scattered thunderstorms will bring a break from the heat tomorrow and Thursday, but not for today.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Scattered showers and thunderstorms and warm temperatures are likely tomorrow and Thursday.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly sunny, possible record high	Isolated thunderstorm	Continued hot with scattered storms	Scattered shower and thunderstorms	Hot and msa thunderstorms	Mostly dry and pleasant
High 94	Low 69	91 / 67	85 / 63	79 / 62	78 / 61

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Precip
Boise	74	54	0.00
Idaho Falls	78	58	0.00
Meridian	78	58	0.00
Moscow	78	58	0.00
Shoshone	78	58	0.00
Twin Falls	78	58	0.00
Walla Walla	78	58	0.00
Wendover	78	58	0.00
Yellowstone	78	58	0.00

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Today: 82 in 1887 Year to Date: 10.54" Yesterday: 10.00"	Today: 0.00" Yesterday: 0.00"	Today: 26% Yesterday: 20.00 in	Today: 30.00 in Yesterday: 30.00 in	Today: 6:01 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM	Grass: 1000, Ragweed: 1000, Birch: 1000, Alder: 1000, Cottonwood: 1000, Elm: 1000, Maple: 1000, Sycamore: 1000, Willow: 1000, Poplar: 1000, Ash: 1000, Hickory: 1000, Walnut: 1000, Chestnut: 1000, Pecan: 1000, Walnut: 1000, Pecan: 1000, Walnut: 1000, Pecan: 1000

MOON PHASES
 Today: Waxing Gibbous
 Tomorrow: Full Moon
 Next Full Moon: June 16, 2006

MOONRISE AND MOONSET
 Today: 8:20 AM / 8:20 PM
 Tomorrow: 8:20 AM / 8:20 PM

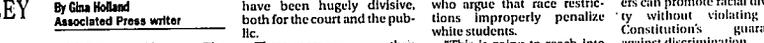
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	W	Th	F	S
Atlanta	73	42	75	43	71	40
Boston	65	45	65	45	65	45
Chicago	65	45	65	45	65	45
Denver	65	45	65	45	65	45
Houston	65	45	65	45	65	45
Los Angeles	65	45	65	45	65	45
London	65	45	65	45	65	45
Madrid	65	45	65	45	65	45
Moscow	65	45	65	45	65	45
New York	65	45	65	45	65	45
San Francisco	65	45	65	45	65	45
Seattle	65	45	65	45	65	45
Washington	65	45	65	45	65	45

WORLD FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	W	Th	F	S
London	65	45	65	45	65	45
Paris	65	45	65	45	65	45
Rome	65	45	65	45	65	45
Tokyo	65	45	65	45	65	45
Sydney	65	45	65	45	65	45

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If we are basically positive in attitude, approaching and embracing people, assisting them, we will attract and create people, attitudes, and events which conform to our positive expectations."

— Greg Middlekauff, Author of *Change Habits*

Today IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

- ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**
 Abstract paintings by Joseph Kucinsky, art show at the Herrett Center, Jean B. King gallery, College of Southern Idaho campus, 732-6655.
- FAMILY**
 "Baby and Me" parenting class, "Looking Good," 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Benedict's Family Medical Center of Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.
- GOVERNMENT**
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hallett, 788-5500.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
 Fledman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hallett, 788-5500.
 Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 225 S. Main, 673-5352.
 Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
 Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A., 324-8169.
 Nimberty Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.
 Rupert City Council, 7 p.m.,

Supreme Court to rule on school affirmative action

By Gina Holland
 Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether public schools can consider skin color in student assignments, reopening affirmative action in a major case that will turn on the votes of President Bush's new justices.

The court's new interest is in public schools, far more sweeping than universities. And O'Connor is gone, replaced by conservative Justice Samuel Alito.

The justices will hear appeals from a Seattle parents group and a Kentucky mom, who argue that race restrictions improperly penalize white students.

"This is going to reach into the homes and thinking of 100 percent of students," said Doug Kmiec, a Pepperdine University law professor and former Reagan administration lawyer. "This is not quite at the level of Brown v. Board, but it will be argued in the style of that case."

Justices will look at the modern-era classroom, no longer under court desegregation orders but in some places still using remnants of those policies.

At its heart, the court will consider whether school leaders can promote racial diversity without violating the Constitution's guarantee against discrimination.

The court's announcement that it will take up the cases this fall provides the first sign of an aggressiveness by the court under new Chief Justice John Roberts.

The court rejected a similar case in December when moderate O'Connor was still on the bench. The outcome will most likely turn on her successor, Alito.

Both Roberts, 51, and Alito, 56, worked as Justice Department lawyers during the Reagan administration to limit affirmative action.

Ruling

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 provide it.

Surface users, like Twin Falls Canal Co., found the director's response lacking and sued the state last August.

Water users were supposed to meet with Dreher in September to discuss the final details of the director's order.

With the wet winter, the region's reservoirs are expected to fill, reducing the likelihood of surface water users placing a call for water this year, said Mike Creamer, an attorney for the Idaho Ground

Water Appropriators.

"There's no indication that there's any damage this year," he said.

However, spring users, who also hold senior rights, are waiting for decisions from the court that could potentially lead to calls for water delivery.

Conjunctive management is an accepted tenet of Idaho water law, along with prior appropriation, which holds that those with the oldest, or more senior rights, have first dibs on water during a drought.

Wood, however, determined last week that the state's rules for applying conjunctive management are unconstitutional.

"A water right is not the right to own the physical characteristics of the water (i.e. its molecules), but a right to use the water."

"Therefore, a diminishment in the right to use the water defeats the very purpose of that right," Wood wrote.

Until the surface water users hand in their request, then Dreher's response to the water call remains in effect.

As written, the rules of conjunctive management shift the burden and the initial shortage to senior water rights holders, Wood found.

"The diminishment and the uncertainty created thereby de-values the right, and therefore... constitutes an unconstitutional taking without just compensation," he wrote.

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Coroner

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 A complaint came in after he laughed at the scene of a death, but he also knows his humor helps him cope with stress.

"Second, he knows how to investigate deaths.

"The city invested a lot of money in our training," he said.

What he did not learn in the crime lab, he learned in FBI

training. At the city lab, he learned to find and match fingerprints, photograph crime scenes, determine what gun was used and measure blood spatter — understanding the crime by the blood it leaves behind.

What he cannot do are medical examinations. Those are handled by the Ada County forensic pathologist.

A basic medical exam costs

\$1,200. The county constantly under-funds the budget for autopsies and toxicology tests, Chambers said.

He has already exceeded his \$18,000 budget for autopsies this year.

And his workload is growing. "If (the number of questionable deaths) goes up about 20 to 30 cases a year," he said.

After signing a death report, Chambers holds onto it for 10

years, and then sends it to the Idaho archives, where it becomes a historical document.

"I think it's important to keep this an elected position," he said, although in two elections no one has contested him. "It keeps it more independent. If it were in the sheriff's office (for example) they could disagree with a report and change it."

McKay

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 Speech, which is based on a form of theatrical performance and persuasion, resembles the role lawyers play in the courtroom.

Contestants in a speech competition are judged by their delivery and ability to persuade a panel of judges.

"I've always liked being in front of a lot of people," Nield said. "I've been in theater since I was 6 years old, and speech just adds to it by using your knowledge."

Which is exactly what he has been doing since the first grade.

"He's always reading a lot," his mother said. "He even reads the news in the newspaper when my other kids are going for the sports page."

McKay Nield
 Parents: Myron and Devry Nield.
 Education: Recently completed sophomore year at Kimberly High School. Earning dual credits through CSI.
 Ambition: To attend college in the eastern United States, and earn a law degree.
 Hobbies: Reading, theater, music and photography.

Nield enjoys reading philosophy and history when he's not working with school, his church youth group, the National Honor Society,

Business Professionals of America, or serving as student body vice president.

"But he said he does everything, including reading, with the end in mind.

"I try and get involved in things that will get me somewhere," he said. "And I don't really do things that won't get me closer to college, or where I want to be."

Even when most kids are taking a summer vacation, Nield is taking summer classes at the College of Southern Idaho.

He is taking dual-credit courses to get a head start on college — and maybe even earn an associate's degree before graduating from high school.

His dad was surprised when Nield told him about his plan

to earn an associate's degree, but he didn't argue with him.

"I thought, 'How in the world is he going to do that?'" he said. "But his mom told me to just wait and watch. And, really, it does seem like he's always doing things we never thought he could do."

The problem is, Nield said, it's becoming a challenge to find a challenge.

"I like the small-town schools where you know everyone," he said. You can make your own opportunities and everything, but I want to challenge myself at a big school instead of skating by here."

Some might argue that it's not that easy, but against Nield that argument.

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NATION

Bush promotes gay marriage ban as Senate opens debate

By Laverie Kollman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush rallied support Monday for a ban on gay marriage as the Senate opened a volatile, election-year debate on a constitutional amendment to prohibit same-sex weddings.

"Our policies should aim to strengthen families, not undermine them. And changing the definition of marriage would undermine the family structure," said Bush, who raised the issue's profile with an event at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

Bush criticized judges who have overturned state laws similar in intent to the proposed legislation. "Marriage is the most fundamental institution of civilization, and it should not be redefined by activist judges," he said.

Traditional marriage, Bush said, is the cornerstone of a healthy society and the issue should be put "back where it belongs: in the hands of the American people."

"There was little chance of that in the near future. Neither chamber is likely to pass the amendment by the two-thirds majority required to send it to the states — three quarters of which would then have to approve it."

Many Republicans support the measure because they say traditional marriage strengthens society; others don't but concede the reality of election-year politics.

"Marriage between one man and one woman does a better job protecting children better than any other institution humankind has devised," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. "As such, marriage as an institution should be protected, not redefined."

Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said he will vote against the measure on the floor but allowed it to get there in part to give the GOP the debate party leaders believe will pay off on Election Day.

Specter has chosen a different battle with the Bush administration this week — a hearing Tuesday on the ways the FBI spies on journalists who publish classified information.

As that hearing gets under way, debate on the marriage amendment will enter its second day on the Senate floor. All but one of the Senate Democrats — the exception is

Ben Nelson of Nebraska — oppose the measure and, with moderate Republicans, are expected to block an up-or-down vote, killing the measure for the year.

Democrats say the amendment is a divisive how to religious conservatives, and point out that it conflicts with the GOP's opposition to big government interference.

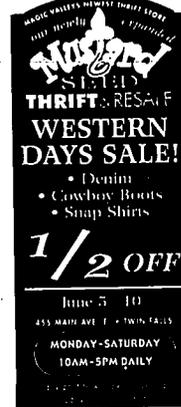
"A vote for this amendment is a vote for bigotry pure and simple," said Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, where the state Supreme Court legalized gay marriages in 2003.

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, who says he believes marriage is the union of a man and a woman, said he nonetheless will vote against the amendment on a test vote Wednesday.

"The reason for this debate is to divide our society, to pit one against another," Reid said in remarks prepared for delivery on the Senate floor.

"This is another one of the presidents efforts to frighten, to distort, to distract, and to confuse America. It is this

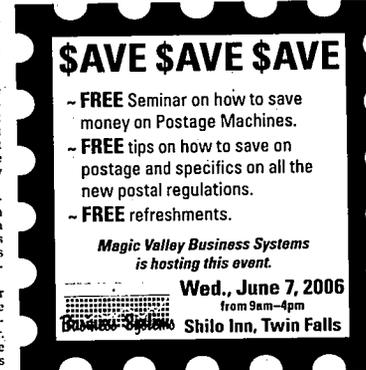
administration's way of avoiding the tough, real problems that American citizens are confronted with each and every day."



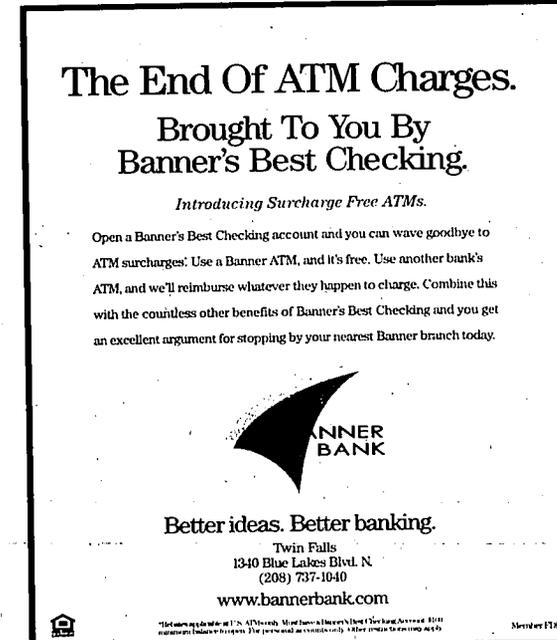
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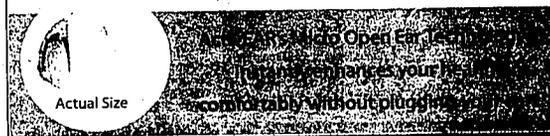
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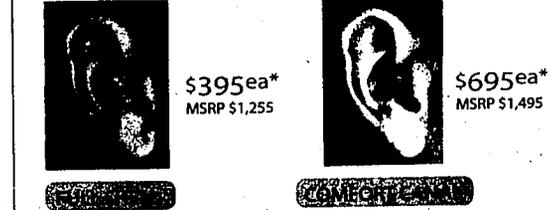
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Openshaw trial results in hung jury

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — The judge declared a mistrial Monday morning in the involuntary manslaughter case against Richard D. Openshaw, accused of killing a man with an uppercut to his head in a bar fight in November 2004.

The jury was thanked and excused. Openshaw left the parking lot with his family — a free man.

After keeping their composure in the courtroom, the defendant's entourage of family and friends broke into a sobbing embrace in the hall.

Jerome County Prosecuting Attorney Jon Nicholson III has the option of re-filing charges later.

The split of the jury is unknown. So is what caused

its disagreement.

"I'm just glad it's over and it's all I want to say," said Openshaw.

The jury spent five hours in deliberation on Friday and remained deadlocked until 10:30 a.m. Monday, when the judge found unanimously that the panel did not believe deliberating further would help them reach a verdict.

"I think everybody told the truth in this trial. Our perceptions are simply different," said the defendant's lawyer, Greg Fuller of Ivin Falls. "One person perceives this and one person perceives that. It's just tough to get an accurate portrayal."

Kevin Gaver, 24, of Jerome, died shortly after Openshaw, 43, hit him with an uppercut in a bar fight near midnight on Nov. 24, 2004, outside Mr. Bill's

bar at the corner of Main and Alder streets in Jerome. The jury heard testimony from the state's key witness, Jerome police officer George Silver III, who testified seeing Openshaw aggressively approach Gaver and knock him to the ground. Nicholson argued that meant Openshaw was not acting in self-defense.

For Gaver's mother, Bonnie, the trial brought no relief. She said the real issue in the case was overlooked.

"Our son Kevin was the victim in this case. It was an unlawful act that he did," she said.

Bonnie Gaver said the prosecutor told her he would speak to the jurors and then contact her and her husband in five days.

"He needs to think about what happened," she said.



Richard D. Openshaw embraces his father, as other family and friends gather around, after Judge John Betler declared a mistrial due to a hung jury in his involuntary manslaughter case Monday morning.

AROUND
THE VALLEYBASE jumper leaves
hospital in Boise

BOISE — Jason Cooper, the Canadian BASE jumper who was injured May 26 while making a jump off the Perris Bridge, has been released from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Cooper arrived at the hospital in critical condition after his parachute and bridle wrapped around him while he tried a stunt move, local jumpers said after reviewing footage and eyewitness accounts of the incident. He was released from the hospital Sunday.

Cooper, 29, was one of four injured and one death resulting from BASE jumping over the Memorial Day weekend. California native Shannon Dean, 34, died and two other men and one woman suffered less severe injuries.

House move to cause
brief power outages

TWIN FALLS — A house move on Thursday will require brief power outages along a four-mile route in Twin Falls.

Power will be turned off as each section of line is disconnected, and then restored as the house moves past that point.

The move will start at midnight Thursday and is expected to finish by 8 a.m. Friday. The route starts at 10th Ave. and Shoshone Street, and then travels:

- One block northeast of Shoshone to 11th Ave.
- Northwest onto 11th Ave.
- West on Addison to Albion Street North.
- Southwest on Albion to Washington Street South.
- South on Washington Street.
- West on Victory Avenue.
- West on Victory Avenue to the south and becomes Rose Street.
- West on 3800 N. (South Park).
- North on 2800 E. (Grandview) almost to 3900 N. (Addison).

Kimberly invites input
on plan for growth

KIMBERLY — If you have recently moved or are planning to move into the Kimberly School District, the district wants to know as soon as possible so it can plan for growth.

Call Cathy at 423-4170, ext. 3308.

Head Start announces
enrollment program

TWIN FALLS — South Central Head Start is accepting applications for the program year 2006-2007 for children that will be 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1.

Head Start is a low-income family service program that provides a preschool opportunity for children and home visits that focus on growth and enrichment for the parents. The program is provided at no cost to the families. Preference will be given to year-olds with the lowest income.

Head Start centers are located in Twin Falls, Buhl, Jerome, Shoshone, Halley, Burley, American Falls, Hansen, Rupert and Wendell.

For more information, call 736-0741 or (877) 736-0741 or visit the office at 324 Hansen St. E. in Twin Falls.

— compiled from staff reports

Let the building begin



Angela and Marco Oviedo, with their children from left, Mikayla, Marco and Monica celebrate their home's construction with Habitat for Humanity's Blitz Build. The 5 bed, 2 bath dwelling will be ready for occupancy Friday night.

Habitat for Humanity
marks 30th with 'Blitz Build'

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — At the stroke of seven Monday morning, the first nail was hammered into what will become Marco and Angela Oviedo's family home.

By 7 p.m. Friday, construction will be complete and the home will be ready.

Building a home with Habitat for Humanity usually takes about six months, but with the help of more than 60 local sponsors donating time, labor, supplies and equipment, this house will be done in a week.

"About 92 percent of the home's construction is being donated," said Linda Fleming, administrative assistant for the Magic Valley Habitat for Humanity affiliate. "We wouldn't have been able to do this without the outpouring of support that we have received."

The effort is a nationwide one for Habitat for Humanity's 30th Birthday. Buhl's "Blitz Build" home at 905 Fair Street is one of more than 400 being built in celebration of the organization that has been making the American Dream a reality for more than 5,000 families a year.

After being solicited for help by Fleming, Jay Markle of TKO Construction jumped at the opportunity to serve as contractor for the

What's happening today
7 to 11 a.m. — Interior HVAC, plumbing, electrical, roof finishing and stucco
1 to 3 p.m. — Inspections
3 p.m. to 2 a.m. — Drywall

On the Net

Watch a video of builders' progress on the project.



project.

"It is a great way to help give back to the community that has given us everything we have," Markle said. "The opportunity that Habitat gave us to showcase our many subcontractors, who really do most of the work, is fantastic."

On Monday alone work crews from Bob Lynch Roofing, T.B. Panels, Idaho Outsiders, Infinity Construction, MAC Donald Construction, TKO Construction, Nu Vu Glass and Quality Trust and Lumber were scheduled for the wall-raising, interior framing, truss-setting, window-setting, roof preparation and outside stucco work.

"You will be amazed at what will happen today," said Gordon Saffrey, president of the Magic Valley Habitat affiliate.



Angela and Marco Oviedo get help putting the first section of wall in place on a home being built at 905 Fair Street in Buhl. The house will be finished Friday evening as part of the national Habitat for Humanity "Blitz Build," during which over 400 homes will be built nationwide as part of the program's 30th birthday celebration.

Angela Oviedo is excited to be part of the project.

"Some people have to wait three or four years before they get enough hours in and for their home to be built," she said.

The family now is cramped into a three-bedroom rental. Between the couple there are seven children and buying a larger home was out of the question.

"I don't know what we would have done without Habitat," she said. "This home will cost us less than the \$525 a month we pay in rent and add in the power and heat efficiency we will have, it is just amazing."

The Oviedo family will repay Habitat for the home, at cost with no interest. Money paid back to Habitat goes into the local fund to keep the program available to future families.

As part of being chosen for a Habitat home the Oviedos must invest 500 sweat-equity hours into the program. So far they have racked up more than 400 hours by helping to organize the Blitz Build and by chipping in with a Jerome home's construction.

"We will probably blow past 500 hours this week," Oviedo said. "It is definitely worth it."

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_206@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Cassia County
land-use plan
draws criticism

By Marie Michel
For the Times-News

BURLEY — A plan intended to include everyone pleased no one who spoke at Thursday's Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

At issue was the proposed update of the county's comprehensive plan, a guideline for growth for the next 20 years.

The plan is intended "to protect the rights and liberties of all citizens," but at Thursday's meeting those who spoke proved how difficult achieving that goal will be.

Of the 30 people who attended the meeting, seven signed up to speak. Those seven represented diverse, and sometimes competing, interests.

Brent Stoker, a local rancher, pointed out the commissioners' difficulty.

"It is impossible for you to balance the interests," he said. "A property right is either a property right or it's not. A property right is absolute."

But two other residents wondered whose property rights the plan should protect.

Janice Pilling, a resident of the Water Canyon subdivision near Declo, said she assumed the development's bylaws and multiuse zoning would protect her from a large dairy that was built nearby.

She and her neighbors unsuccessfully protested the dairy's construction because of the resulting odors and other issues.

"A lot of us have ended up with unhappy, bitter feelings," she said. "It spoke to our fears and wrecked our quality of life. We feel that some of the laws that were in the plan to protect us didn't protect us at all. We would like some sort of better definition of this for multiuse areas."

Certain agricultural pursuits such as row crops would be compatible, she said. "But smelly dairies and pig farms don't go with the multi-use area."

Stoker said property owners in such areas should be required to sign waivers indicating their understanding that agricultural uses have priority.

Another side of the issue came from Kent Warr, who complained about a new dairy.

"When you talk property rights, you need to look at both sides," he said.

The board voted to continue the public hearing to June 29.

"When zoning commissioners have closed the public hearing on the matter, they will discuss the matter and complete their recommendations, which will be forwarded to county commissioners."

The plan and the recommendations will then be discussed at a public hearing in front of the county commissioners.

Written comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission on the plan will be accepted until 5 p.m. June 22. This earlier deadline will give commissioners a chance to review the material before the meeting the next week.

The June 29 meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the district courtroom on the second floor of the Cassia County Courthouse, 1459 Overland Ave., Burley.

A copy of the proposed comprehensive plan and the comprehensive plan map is available in the Cassia County Administrative Office, Courthouse, Room #4, 1459 Overland Ave.

The plan also is posted at <http://www.cassia.org>, under the heading "public notices."

Donations needed to provide books for young readers

By Marie Michel
For the Times-News

BURLEY — From the travails of Ramona the Pest to the escapades of Peter Cottontail, books allow children to wander new worlds, meet new people, learn new things.

Providing the books for these experiences is the focus of the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation.

The foundation, begun four years ago, was formed to help schools meet

the goal that children read at grade level by the end of third grade. This year, foundation members hope to give a book to each child in grades pre-kindergarten to third grade who attends a school summer reading program.

"If they can't read by the third grade, then they will be in trouble academically," said Carolee Moncur, president of the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation.

A \$4,000 grant from the Idaho

Community Foundation will help buy books, but more money is needed to ensure each child will receive one.

"It sounds like a lot of money, but it doesn't go very far for books," said Marsha Hallett, the grant writer and a member of the reading foundation's board of directors. "We're an all-volunteer organization and we rely on donations and grants."

The foundation will also give books to low-income families, teach children how to read with their chil-

dren and offer follow-up support.

About 270 children in grades pre-K through third are expected to attend summer reading programs in the Minidoka County School District. The Cassia district, which offers the program to children in grades kindergarten through third, will have about 160 children.

Moncur estimates that \$8,000 and 1,600 books will be needed to meet the foundation's goals. To donate, call Hallett at 436-3794.

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Eloise Mary Guenechea

RICHFIELD - Eloise Mary Bilbao Guenechea was truly one of the best in our hearts. She passed away on June 4, 2006, in her home in Richfield, Idaho, where she has lived with her daughter and son-in-law for the last 5 1/2 years. Eloise was surrounded by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many loved ones.



She was born July 15, 1913, in Hatley, Idaho, the oldest daughter of Simon Bilbao and Gregoria Berriochona. Several years after graduating from Shoshone, Idaho, she met and married a wonderful hard working, proud Basque, Bernard Guenechea on July 8, 1933, in Ketchum, Idaho. Together they worked for three years in Atlanta, Idaho, and then moved to Shoshone, Idaho, where they built and operated a sheep and cattle ranch. At the age of 55, she purchased the South Side Market and operated it for several years before selling and retiring so that she could completely devote her time and love to her family and friends. Eloise was a devout lifelong member of St. Peter's Catholic Church where she taught catechism for many

years and was very active in the church. Hard work, family, and faith were the key foundations on which Eloise built her life. She believed that her Basque heritage instilled in her her work ethic, her sense of family and her belief in herself. She loved everyone and judged no one. Eloise spoke, read and could write fluently in three different languages, Basque, Spanish and English. One of the many joys of Eloise and in her life was to read, either to herself or to one of her many grandchildren or great-grandchildren curled up on her lap. Together with Bernard, her husband, they raised five chil-

dren. Mary (Asa) Jordan of Phoenix, Ariz.; Virginia (Harold) Volk of Boise, Idaho, Elizabeth (Harry) Karnes of Boise, Idaho, Bernie (Patty) Guenechea of Shoshone, Idaho, and Victoria (Blair) Sorensen of Richfield, Idaho. Their children grew into 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Eloise also became the grandmother to many nieces, nephews and their children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard; her parents, Simon and Gregoria Bilbao; her brother, Julian Bilbao; sisters, Assuncion, Leticia and Mercedes Urrutia; and great-grandson, J. Brady Volk. Eloise lived a beautiful and family filled life. Her spirit is held by many loved ones. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel in Shoshone, Idaho, followed by a recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 8, 2006, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone, with Father Kenneth Hein as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery.

Rebecca Lynn Lively

HOOPER - Rebecca Lynn Lively was born May 2, 1986, in Layton, Utah. She was 20 years old. She attended school in Layton and Hooper and graduated from Fremont High school in 2004. Her favorite classes were Ag and Health Occupations. She would prepare her for her biggest dream of becoming a nurse! She was currently working at Crestwood Care Center, where she loved her job and the people she worked with. Becky was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Hooper 3rd Ward.



dad, camping with her family and spending time with her friends. She was never afraid to jump in and get her hands dirty, and she was the first to give a kind word and a hug to someone who needed it. Becky was a true cowgirl who lived her life to the fullest with no regrets, always moving forward with a smile on her face and a hand for a friend. Her family and friends meant the world to her and there is nothing she wouldn't do for them. Becky truly loved life and everyone in her life loved her. She was a special daughter, sister and friend.

Becky is survived by her dad, David; and her mom, Kathy Hooper; brothers and sisters, Kristi Anne Lively and fiancé, Adam Little, Brian (Stephanie) Lively, Josh, Brian and fiancé, All Dunn, Melanie (Andy) McDermott, Andy Lively, Linzie Lively and Sam Lively; her grandparents,

Huber DewAine Brake

RUPERT - Hubert DewAine Brake, 76, of Rupert, passed away on June 4, 2006, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Hubert was born Feb. 8, 1930, in Braden, Okla., to William B. and Willie Lanetta (McNoley) Brake. Hubert was raised in Oklahoma and later, Idaho, by his loving mother and stepfather, Bill Drain. His hobbies were hunting and fishing with his best friend, Dave Ketter; his sons and his grandchildren. After various farm jobs, Hubert went to work at JR Simplot, where he retired after 32 years. He married Pat McSwiney Baxter on April



26, 1974, in Rupert, Idaho. Hubert is survived by his wife; children, Kathy (Roger) Baxter, Dan (Cornie) Mortensen, Dan (Ding) Ringling;

Laura (Kelly) Carlson, Katy (Danny) Martinez and Mike (Sarah) Baxter; 18 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; brothers, Claude (Louise) Cagle and Kenneth Cagle; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Willie Drain and grandsons, Preston Mortensen, David Mortensen and Jacob West. He will be missed immensely by all but will forever be in our hearts. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 8, 2006, at the Rupert Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SERVICES

Mabel Frances "Mac" Latrelle Dawkins Nelson of Jerome, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday United Reformed Church of the Magic Valley, 1708 Highway Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 6-8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in

Jerome, and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church. G. Frank Somsen of Rupert, graveside service at noon today at the Fairview Cemetery in Soda Springs; visitation for family and friends from 9 to 10

a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Wayne Clark of Star and formerly of Bellevue, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Farnsworth Funeral Home in Enterprise, Ore. (Clowderdale Funeral Home in Boise).

Alvin K. Clymore

BURLEY - Alvin Kenneth Clymore, 81, of Burley, died Friday, June 2, 2006, at the Warren House in Burley. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. Friends may call one hour before the funeral Tuesday at Payne.

Arrangements are pending with Summers' Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Avanell Maxine Benton

TWIN FALLS - Avanell Maxine Benton, 84, of Twin Falls died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Cenoma House in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 8, 2006, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Interment will be held following the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls.



"Dharma" is a spayed female adult Maine Coon. She is one of the cats who were recently rescued and is beautiful and talkative. Her adoption fee is \$105. TWIN FALLS ANIMAL SHELTER 420 Victory Avenue 736-2299

Bulah Maxwell

BUHL - Bulah Maxwell, 85, of Buhl, died Monday, June 5, 2006, at Sunbridge Care Center in Twin Falls. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 8, 2006, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

ElRay Eskelsen

RUPERT - ElRay Eskelsen, 54, of Rupert, died Sunday, June 4, 2006, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, June 9, 2006, at the Rupert LDS 10th Ward Chapel, with Bishop Gary Mechem officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

Charles A. Brown

OAKLEY - Charles Andrew Brown, 92, of Oakley, died Sunday, June 4, 2006, at the Bullock Center in Boise. A funeral and burial will take place in Mason Hill, Pa. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Barbara Schmitz

TWIN FALLS - Barbara Schmitz, 75, of Twin Falls, died Monday, June 5, 2006, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Janet Lynn Dougherty

ROSEVILLE, Calif. - Janet Lynn Dougherty, 43, of Roseville, Calif., and formerly of Rupert, died Monday, June 5, 2006. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Bruce E. Williams

BOISE - Bruce E. Williams, 74, of Boise, died Monday, June 5, 2006, at a Boise hospital.

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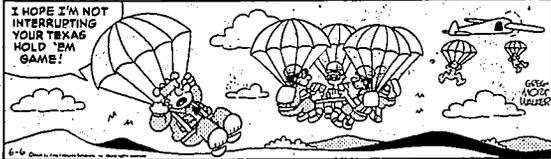
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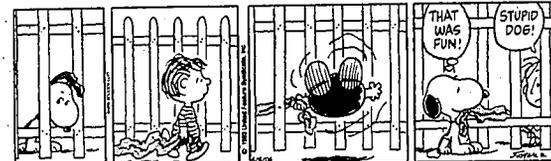
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Woman should call the bluff of deceptive deadbeat dad



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

should you need one.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-old female. I have been dating this guy I'll call "Louie" for more than two years. He never told me he had anyone else. But one day he let it slip that he had been living with this woman, "Grace," for more than 10 years.

I'm not the type to break up a home. Had I known, I never would have dated him. By the time I found out, I was in love with Louie, and he said he felt the same about me.

I never knew exactly where Louie lived or had his home phone number, but I did have his cell phone number. Whenever I'd call, it was either turned off or he wouldn't answer. Finally, I called information and got his home number, but I have never used it.

Now, two years later, we have a child together. None of his family members know about our little girl. He says he does not want anyone to know right now — especially Grace. He says she would leave him, take half his belongings and sue him for alimony.

He has given me less than \$360 in child support since I gave birth. Louie says if I sue him for child support, things will get nasty. He says he will make my life a living hell. I hardly ever see him anymore. What is a woman supposed to do? I think he's afraid of Grace. I want to sue him for child

support, and I have the papers filled out and sealed, but haven't mailed them yet for fear of what Louie might do. Please help me.

— CONFUSED IN TEXAS
DEAR CONFUSED: By now, I hope you realize that the father of your child is married. There were many flashing red lights in your romance with Louie — the first ones being that you didn't know where he lived and his unwillingness to give you a working phone number. That's when you should have refused to become further involved.

I urge you to mail the papers you have filled out to the court TODAY. Do it for your little girl, because it's the only way her deadbeat father will meet his obligations to her. Do not be surprised when Louie pretends to be the injured party. During this entire time he has thought only about himself. Also, because he has threatened you, you need a lawyer to advise you. You may have to go to the police to make sure his threats are on record. It's a first step to getting a restraining order

DEAR ABBY: For the last year I have been involved with a lovely woman who has been separated from her husband for two years. Although she seems to care a lot for me and my son, she has not yet accepted my proposal of marriage.

Her husband comes around several times a month to do work around the house and even balances her checkbook for her. They own several pieces of property together and both have good incomes.

I have expressed my concern about what is keeping her from going ahead with a divorce. She claims she's waiting for her husband to file and he's not ready yet. I say they're both hanging on to each other because neither of them is ready to move on with their lives. Should I wait? Or should I give up and hope to meet someone who is available for a nice guy who has a lot of love to share?

— PATIENT

IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PATIENT: Your lady friend may be separated, but she sounds very married to me. If she were in love with you, she would have already gone ahead with her divorce. My advice to you is to move on. At the rate this romance is going, you could wait forever.

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Some people still believe the myth that you'll save electricity by leaving fluorescent lights burning instead of turning them off when you leave

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Risch's push for reform should move cautiously

Many Idahoans would expect a lieutenant governor who ascends to an open governor seat — for a seven-month term — would be a caretaker biding his time.

That's not the case for Idaho's 31st governor, Jim Risch. Idaho's new chief executive has found his

carriage diem moment, and he's ready to run with it.

Risch laid out his administrative goals in Friday's *Sports* speech from the Statehouse steps. He pledged to

continue Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's work on roads, parks, endangered species and Medicaid. Risch's agenda also includes the fight against methamphetamine, Idaho's nursing shortage, and more success with economic development.

The property tax issue, however, could define Risch's seven-month term. The governor issued a challenge to legislators, saying he wanted them to make property relief happen, and pledged his support in return.

"I will be happy to engage as is appropriate and necessary," Risch said. "My friends, we owe this to the people of Idaho — let's get it done."

By flitting with a special session that would reform the entire picture of Idaho taxation, Risch is making a risky and bold move. Idaho has had only 26 special sessions in its state history. The idea of legislators meeting twice in a year, and with a short-term governor in office, may not square with Idaho tradition.

Additionally, the main proposal for tax reform — switching maintenance and operation of school districts — is no easy pass. Risch told the audience he favors the M&O switch passed by Idaho House members in April, although it failed with the Senate. But Risch is adamant that pushing M&O levies from local property tax rolls to sales taxes and state general

fund is the answer. "Doing so will reduce Idahoans property tax burden approximately 20 percent," Risch noted. "To meet my criteria for such relief my requirements are simple — I want to see replacement of the maintenance and operations levy — I am willing to negotiate on all other components of such a plan."

Conservative House members will gladly keep working with Risch as they gain more confidence in the surging state economy. Idaho currently has about \$136 million of tax revenue surplus for

earplugs for May tax revenues reflect about another \$37 million. Having \$173 million of surplus to figure into some kind of tax relief is more than enough for conservatives to ramp up talk of a special session.

But what do they do when they get there? How will they definitively use the surplus? North Idaho, Teton, Valley and Idaho's resort towns may demand tax reform, but does the rest of Idaho?

"In my lifetime, I've probably (castrated) 10,000 calves," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said after Risch's speech. "It's probably easier than property tax relief."

Furthermore, if property tax reform is going to pass, it's going to require work between legislators on phones, through faxes and letters, and mostly away from the public eye. While it's a cheaper way to do business for taxpayers, it's not exactly the most appropriate way to restructure Idaho's reliable three-legged stool of taxation.

If there's a convincing case to be made for property tax reform, we're all for the idea and the debate. But a rush job — to save a legacy or a legislator's job — isn't the way to make it happen. In spite of the talk of a tax revolt coming from certain corners of Idaho, state leaders owe it to taxpayers not to make this an issue of political expediency.

LETTER

Sewer plant is now a big Rupert concern

Three years ago, I attended a city council meeting at the Rupert wastewater plant. The city officials conducted the meeting at the sewer plant to show theatrics. Many employees told the city council that our business was competitive and could not afford the impact of continuing rising sewer bills or the business would move.

Kraft and another manufacturing plant in Rupert said they would help the city come up with a less costly solution, but to no avail. City officials have said in the newspaper that they are concerned about the revenue, but what about the employees and vendors and local businesses? Statistics show that for every job loss, it affects seven other jobs.

Rupert City Council, apparently you did not learn from

Heyburn with the Simplot plant; shame on you. Rupert City Council, call Jerome; find out what the secret is for getting businesses and keeping the ones they have.

I worry about being unemployed. How will I be able to pay for the increase in my sewer bill? Now it is \$42.50, what will it be when my employer and other businesses move out of the city? Will it go to \$80 or more? What about my property taxes?

Members of the city council who have not realized what Kraft has done for our community, you had better take a second look. I will be interested in the council's plans to pay for the sewer plant, now and how will they attract new business to the area that will pay a decent wage.

AMY MALLORY
Rupert

Tehran's China syndrome

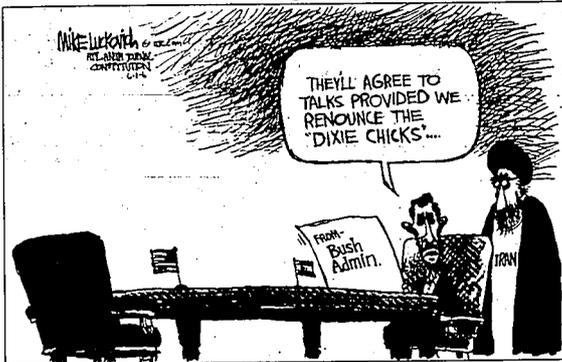
In the middle of a tirade of talking with the Bush administration, a senior Iranian official I met in Tehran last month abruptly paused and asked if he could speak off the record. Then he asked me, "What we need is an American president who will follow the example of Richard Nixon going to China."

There is a nutshell in what this Iranian government and most Iranians I've spoken to, fervently desire from the United States: not the tactical talks offered last week by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice but strategic recognition of Iran as a great civilization and a regional power that must be treated, like China, as a "stakeholder" in global affairs. Grant us that, said the Iranian official I saw, and "just as with China, you'll find a government that is more responsive to your concerns, more willing to play a cooperative role."

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It was interesting to hear that pitch in an office of a government whose president has recently invited the United States, aka "global arrogance," to abandon democracy and accept the dissolution of Israel. It was a reminder that, whatever President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad may say in public, obtaining recognition from Washington remains one of the Islamic regime's foremost goals — and perhaps the most powerful nonmilitary card the West holds in seeking to stop Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons.

But the Nixon-to-China formula also explains why U.S.-Iranian talks, though now formally endorsed by both sides, are more likely than not to fail, if they happen at all. That's because Iran and the United States approach the option of dialogue from opposite sides of the spectrum. Iran seeks a strategic encounter, a historic moment of accommodation between two powers. The United States offers prag-



matic bargaining over single issues, such as the nuclear program and Iraq.

This disconnect is not new, or limited to the Bush administration. Previous American feelers to Iran, by the Reagan and Clinton administrations, were also aimed at specific problems, such as American hostages in Lebanon. Iranian governments have mostly responded by demanding broad changes in U.S. policy while refusing to engage on what they see as small points. A rare exception was Iran's quiet cooperation with President Bush during the early months of the U.S. intervention in Afghanistan. But Iranian officials now bitterly point out this in their view, their reward for that tactical coordination was Bush's "axis of evil" speech in early 2002, which affirmed the goal of overthrowing the Islamic regime.

Last week Rice seemed to go out of her way to rule out the kind of engagement Tehran wants. "Let's remember what is not happening here," she said at a press conference. "This is not a bilateral negotiation between the United States and Iran on the whole host of issues that would lead to broader relations between Iran

and the United States. ... This is not a grand bargain."

So what, from Iran's point of view, is to be gained by accepting Rice's offer? There are possible sanctions to be avoided, of course, and a few economic benefits to be collected. There is also, U.S. officials say, a narrow and twisting path that might lead from bargaining over uranium enrichment to Iraq, to terrorism in Israel and democracy in Lebanon, and perhaps finally to some larger U.S.-Iranian detente. No, that's not how China has been treated: by U.S.-Soviet relations were something like that.

At the risk of further infuriating Vice President Cheney and other White House hawks, Rice offered the barest hint of this last week: "The Iranians can, by seriously negotiating about their nuclear program and seriously coming to a civil nuclear program that is acceptable to the international community, begin to open the possibilities for cooperation," she said.

Maybe the Iranians will choose to exploit this tiny opening, or at least freeze their nuclear program temporarily

so they can avoid a breach with Europe or Russia and provide their restless public with the visual of a U.S.-Iranian handshake. But it's at least as likely that they won't; that they will hold out in an attempt to force the Nixon-to-China gesture they really want.

The question then becomes: Could such a step be in the American interest? Would it be wise for Bush, or any president, to recognize Iran's Shiite Islamic regime as an enduring reality and a regional power whose interests must be accommodated in the broader Middle East? Would such recognition pay off in the form of a stable and democratic Iraq, or an end to Iranian support for Palestinian terrorism, or in the disarmament of Lebanon's Hezbollah movement?

It's hard to find experts on Iran in Washington who believe that it would. Which is why there will be no presidential visit to Tehran anytime in the foreseeable future — and why an Iranian-American understanding could remain as elusive in the next few months as it has over the past 25 years.

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Rush to judgement is undermining U.S.

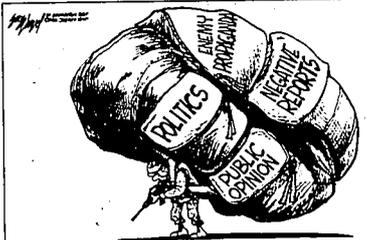
The Pentagon has concluded its investigation into the March 15 deaths of 13 Iraqis in the town of Ishaqi. It found that American soldiers acted within the rules of combat when they fired on a house first being fired upon by a suspected al-Qaida operative. The investigation of a Nov. 19 incident in Haditha in which 24 Iraqi civilians were killed continues, though some people have been rushed to judgment and convicted a group of U.S. Marines.



CAL THOMAS

Some news reports about the Ishaqi incident noted that U.S. military commanders believed the Iraqi police report was part of an attempt to discredit American troops and foment resentment among locals.

That view and the related strategy to undermine support for the war at home receives strong support from Amir Taheri, former executive editor of *Kayhan*, Iran's largest newspaper. Writing in the June issue of *Commentary* magazine, Taheri contends Americans are being presented with a false picture of conditions in Iraq. Noting the difficulty of covering Iraq adequately, Taheri writes, "...many of the newspapers, pundits, and commentators whom American viewers and readers rely to describe the situation have been contaminated by the increasing bitterness of American politics. Clearly there are those in the media and the think tanks who wish the Iraq experiment to end



in tragedy, as a just recompense for George W. Bush."

For the anti-war left, hatred of the president is the filter through which all information flows. It has created a "conventional wisdom" that nothing good is happening in Iraq and even if it is, inevitable defeat awaits the United States when it must ultimately withdraw, leaving chaos behind.

"Current reality," writes Taheri, "is very different ... and so are the prospects for Iraq's future."

One can understand nothing of the region without freedom of expression. Taheri recalls that for some time history has been pointing "in an unequivocally positive direction." His evidence begins with refugees. He notes that when things were very bad in Iraq, people formed long lines at the Turkish and Iranian borders, hoping to escape. Since the jopping of Saddam Hussein, he writes, they are coming home. "By the end of 2005, in the most conservative estimate, the number of returnees topped the 1.2 million mark." If the entire country is consumed by chaos and disorder, why would so many Iraqis return to their homeland?

Another encouraging sign cited by Taheri is the increased flow of religious pilgrims to Shiite shrines. When Saddam began massacring Shiites after a 1991 revolt against him, religious pilgrimages all but ceased. In 2005, the holy sites received an estimated 12 million pilgrims, making them the most visited places in the entire Muslim world, ahead of both Mecca and Medina.

Other positive trends seen by Taheri include the increase in value of the Iraqi dinar, especially when compared to the region's other currencies; a revival in Iraqi agricultural activity, which had experienced unprecedented decline under Saddam; and the return of "freedom of expression" to Iraq, especially in the media.

Taheri also has a strong rebuttal to those who claim the United States is trying to "impose democracy" on Iraq. He writes of Iraq's history with democracy prior to the 1958 pro-Soviet military coup d'etat that established a leftist dictatorship. Iraq came into being through a popular referendum in 1921. It established a constitutional monarchy modeled on Great Britain, with a bicameral parliament, several

political parties and periodic elections.

Taheri says, "...contrary to received opinion, Operation Iraqi Freedom was not an attempt to impose democracy by force. Rather, it was an effort to use force to remove impediments to democratization, primarily by deposing a tyrant who had utterly suppressed a well-established aspect of the country's identity."

The key to victory for Iraq and the United States is staying the course until the elected Iraqi leadership can defend itself and the country. The insurgents and terrorists are betting we won't. Much of the media and some politicians have already conceded defeat; giving sustenance to killers who believe that if they stay the course they will win. They will win if we don't. They won't win if we do.

The Taheri essay is a must-read for anyone interested in giving President Bush "his recompense."

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OPINION

Rewards for the hereditary elite

It doesn't matter if you are liberal or conservative, Democrat or Republican. There is no possible excuse for doing what Congress is poised to do this week: Abolish the estate tax.

The federal government faces a future of expanding deficits. Thanks to the baby bust and medical inflation, spending is projected to rise by nearly 3 percent of gross domestic product by 2030, a growth equivalent to the doubling of today's Medicare program. What is the dumbest possible response to this? Take a source of revenue and abolish it outright.

The nation faces rising inequality. Since 1980 the gap between the earnings of the top fifth and the bottom fifth has jumped by almost 50 percent. The United States is by some measures the most unequal society in the rich world and the most unequal that it's been since the 1920s. What is the dumbest possible response to this? Identify the most progressive federal tax and repeal it.

The nation faces the prospect that inequality will damage meritocracy. When the distance between top and bottom widens, it becomes harder to traverse the gap; people of low birth are stuck at the bottom, and human talent is wasted. What is the dumbest possible response to this? Take the tax that limits what the super-rich pass on to their children and get rid of it. Send a message to hereditary elites: Go ahead, entrench yourselves!

SEBASTIAN MALLABY

For most of the past century, the case for the estate tax was regarded as self-evident. People understood that government has to be paid for, and that it makes sense to raise part of the money from a tax on "fortunes swollen beyond all healthy limits," as Theodore Roosevelt put it. The United States is supposed to be a country that values individuals for their inherent worth, not for their inherited wealth. The estate tax, like a cigarette tax or a carbon tax, is a tool for reducing a socially damaging phenomenon — the emergence of a hereditary upper class — as well as a way of raising money.

But now the House has voted to repeal the estate tax, and the Senate may do the same this week. Republicans are picking up support from renegade Democrats, such as Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, Bill Nelson of Florida, Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Max Baucus of Montana. Several more may go over to the dark side if a "compromise" bill, which would achieve nearly everything that abolitionists dream of, is introduced in the Senate. President Bush, who has already muscled a temporary repeal of the estate tax into law, would be delighted to sign a bill making abolition permanent. If the abolitionists succeed, some other tax will eventually be raised to make up for the lost revenue.

So which tax does Congress favor? The income tax, which discourages work? A consumption tax, which hits the poor hardest? The payroll tax, which is both anti-work and anti-poor? Really, which other tax out there is better?

The abolitionists don't respond to this question because there is no convincing answer. Paul Volcker, the former Federal Reserve chairman, has written that "we would be hard-pressed to find evidence that, compared with the alternatives, a reasonable estate tax significantly discourages work or innovation or savings." In other words, killing the estate tax and raising some other tax instead would damage the economy. And that's before you take into account the positive distortions introduced by the estate tax, such as more social mobility and higher charitable giving. Charitable bequests will fall by at least a fifth if the estate tax is repealed permanently.

People often remark on the perversity of popular support for estate-tax repeal. A majority wants to abolish the tax, even though only the richest 2 percent of households have ever had to pay it. Yet this shout-your-own-foot-weariness is easily explained: Most people just don't know that, under the law's current provisions, a couple can bequeath \$4 million without paying a penny to the government.

But I'm fascinated by the spectacle of elite support for

this policy. How can the president and the abolitionists in Congress, who understand the tax and its details, possibly want to kill it? They all say they accept the principle that the tax system should be fair — Bush officials are constantly claiming that their tax cuts are progressive. They all accept the principle that free trade and competition get the best out of American firms, so what about subjecting rich heirs to competition from ordinary Americans?

Repealing the estate tax is like erecting protectionist barriers around the hereditary elite. It is anti-meritocratic and unfair — and antithetical to this nation's best traditions.

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I see the Idaho teachers union wants to give them \$200 million more each year for supplies and teachers' salaries. This is over the billion-plus dollars that Idaho now spends each year for student education. You know educators seem to all sing the same song. If you taxpayers will just pour millions of dollars more down the black hole of education, we will turn your Johnny

into another Albert Einstein and your little Suzy into another Marie Curie.

Would you like to learn why education is broken in America and why European students out-perform American students when they take the same test? Go to Hastings book store and buy John Stessel's book, "Myths, Lies and Downright Stupidity." Read Chapter 5 on education. I did. I found out why you can't fire poor teachers and reward great teachers.

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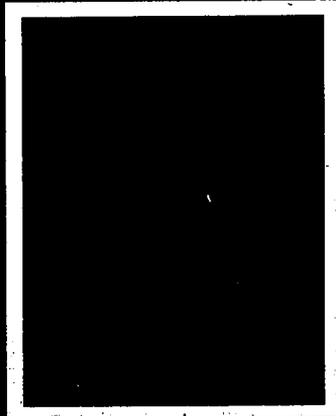
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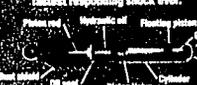
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CSI men teach, play at Junior Eagles camp

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Wow, that's Coach Peery. And that's Derek Lorenzen. And that's...

That's the initial feeling that spread across the College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium during Day 1 of Golden Eagles head men's basketball coach Barrett Peery's Junior Eagles Basketball Camp. Peery, his staff and players played host on Monday to a group of boys in Grades K-9 looking to glean a little basketball knowledge from the defending Region 18 champions.

"It's awesome. These guys are six-foot, six-foot-seven," first-year camper Lance Barker said. "Big guys like that are out here and I'm shooting with them. They've won championship after championship. It's amazing."

Barker took his own championship at the camp, winning Monday's round of bump amongst the older campers before Peery brought the attendees together for a session-ending talk about the importance of good practice habits.

"It's pretty cool," Barker said. "Like, you come out here and you get a great coach like that, to come out and learn from him is awesome."

That initial feeling of awe suddenly goes out the windows as the basketball racks are rolled out.

Now, it's all about business.

CSI sophomore transfer Moleni Thukluewa and the Golden Eagles big men remind campers of the importance of boxing out, while returning sophomore shooting guard Derek Lorenzen and the CSI perimeter players remind the youngsters to keep those elbows in and follow through.

Some of the lessons are learned slowly, but the Golden Eagles are planting the seeds.

"Some of them are real young, so

they're going to shoot the way they want, you just try to show them the basics now so when they get older, they'll start to understand a little bit of what they need to do," Lorenzen said.

Peery and Lorenzen took the campers through a short string of individual drills as the attentive group of campers sat semi-circled around the three-point line they'd seen Lorenzen hit high-arching shots from during the season. For Lorenzen and the CSI players, the camp offers a little look into their status as local celebrities.

"It's always fun to have them come up to you and have them say, 'Hey, I know you from the games,'" Lorenzen said. "It's neat... It's great for the community that they get to come out and meet everybody, be around the players and the coaches. It's great we can be a part of that and give back."

For Peery's incoming freshmen and transfers, it's one of the first official events as part of the Golden Eagles program.

"You know, we look forward to it because I tell the guys all the time, it's an opportunity for us to give back to the community and spend time with the people that support us," Peery said. "It's great for our guys. It helps them realize how much these kids really look up to them and it makes them understand the spotlight that they're under."

"Also, it's great to see the kids that come back year after year and grow and get better. It's neat to see. You see kids grow and get better, just like your own players, so it's nice."

The Junior Eagles camp runs through Thursday, with another installment set to run next Monday through Thursday, June 12-15.

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ABOVE: College of Southern Idaho shooting guard Anthony Smith practices with Bryan-old Daniel Daily of Hagerman Monday during the Junior Eagles Basketball Camp at the school.

TOP LEFT: CSI's Terry Fields consoles Chris McBride, 6, after McBride was bumped Monday during a scrimmage at the school's youth basketball camp.

Nadal whips Hewitt at Open

By Steven Wine
Associated Press writer

PARIS — Rafael Nadal remained undefeated at Roland Garros by finally beating Lleyton Hewitt.

The defending French Open champion, Nadal moved into the quarterfinals and extended his record clay-court winning streak to 57 matches by eliminating Hewitt 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 Monday.

Hewitt had won their three previous meetings, but those were all on hard courts, the most recent in January 2005.

It was a different story at Roland Garros, where Nadal improved to 11-0. He recalled at the suggestion he's unbeatable on clay.

"I'm going to lose in this tournament, or the next, or the next," Nadal said. "Every match is difficult. Every match I can lose."

But the Spaniard hasn't lost on clay since April 2005, and he moved closer to a showdown in the final Sunday against top-ranked Roger Federer.

"He's very much like Federer, winning so many matches that it's sort of second nature for him," Hewitt said.

Martina Hingis claimed the last spot in the women's quarterfinals, beating Shahar Peer 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 in the completion of a match suspended overnight. Two unseeded men, Julien Benneteau and Novak Djokovic, earned their first Grand Slam quarterfinal berths, and No. 4 Ivan Ljubicic also advanced.

With a sun-splashed center-court crowd backing Hewitt's upset bid, the Aussie played Novak on even terms for 2½ hours, winning 11 consecutive points during one stretch.

"Hewitt is someone who, when you let him grab a finger, he takes the arm," Nadal said. "It's a great competitor."

But at 4-1 in the third set, Nadal broke serve with a backhand slice that barely cleared the net, landing on the sideline and bouncing sideways as Hewitt chased it off the court in vain.

Nadal held at love to close the set and broke three times in the final set, when Hewitt had five of his six double faults.

"Late in the third and the whole fourth set, my serve did go off," Hewitt said. "That made it a lot harder to put pressure on him."

Nadal was coming off a grueling victory that took nearly five hours Saturday. But he looked like the fresher player at the finish, advancing in 3 hours, 17 minutes on the warmest day of the tournament.

And not once did Nadal choke on a banana — a problem that forced an interruption for a visit from a doctor during his third-round marathon.

"I'm not going to stop eating bananas," Nadal said. "But I please see OPEN, Page B2

Cowboys A wrecks Wood River in DH

Times-News

HALLEY — The Twin Falls Cowboys Class A American Legion, squad improved to 4-0 on their young season with a convincing doubleheader sweep of host Wood River Monday afternoon in Halley. The Cowboys got a 10-strike-out complete game from pitcher Nick Yergensen in the 12-4 Game 1 win before slapping out 16 hits — 15 singles — in a 20-6, five-inning victory in Game 2.

"Well, we've been swinging the bat pretty good," Cowboys head coach Devin Kurz said. "We put up 7 and 15 runs in Burley and put up some runs today." David Lish led the way in Game 1, going 3-for-4 with a triple and 5 RBIs.

He picked up the complete-game win in Game 2, finishing 2-for-3 with three runs scored. Conner Watkins finished 2-for-4 with three runs scored in Game 2.

The Cowboys host the Idaho Falls Rangers for an Area C noon doubleheader today.

Game 1
Twin Falls, Wood River 6
Twin Falls: 023 013 2-13 13 2
Wood River: 001 10 2-11 12 3
M.J. Yergensen and Conner Watkins and Conner W. Yergensen (DH) hit home runs. — 28: Twin Falls, Devan Lish, Josh Barnes, Wood-Forest, Patrick Lynch, 18: Twin Falls, David Lish.

Game 2
Twin Falls, 20, Wood River 6, five innings
Twin Falls: 002 13-20 13 3
Wood River: 001 10 2-11 12 3
David Lish and Devin Kurz hit home runs. — 28: Twin Falls, Devan Lish.

Jerome sweeps Kimberly

KIMBERLY — The experienced Jerome Tigers squad refused to take it easy on the Kimberly Class A first-year program, dropping the Bulldogs 10-0 in five innings and 16-1 in five innings during Monday's doubleheader at Kimberly. Tigers pitcher Tucker Thompson pitched a one-hitter in Game 1, and Jerome shortstop Travis Cooley cranked a grand slam in Game 2 to lead the charge.

"Tucker Thompson threw for them and he took us to school," Bulldogs head coach Gary Krumm said. "He was impressive."

Joe Mason connected on an infield single to break up Thompson's no-hitter

bid. AJ Schroeder took the loss in Game 1 for Kimberly. In Game 2, Schroeder and Brandon Soderquist each hit twice for the Bulldogs, while Blake Lawson was saddled with the loss.

The Bulldogs are back in action today, hosting the Bull Triple at 4 p.m.

Late Sunday Amateur golf

Bybee, Pickens take Sinclair/Mini-Cassia tourney

BURLEY — The team of Kirk Bybee and Dan Pickens carded a two-day Glenn ball score of 132 to edge out Glenn

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Edmonton Oilers goaltender Dwayne Roloson, right, poke checks the puck from the Carolina Hurricanes' Eric Staal in the second period during Game 1 of the Stanley Cup hockey finals on Monday in Raleigh, N.C.

Hurricanes swirl to 5-4 comeback win

By Paul Hewberry
Associated Press writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — After a stirring comeback, the Carolina Hurricanes won Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals with a gift of a goal.

Rod Brind'Amour scored off a fluky mistake with 31.1 seconds remaining when Edmonton's backup goalie botched an exchange behind the net, and the Hurricanes rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat the Oilers 5-4 Monday night.

Ty Conklin had to take over in goal for Edmonton with just under six minutes remaining after Dwayne Roloson, the star of the eighth-seeded Oilers' improbable playoff run, was injured in a collision that

knocked the net off its moorings.

Roloson, who had played every minute of the playoffs, is done for the series after injuring his right knee. Conklin — who played in just 18 regular-season games — might have to rest the rest of the way.

He didn't pass his first test. With overtime looming, Conklin went behind the net to play the puck on a seemingly routine play. But he appeared to cross up teammate Jason Smith with a backhanded pass, the puck deflecting off Smith's stick and sliding in front of an open net.

Brind'Amour scored his second goal of the night — and he'll never get an easier one. Smith dove in a futile attempt to knock the puck away and Conklin was still

coming around from behind the net when it crossed the line.

"It wasn't much that I did," Brind'Amour said. "I think there was a little mix-up about who was going to get it and obviously the goalie is behind the net. It was just a matter of flipping it into the net. You don't get too many of those, but I'll definitely take them."

Carolina's rookie goalie, Cam Ward, had another brilliant performance after backing up Martin Gerber through most of the regular season. Ward made 34 saves, including the second of two remarkable stops on Shawn Horcoff at the side of the net with 3.8 seconds left.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Raleigh. Then, the series shifts to Edmonton.

SPORTS

Zambrano lifts Cubs past Astros

HOUSTON — Carlos Zambrano pitched no-hit ball for 7 1/3 innings before Preston Wilson grounded an opposite-field single, leading the Chicago Cubs over the Houston Astros 8-0 Monday night.

Zambrano was trying to become the first Cubs pitcher to throw a no-hitter since Bill Pappas on Sept. 2, 1972, against San Diego.

Instead, he beat the Astros with his arm and bat. He homered, and drove in four runs, and was walked Mike Lamb to start the eighth. An out later, Wilson cleanly singled to right field.

The excited Zambrano then struck out Brad Ausmus and Eric Bruntlett to end the inning. Will Ohman worked a perfect ninth.

Zambrano (4-3) threw 72 of his 126 pitches for strikes and struck out eight. He was trying to pitch the eighth no-hitter for the Cubs since 1900 — four of them came between 1969 and 1972.



Chicago Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano reacts to a ball three call while pitching to Houston Astros' Lance Berkman during the seventh inning of their Baseball game on Monday in Houston.

Reds to their fifth straight victory.

Griffey led a major league record by homering in his 43rd stadium with a solo drive off Jeff Suppan in the fifth. He was the disabled list in mid-April when the Reds played at new Busch Stadium for the first time.

Pirates 5, Rockies 2

DENVER — Ian Snell struck out a career-high 10 and the Pittsburgh Pirates picked up a rare road win.

Snell (6-3) allowed two earned runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings for the Pirates, who improved the majors' worst road record to 5-22 and extended the Rockies' losing streak to a season-high six games.

Colorado, which was swept by Florida over the weekend, has been outscored 25-6 in its four consecutive losses at Coors Field to the two worst teams in the National League, during which it's never had the lead.

Snell struck out six batters in the first three innings, when he threw 29 of 35 pitches for strikes. Mike Gonzalez pitched the ninth for his eighth save in eight chances.

Aaron Cook (5-6) was decent through six innings, allowing three earned runs and nine hits, including six singles. Cook was charged with 10 hits and five runs in six-plus innings.

American League Yankees 13, Red Sox 5

NEW YORK — Jason Giambi and Andy Phillips each hit a three-run homer in a seven-run second inning Monday night, and the New York Yankees battered old nemesis Josh Beckett in a 13-5 rout of the Boston Red Sox.

Melky Cabrera and Robinson Cano added two-run doubles in the third, making it an easy night for ace Mike Mussina (8-1) in the opener of a four-game series.

The Yankees batted around in the second and third — and hardly missed Derek Jeter.

Orioles 4, Blue Jays 0

BALTIMORE — Daniel Cabrera allowed three hits in five innings, Kevin Millar homered, and the Baltimore Orioles blanked the Blue Jays.

Baltimore's Corey Patterson scored two runs and extended his streak of games with a stolen base to nine, the longest run in the majors since Rickey Henderson, had an identical stretch in 1986. Patterson, who leads the big leagues with 26 steals, has been caught only once.

Activated from the disabled list before the game after missing 21 days with a muscle strain in his right shoulder, Cabrera (3-2) struck out nine and walked five.

Devil Rays 4, Angels 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — James Shields scattered seven hits over six innings to get his first major league win for the Devil Rays.

Shields struck out six and walked two in his second career start. The Angels had at least one runner reach base in all six innings against the right-hander, and strangled 12 runners total.

Tampa Bay took advantage of two errors to take a 2-0 lead in the first. Julio Lugo led off with a walk and was running toward second when Carl Crawford drew a walk on a full-count pitch. Angels catcher Mike Napoli made an errant throw to second that wound up in center field, where Chone Figgins then had the ball get past him.

Nationals 5, Braves 4

ATLANTA — Livan Hernandez won his fourth straight start for his first victory against Atlanta in nearly six years.

The Braves, coming off a four-game sweep to Arizona, have lost five consecutive home games for the first time since a six-game home skid Aug. 8-21, 2001. Overall, the Braves have lost seven of eight to fall two games below .500 for the first time since May 15.

Brewers 5, Padres 2

MILWAUKEE — Carlos Lee hit his 19th home run, Chris Capuano pitched his way in and out of trouble for six innings and the Brewers used nine walks to snap their eight-game losing streak.

Capuano (6-4) wasn't particularly sharp, allowing six hits and four walks but he excelled compared to Padres starter Clay Hensley (4-4), who walked four of his first eight batters and finished with a career-high seven walks.

Reds 8, Cardinals 7

ST. LOUIS — Ken Griffey Jr. hit a go-ahead three-run homer off Jason Irlinghaus in the sixth inning to lift the



NASCAR driver Tony Stewart is dragged out of his car by a crew member during the first caution lap of the Neighborhood Excellence 400 on Sunday at the Dover Speedway in Dover, Del. Stewart, who has a broken shoulder blade, drove the first part of the race and was replaced by veteran driver Ricky Rudd.

NASCAR racers keep driving hurt

Ricky Rudd once had to duct tape his swollen eyes open to race. Davey Allison, driving with a broken hand, had to glue Vetrol onto his hand and the steering wheel so he could grip it.

IN THE PITTS JENNA FRYER

Dale Earnhardt raced with a broken sternum and Darrell Waltrip did it with a broken leg. Even safety-conscious Jeff Burton admits to once racing while battling a bout of vertigo.

So there was no surprise when reigning NASCAR champion Tony Stewart got behind the wheel and raced 37 laps on Sunday with a broken shoulder blade.

Stewart, with only one good arm, is still a better driver than most motorists. Heck, Stewart bluffed his way out of a broken hand held his own in rush hour traffic.

That doesn't make it right. NASCAR has no disabled list, and its rigid points system makes playing hurt an absolute necessity. Last place gets a driver 34 points toward their pursuit of the Nextel Cup championship, while missing the race gets him nothing.

At a time when NASCAR is pushing forward with its safety-centered Car of Tomorrow, energy-absorbing SAFER barriers have become standard at race tracks and everyone has their eye out for the latest technology, it's hard to believe the sanctioning body would

allow an injured driver to compete. As long as a driver has a doctors note clearing him to compete, NASCAR won't stand in his way. The same goes for the fellow competitors, who trust that a driver wouldn't race unless he was well enough to do so.

So Stewart was playing within the rules when he tapped Rudd to be on standby for him all weekend in Dover. Rudd practiced the car and qualified it, and the two did a mock run of getting Stewart out and Rudd in during a pit road driver exchange.

But when it was time to go green, Stewart had to be behind the wheel to keep his championship hopes alive. So long as he started the race and completed one lap, he could, and did, turn the car over to Rudd at any point and still receive all the points.

Rudd finished the race in 25th place, earning Stewart 88 points toward his championship defense.

"I think that would be hard to govern," competition director Robin Pemberton said. "As drivers are, they don't like every race track they go to and they might come down with the sniffles or something the week before they go to Bristol, or Talladega or (Charlotte) or a road course."

Aside from a major change to the scoring system, there's not an easy answer.

But NASCAR needs to find a way to fix this broken system before an injured driver hurts himself — or someone else — even worse.

Wie fails in bid to make U.S. Open

SUMMIT, N.J. (AP) —

Michelle Wie failed in her bid to become the first woman to play in the U.S. Open, testing a frenzied gallery for 27 holes until three straight bogeys Monday afternoon sent her to a 3-over 75 and into the middle of the pack.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed I didn't make it," she said. "I'm satisfied with the way I

tried. I played my hardest out there."

Her next step is a major — against the women.

Wie opened with a 68 on the easier South course and still had a chance to get one of 18 spots available to the 153-player field at Carnie Brook when headed to the back nine. Needing at least one birdie to have a chance,

her inability to master the greens finally caught up with her. And the cheers from 3,500 fans that carried her throughout the day turned to sympathetic applause at the end.

She finished at 1-over 143, a score that might have been good enough to make the cut if this were a tournament. But she was trying to make

history, not a cut. And ultimately, she didn't come close.

"I'm very proud of her," said her father, B.J. Wie. "A little disappointed, but very proud. I think Michelle demonstrated that it's possible for a woman to play in a men's major."

For now, the 16-year-old from Hawaii will have to stick to the other majors.

Cowboys

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Blackley and Penny Stimpson for the men's championship flight gross title during the Schlarf/Mini-Golf tournament held at the Burley Municipal Golf Course and the Rupert Country Club on Saturday and Sunday.

Terry Spaackman and Chase Carraway finished first in championship flight net scoring at 120, while Debi Hondo and Cathy Spratling won the women's gross title at 176 strokes. Charlene and Cindy Barlowe finished first in women's net scoring at 127.

Schlarf/Mini-Golf Best Ball Tournament

At Burley Municipal Golf Course and Rupert Country Club Saturday and Sunday

First Flight: Terry Spaackman and Chase Carraway 120; Debi Hondo and Cathy Spratling 176; Charlene and Cindy Barlowe 127.

Second Flight: ... Third Flight: ... Women's Championship Flight: ...

Open

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ate them more carefully than usual.

Joining him on the men's schedule Wednesday will be Frenchman Benneteau, who advanced when Alberto Martin retired with a back injury trailing 6-1.

Jubicic beat unseeded Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, giving Croatia two men's quarterfinalists at Roland Garros for the first time. Compatriot Mario Ancic advanced Sunday and will face Federer on Tuesday.

Djokovic defeated Frenchman Gael Monfils 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Hings' opponent Tuesday will be two-time runner-up Kim Clijsters. It's a rematch of the Australian Open quarterfinals, which Clijsters won shortly after Hings' return from a three-year injury layoff.

"I've made a lot of improvement since Australia," Hings said. "We'll see. Just got to come up with the best. A five-time Grand Slam champion, the 12-seeded Hings is playing at Roland Garros for the first time since 2001. It's the only major event she has yet to win.

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WORLD

Kidnappings spotlight Iraq security situation

By Megan K. Stack and Staff Reporters
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Clad in camouflage uniforms, the gunmen came peeling through the thick morning mist in police trucks. They stopped at a downtown strip of power companies where Iraqis gather each morning to board buses bound for the safer lands of Syria and Jordan.

The gunmen leapt to the ground, witnesses said, and they worked fast. They seized more than 50 bystanders, pulling men away from their families and hauling drivers from behind the wheels of the buses.

They handcuffed the men, blindfolded them and stuffed them into the backs of the trucks like human loot. They covered some of their captives with sheets.

—And then they were gone, slamming doors and speeding off into the brilliant morning sunlight. It was just another mundane Baghdad scene that splintered suddenly into violence.

—Those are criminals going after the ransom," said Saad Jawil, a 42-year-old manager of one of the travel companies clustered on the street in downtown Baghdad. "They will see who is important or rich, and who is not, after interrogating them."

—But other mass kidnappings that have struck Baghdad this year remain unsolved. In some cases, the victims have never turned up again, living or dead.

—The mass kidnapping came one day after Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was forced to concede that Iraq's warring communities are too mutually distrustful to agree on who should run the security services. Having suspended indefinitely a parliament vote on key security ministries, al-Maliki has left the army and police leadership dangling in a vacuum at a time when bloodshed in Baghdad, and across Iraq, has spiraled.

Baghdad is now a city where

Six charged in alleged Ontario bomb plot

By Doug Struck
The Washington Post

TORONTO — Six men arrested in a broad police sweep last weekend have been charged with hatching the alleged plot to set off a powerful bomb somewhere

in Ontario, according to charges made public Monday. A total of 17 people were arrested — 12 adults and five juveniles — and all have been charged under Canada's post-Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism laws. But details made public Monday sug-

gest that some members of the group may have had more limited knowledge of the alleged plot than others. All 12 adults are charged with "knowingly participating, directly or indirectly, in the activity of a terrorist group."



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Fed pledges to keep core inflation in check

By Jeanne Averra
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Even though the once-barraging U.S. economy is now slowing down, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Monday called recent increases in inflation unwelcome and pledged to make sure surging energy prices don't make things worse.

In deciding the Federal Reserve's next rate move in late June, Bernanke said the inflation outlook "will receive particular scrutiny." Fed policymakers "will be vigilant" to

ensure that the recent pattern of higher readings in core inflation — which excludes food and energy prices — is not sustained, he said in remarks prepared for an international monetary conference here.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial's slid 160 points as Bernanke's fresh warnings on inflation rattled investors.

Bernanke offered his most extensive assessment of current economic conditions and the challenges facing Fed policymakers.

"With the economy now evi-

dently in a period of transition, monetary policy must be conducted with great care and with close attention to the evolution of the economic outlook," Bernanke said.

So far this year, inflation at the consumer level has been elevated in large part by rising energy prices, Bernanke said.

As measured by the Consumer Price Index, "core" inflation rose at an annual rate of 3.2 percent over the last three months and 2.8 percent over the past six months. "These are unwelcome developments," he said.

Fed policymakers pay close

attention to "core" inflation figures to get a better sense of how prices of lots of other goods and services are behaving.

As these core measures have marched higher, economists have worried that surging energy prices are feeding into higher price tags for more and more items.

Oil prices, which hit a record high of more than \$75 a barrel, are hovering around \$73 a barrel. Gasoline prices have climbed, topping \$3 a gallon in some areas.

To combat inflation, Fed policymakers have boosted

interest rates 16 times since June 2004.

The Fed, which meets next on June 28-29, has said that coming rate decisions will rely heavily on how barometers on economic activity and inflation look.

Some economists believe the Fed will raise rates again at that time to blunt inflation, and they thought Bernanke's remarks on Monday supported such a move.

Others, however, think the Fed will leave rates alone, taking a pause in its two-year rate-raising campaign to assess economic conditions.

Market Watch

June 5, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-196.16
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Nasdaq Composite	-4.79
2,169.62	
Standard & Poor's 500	-22.93
1,265.29	
Russell 2000	-22.53
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Stocks of local interest

Albermarle	48.75	▲	.03
Con Agra	22.70	▲	.03
Dell Inc.	26.50	▲	.48
Idacorp	33.82	▼	.79
Micro	16.03	▼	.43
Supervalu	29.03	▼	.37
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Commodities

Oil, by barrel	72.50	▲	.27
July, light sweet crude			
June live cattle	60.17	▼	.15
June gold	643.20	▼	7.7

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Economy growing at slower pace

NEW YORK — The service sector of the U.S. economy expanded in May, but at a slower pace than in April, a private survey of supply managers said on Monday.

The report offered a possible indication that fuel prices are starting to crimp growth in the service sector, which accounts for two-thirds of the U.S. economy. The survey by the Institute for Supply Management indicated concern about the prices of raw materials and fuels.

The ISM index of non-manufacturing activity was 60.1 in May, down from 63 in April. The latest reading matched analysts' expectations. A reading of 50 and above points to growth, while a figure below 50 signals contraction. Managers in diverse sectors like transportation, banking and retailing reported that energy costs were having an effect.

Austrian bank pays to settle Refco charges

NEW YORK — Austria's Bawag PSK bank will pay at least \$675 million to avoid prosecution and to settle bankruptcy claims after admitting its role in the collapse of the commodities brokerage Refco Inc. U.S. authorities announced Monday.

The bank, together with the Austrian Trade Unions Association, which owns Bawag, will forfeit \$337.5 million to the United States to be distributed to victims of the fraud at Refco, according to prosecutors and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In return, U.S. authorities have agreed not to prosecute Bawag, U.S. Attorney Michael Garcia said.

U.S., South Korea launch trade talks

WASHINGTON — The United States and South Korea held their first round of talks Monday aimed at achieving a free trade agreement between the two nations before the end of the year.

An agreement with South Korea, America's seventh-largest trading partner, would be the most economically significant such pact the United States has reached since it tore down barriers with Mexico and Canada more than a decade ago.

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative Wendy Cutler, who is heading the U.S. delegation, expressed optimism that the talks can be concluded before the end of the year even though the negotiators will have to deal with such tough issues as removing barriers to American farm products, pharmaceuticals and cars.

— compiled from wire reports

Hackers go to college



Robert M. Wood, chief information security officer at the University of Southern California, says hackers scan the university's system 500,000 times a day. Occasionally, they find an open door, he says.

Student information becoming more insecure

By Lynn Doan
Los Angeles Times

Computer systems at universities across the nation are becoming favorite targets of hackers, and rising numbers of security breaches have exposed the personal information of thousands of students, alumni, employees and even college applicants.

Since January, at least 845,000 people have had sensitive information jeopardized in 29 security failures at colleges nationwide. In these incidents, compiled by Identity theft experts who monitor media reports, hackers have gained access to Social Security numbers and, in some cases, medical records.

"There are so many examples within the last year demonstrating that these universities are just real, true, vulnerable targets," said Michael C. Zweiback, an assistant U.S. attorney in Los Angeles who prosecutes hackers. "All of a sudden, it seemed like we were adding on another university every week to look into."

"Although comprehensive statistics on breaches of college computer systems aren't collected by a single entity, industry experts agree that the situation is growing worse."

Computer security is an increasing concern for all types of private groups and government agencies. In late May,

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— Michael C. Zweiback, assistant U.S. attorney in Los Angeles

the Department of Veterans Affairs confirmed that electronic records of up to 265 million veterans and some spouses were stolen from the home of a federal employee. Cyber security officials say hackers are realizing that colleges hold many of the same records as banks. But why hack a bank, one official asked, "when colleges are easier to get into?"

Colleges accounted for the largest percentage, roughly 30 percent of computer security breaches reported in the media last year, according to ChoicePoint, a consumer data-collecting firm in Georgia.

FBI Special Agent Kenneth McGuire said that five years ago, his cyber crime unit in Los Angeles worked on one to three college hacking cases at a time. On a recent afternoon, his team was working with six colleges that had been hacked.

Art Alkhan, who oversees computer hacking cases for the U.S. attorney in Washington, said that when he was chief of cyber crime in Los Angeles between 2001 and 2005, his caseload doubled.

Hackers are drawn to colleges for vari-

ous reasons. In March, 41 Stanford University applicants hacked into the admissions system to see if they had been accepted. A man accused of hacking into the University of Southern California's admissions system last year said he was only trying to prove that it was vulnerable.

In April, the University of Texas discovered illegal access to 197,000 Social Security numbers of students, alumni and employees. Ohio University confirmed its third security breach since April, together compromising 360,000 personal records and a number of patented data and intellectual property files.

Finding the money to pay for security upgrades has been a major challenge for several schools.

"A university is fighting for every dollar to maintain a good education standard," said Rick Jones, an information security consultant in Los Angeles. "It doesn't necessarily allocate a security budget — at least not until it gets hit a couple times."

Judge denies motion for fee examiner in Delta case

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A bankruptcy judge on Monday denied a motion by the U.S. Trustee Program to appoint an independent financial advisor to Delta Air Lines Inc.'s bankruptcy case.

Judge Adlai Hardin ruled that the appointment of the examiner would be inappropriate and violate attorney-client privilege because of the inevitable communication between an examiner and the parties involved.

He said it also "would add another layer of professional costs and it would be redun-

dant." Assistant U.S. Trustee Elizabeth Austin argued during the hearing that an examiner would be able to sit down with the parties involved and help work out differences regarding fees in an impartial manner.

"More importantly it's the cohesive and cooperative spirit that an examiner is going to insert into the proceedings, and most importantly the independence," Austin said.

But attorneys for Delta and its creditors countered that the fees can be adequately managed by a joint committee and said the appointment of an examiner would be an unnecessary cost.

Marshall Huebner, an attor-

ney for Delta, said that the case is proceeding "pleneausally well" and said it is in the best interest of both the Atlanta-based airline and its creditors to keep fees in check.

"This is a consultative process, a cooperative process," Huebner said. "We're not here to investigate the past, we're here to manage."

Delta said after the hearing that it was pleased with the court's decision and although it disagreed with the U.S. Trustee's recommendation, they have a shared interest in managing fees.

Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier, has been under bankruptcy protection since September.

Judge approves \$41 million in compensation for Delta lawyers

By Harry R. Weber
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — A bankruptcy judge Monday approved \$41.4 million in expenses and fees for services provided by Delta Air Lines Inc. lawyers and advisers during the first 4½ months of the company's Chapter 11 case.

The compensation excludes another \$2.04 million requested by other firms and \$195,000 the judge has

held back from the Atlanta-based airline's auditor, Deloitte & Touche LLP, for work between Sept. 14 and Jan. 31, 2005.

The overall fees and expenses could reach \$205.9 million if the bills continue at the same rate until Delta exits bankruptcy protection, which it expects to do by the summer of 2007. The total assumes Delta exits the first day of summer next year, June 21.

Oil prices rise on Iranian leader's threat

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Oil prices edged higher Monday after Iran's supreme leader threatened to disrupt global supplies if the West punishes Tehran over its nuclear program.

But analysts said the market remains well-supplied and that there are signs global demand growth is weakening.

"What I've been hearing from traders is that there is oil available in the market that is not being bought," said Ann-Louise Huttie, head oil analyst for Wood Mackenzie. "It's not as if it's a particularly tight market right now."

Instead, Huttie said the high prices and volatility stemmed from concerns about possible disruptions to the flow of oil around the world.

Over the weekend, Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — who has the final say on all state matters — told Western nations in a speech Sunday that "if you make any mistake (punish or attack Iran), definitely shipment of energy from this region will be seriously jeopardized."

Khamenei said the United States and its allies would be unable to secure oil shipments passing out of the Persian Gulf through the strategic Strait of Hormuz to the Indian Ocean.

Other Iranian officials have repeatedly ruled out using oil as a weapon.

Iran is the world's fourth-largest oil exporter and the second-largest producer in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Light sweet crude for July delivery rose 27 cents to settle at \$72.60 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"The price surge is a knee-jerk reaction to the remarks made by Iran's supreme leader," said Victor Shim, energy analyst with Purvin & Gertz in Singapore.

MARKETS

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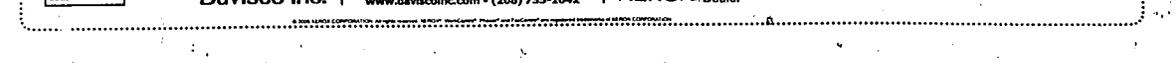
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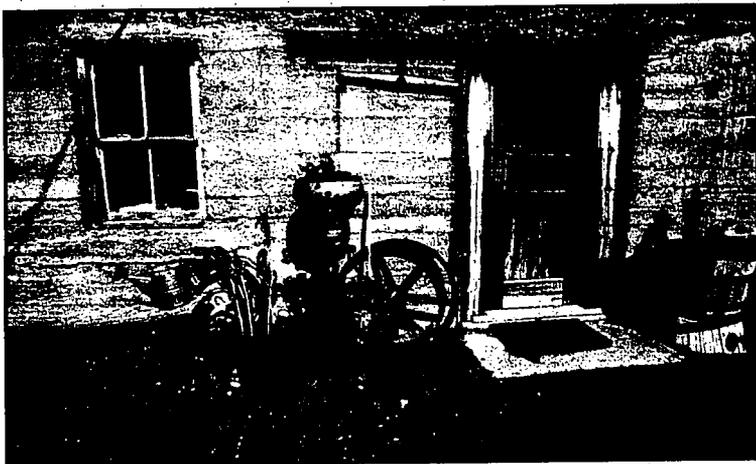
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Garden variety



Flowers pop out of old farm machine parts and pots in front of Nancy and Ed Tyrrell's old barn, which now serves as a workshop for Nancy's framing business, at their home outside Buhl.

1553 E. 4000 N., BUHL

TOUR STOP: NANCY AND ED TYRRELL'S GROUNDS

What you'll see: A glimpse into Buhl's history — and the innards of its early water supply.

The house on this early Buhl homestead was built in 1918 and the barn — now Nancy Tyrrell's custom framing shop — in 1912. At the back of the property are Buhl's original city well, a chlorinating shack and cement settling ponds, and behind the house a stone wall surrounds what was an open reservoir for the city's water storage.

These historical remnants are the pride of the property.

"Garden for me is kind of a misnomer," said Nancy, who insists she lacks a green thumb. "I'm serious when I say I'm pretty basic. There's a lot of grass."

Yet she has injected new life into old things.

On the Tyrrell place are ancient peonies and many shrubs and bushes that are original to the homestead: lilac, spirea, rose, snowball, syringa.

About five times, Nancy has transplanted a rosebush away from the middle of the lawn, and new growth keeps reappearing at the original spot. Must be tough old stock.

Old farm equipment — a hay wagon, a spud digger, a mower — is scattered around the yard decoratively. Transplanted rosebushes surround an old cultivator perched on lava rock from nearby farm fields.

"I love old iron," said Nancy, who bought the home with her husband in 1995.



Daisy, the Tyrrells' dog, rests in the driveway by a plant arrangement that accentuates an old wagon in the front yard.



Flowers in an assortment of weathered pots adorn the east wall of an old machine shop next to the Tyrrells' home.



Nancy and Ed Tyrrell pose by the east entrance of their home.

The Tyrrells' grounds attract local photographers and artists. One draw is an old cement shop, where rusty chains suspend iron stovepipe rings from the shop's eaves, and the rings hold flowerpots.

"And that makes a really cool backdrop of hanging pots when everything is in bloom," Nancy said. "And don't forget: Free homemade cookies, coffee

and lemonade at this stop. Also, the old barn will be open during the tour, and Buhl centennial souvenirs will be for sale inside.

— Virginia S. Hutchins

Buhl tour has something for everyone

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BUHL — Daydream in a small, secluded garden, shut away from the world, or admire vast sky and scene from a rolling hillside landscape.

Buhl Centennial Garden Tour

Buhl's Centennial Garden Tour on Saturday offers it all.

"I think it's going to be an outstanding tour, because each one of the gardens is completely different," said Judy Felton, the tour's chairwoman. The tour will take you to historic grounds, for instance, and a new vineyard. Metal sculptures and a labyrinth walk.

"I think there's a garden for everybody to enjoy on this tour," Felton said.

Saturday's self-guided tour of six Buhl gardens is sponsored by the Buhl Centennial Commission and Chapter 5 of PEO, a philanthropic organization that funds scholarships for women. Tour proceeds will help fund Buhl's centennial celebration and PEO scholarships.

How can you best enjoy the garden tour? As either simple recreation or education, too.

"I think the key is to be relaxed and know that if you want to just enjoy the general beauty of the garden you can, but if you want to have specific, detailed information, serious gardeners can also have their questions answered by the master gardeners," Felton said.

Master gardeners will be posted at each location. In some gardens, you can watch plein-air artists capture the moment.

And don't worry about garden envy. "I think that we in Buhl are not presenting our gardens as 'perfect gardens' or even 'professional gardens,'" Felton said. "Tour participants 'are not going to feel intimidated at all.'"

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Exercise your artistic appreciation

Watch artists work in the Buhl tour's featured gardens on Saturday, and you just might gain new perspective on leaves and light.

The Buhl Arts Council's 7th Annual Plein Air Exhibition — a series of events and displays this week — will include an appearance at Buhl's garden tour Saturday.

"We have—seven—nationally acclaimed landscape artists that will be painting their interpretations of the various gardens," said Kelly Daluiso, arts council director.

Tour participants may watch them work. And don't be afraid to ask questions while they paint. Daluiso urged.

But don't expect to see complex artwork taking shape.

"Plein-air landscape painting aims 'to capture the essence' in small pieces, with large brush strokes and little detail, Daluiso said. "They're trying to capture the light, the atmosphere and the moment." And in Magic Valley's oft-changing weather this time of year, the moment can pass quickly.

"These are loose studies," Daluiso said. Often plein-air painters will take these small pieces back to their studios and incorporate them in larger, more complex artwork.

Each of the exhibition's participating artists will choose among the

tour's six gardens; call the arts council Saturday morning at 543-2888 to find out where each painter will be. They're scheduled to wrap up at 1 p.m. — two hours before the garden tour ends.

And you're welcome to bring your own art materials to the gardens during tour hours and paint alongside the professionals, Daluiso said.

Finish your gardening experience on Saturday with a visit to the Eighth Street Center's gallery opening, to see the results of the plein-air painters' day of work.

The opening is set for 5-7 p.m., and admission is free.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Fiber artist Joyce DeFord painted this plein-air watercolor, titled "In Holly's Garden" and inspired by Holly Langston's Buhl garden. DeFord is one of seven professional plein-air artists who will paint garden scenes during Buhl's garden tour.

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COUNTRY ROADS

of art and nature

TOUR STOP: HOLLY AND LAUREN LANGDON'S LANDSCAPE

What you'll see: A large, established yard with a view stretching to the Snake River Canyon's edge. You're welcome to enjoy the lower and upper decks at Holly and Lauren Langdon's home; the upper one affords a nice view of the valley. But that open setting also exposes the garden to plentiful wind. So the Langdons' perennial flower beds emphasize daisies, day lilies, lavender and coneflowers. "They just seem to withstand the wind," Holly said.

About a dozen huge pine trees preside over a forested area with a modest outdoor kitchen, fashioned of river rock and incorporating a barbecue grill and a fire pit. The latter, naturally, is for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. Twenty-five years ago, when the Langdons moved in, landscaping consisted of one tree in a grass yard. Saturday's visitors, Holly said, will see what folks can do in a quarter-century in the country.

Pots, hanging baskets and geraniums brighten the grounds; in particular expect to see begonias, Holly's favorite flower. She hopes roses will be in bloom on tour day. And showcasing the floral display are metal arbors and wrought-iron trellises, designed by Holly and her Ms. Metal business partner. The Langdons recently fabricated a gazebo that they plan to add to the garden before tour day, and they'll plant it with climbing roses.

The blend of art and nature is a visual — and emotional — treat. "I love to get up early and go outside and walk around the yard," Holly said. And don't forget: Bring apples to feed the Langdons' llamas. In a pasture next to the gardens. "I have 20 llamas, and they're all my babies," Holly said. "They're just girls that like to graze." The animals will be curious about visitors on tour day. — Virginia S. Hutchins

115 BROOK DRIVE, BUHL

TOUR STOP: JUDY AND MIKE FELTON'S PATCH

What you'll see: A vine-covered archway leading into a cool and shady garden, tucked away from the view of pedestrians and drivers. Judy and Mike Felton live at the end of a cul-de-sac with neighbors nearby. Their solution? A secluded "secret garden" — guarded by a wall of vegetation and an old fence adorned with climbing roses. One of the garden's two sections, covered by a shade cloth, boasts lawn furniture

and a self-contained waterfall surrounded by rocks and cascading vines. (While you're there, ask how the recirculating water filter is built; it's rather clever.) "The idea that we want to convey is you're sitting out in the woods beside a small waterfall," Judy said. The other part of the garden relies on natural vegetation. The trees — quaking aspen and evergreens — form a canopy over the top. The result? Privacy and quiet. In this section are shade

plants like begonias and violets; arborvitae and euonymus bushes; ivy as a ground cover; and, where there's more light along the old rail fence, a lot of day lilies. The Feltons' grandchildren are frequent visitors, so small cement animals hide among the foliage; look carefully to find them. Tucked in the trees is a big, old-fashioned clock replica. Judy said she hopes visitors will "feel a peacefulness and quietness in the garden." The Feltons have spent 10

years in this house and continually plant more trees and bushes. "It's just been a process of 'bunking in,' is what my friends tease me about," Judy said. "It becomes more secluded each year." And don't forget: For a small donation of any size, a master gardener and her helper will plant herbs for you in a basket or clay pot. Pick out your herbs and your pot, and take it home on the spot. — Virginia S. Hutchins

1415A E. 4400 N., BUHL

TOUR STOP: FLORENCE AND DAVID PIERCE'S PARADISE

What you'll see: A house on almost six acres — about four of them landscaped. "We have a big lawn mower," Florence Pierce said. A rock-edged stream runs beside the rolling yard, with a view clear to Wendell, Gooding and the Snake River Canyon. Flowering pots line the decks, and they'll be in bloom on Saturday. Old trees — from pines to birches to ancient willows — populate the landscape. A large vegetable and herb garden yields enough produce to share

and to fill the Pierce freezer for winter. "The couple loves the BLT sandwiches made with their first fresh tomatoes each summer. That's definitely a tradition," Florence said. Florence's husband, David, and their sons built retaining walls of railroad ties and stone. The boys hunted on these grounds while growing up, and they all learned to irrigate. Now their own children relish fishing in the stream. The Pierces have been on the place about 30 years, and the gardens change

periodically as tastes and styles develop. Now, Florence said, "I'm leaning toward a European style." That's reflected in pot and flower choices. Still, she wants tour participants to appreciate the landscape's basic virtues. "I hope they notice the stream and the view," she said. And don't forget: Look for the hummingbird who builds a nest under the eaves and drinks from the hummingbird feeder just 18 inches away. "I certainly hope she appears. She's been here for

three years, the little rascal." Florence said earlier this spring. The bird didn't disappoint. "OK, sure. The Pierces aren't entirely certain it's the same bird every year. But it has identical markings and behavior," Florence said. "She knows exactly where to come for her food every year." The Pierces keep a close eye on the nest, just outside their family room window. "We watch the babies grow and leave," Florence said. — Virginia S. Hutchins

Relish the blend of art and nature

Enter the secret garden

Live large in the outdoors

butterflies

Bond with

the vines

TOUR STOP: EIGHTH STREET CENTER'S OUTDOOR SPACE

What you'll see: Plants that attract many species of butterflies, such as butterfly bush and blooming flowers, plus rocks outlining a winding path. "The butterfly symbolizes transformation," said Kathy Ruys, director of the Eighth Street Center. And that ties into the essence of the center, at the heart of Buhl's arts scene. "We all go through cycles of transformation over and over and over, and the combination of the butterfly gar-

den and the labyrinth seem to complement 'the mission,'" Ruys said. The 6-year-old garden lies across an alley from the center, with a classroom annex nearby. "We try to make it a quiet, meditative space," Ruys said. All of the center's workers pitch in on garden tasks. Even some folks who come to walk the labyrinth pick weeds. (Admission is free, and the public is welcome anytime during daylight

hours.) The center's chef tends herbs, vegetables and food-garnish flowers. By Saturday, the garden's gorgeous display of tulips will be long gone. Probably the irises, too. But lavender should be in bloom. "We'll probably rush out to the greenhouse and get some hot peppers or something, so hopefully we'll have some color," Ruys said. A new wrought-iron arch designed by Holly Langdon will mark the labyrinth's entrance.

"We try to add something new every year," Ruys said. Sculpture, for instance, or artwork by kids in the Eighth Street Center's after-school programs. So even if you've wandered this garden before, watch for new artwork. And don't forget: Look for handout sheets and tabletop displays that explain the labyrinth, and, of course, you're welcome to walk it on Saturday. — Virginia S. Hutchins

4060 N. 1200E., BUHL

TOUR STOP: BLUE ROCK VINEYARD & WINERY'S GROUNDS

What you'll see: An acre of gardens and five acres of vineyards. And, yes, you're welcome to walk among the vines on Saturday. By now, they'll have leaves and new grape clusters. In the gardens, expect lovely planters and a gorgeous collection of roses. A variety of fragrant, colorful shrubs and flowers border a

half-acre of lawn. Blue Rock Vineyard & Winery owner Claudia Snyder estimates she has about 300 or 400 varieties of flowers, trees and other plants throughout the grounds. Seating and a wrought-iron railing surround a large fire pit. Water features include two ponds with multiple waterfalls, plus freestanding fountains.

And from the hilltop grounds you'll have a great view of mountains to the north and part of the Snake River Canyon's rock wall. This was plant farmland just 6 1/2 years ago, and Blue Rock created these grounds from scratch. Snyder said. Now the site hosts weddings, reunions, Sunday brunches, Friday-night steak fries and the like.

But even folks who've seen the winery's grounds before might notice something new on Saturday. Recent improvements include iron gazebos, benches and the second pond. And don't forget: The winery's tasting room and gift shop will be open during the tour. — Virginia S. Hutchins

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By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

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nia is growing, the night is interrupted and the clock for the dark period starts over again.

Keep your Reiger begonia in a cool room in a location where it gets ample indirect light in the autumn and early winter. Take

care not to turn on any lights in the room during the long days of winter, and the plant should produce a new crop of flowers for late winter and early spring. After it has bloomed, cut the flowering stems back by about

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Watch for little, hidden surprises in Jody and Mike Felton's secluded garden.



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Receive a FREE, no-obligation hearing test from your local Miracle-Ear® representative.

▶ FREE Tune-up & Cleaning

Bring in your current hearing aid, no matter what make or model, and we'll perform a 10-point clean and check.

▶ FREE Ear Canal Inspection*

Using a miniature video otoscope camera, we'll look inside your ear canal and show it on a TV monitor.

▶ OPTIONAL

Directional Microphones Available to eliminate background noise.



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Free hearing tests* are provided to anyone interested in knowing if they qualify for this program

*Hearing tests always free. Hearing test is an audiometric test to determine proper amplification needs only. Risk free offer, the aids must be returned within 30 days of delivery if not completely satisfied and 100% of the purchase price will be refunded.
**Hearing aids do not restore natural hearing. Individual experiences vary depending on severity of loss, accuracy of evaluation, proper fit and ability to adapt to amplification.