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Search for new E. Idaho park begins

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — The state agency that will approve a site for Idaho's newest state park is hoping a donor will provide the bulk of the land.

Rick Just, comprehensive planning manager for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, said the \$1 million allocated by the Legislature for a new park in eastern Idaho might not be enough to buy large parcels of pristine land.

As the region experiences rapid population growth and real estate prices climb, a donor could defray the costs of creating a new park, Just said.

"Small parcels wouldn't work for us," he said. "But there might be someone out there who would be interested in donating or making a partial donation of 500 to 1,000 acres they love, to assure that it remains intact and open to the public."

The \$1 million allocation was part of former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's "Experience Idaho" parks initiative. The plan calls for major improvements at six existing parks, repairs at all 30 parks and a new state park within 60 miles of Idaho Falls.

A task force of lawmakers, park officials and eastern Idaho business leaders will hold a series of public meetings seeking site recommendations. The first meeting is Tuesday in Idaho Falls.

The committee will submit a proposal to the board of the Department of Parks and Recreation later this year.

In the past, some of Idaho's best-known state parks have been created through land donations.

More than two decades ago, Roland and Averell Harriman donated their 11,000-acre ranch in Fremont County to the state.

In 1982, the land became the 11,000-acre Harriman State Park.

Similar donations helped create McCroskey and Mowry state parks in northern Idaho.

Before the task force considers a new site or works toward the "dream scenario" of a land endowment, the group will talk logistics and plan upcoming site visits, said state Sen. Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, the committee's chairman.

Closed canyon



A vehicle passes fractured basalt boulders Monday along Canyon Springs Road in Twin Falls. The road will be closed through at least Wednesday while crews knock down and remove additional loose rock.

Rockslide closes Canyon Springs Road

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jazz in the Canyon might be replaced this week by a lot of rock 'n' roll.

A rockslide Friday evening sent rocks and debris from the canyon rim rolling across Canyon Springs Road, and city officials said a larger section of fractured basalt rock still poses a danger to the roadway.

The road will be closed through at least Wednesday. City workers began surveying the site Monday and

will use heavy equipment to knock down additional loose rock.

"There's a large shelf of rock that looks like it's ready to go," said Lance Bates, director of public works for the city of Twin Falls. "We are going to help it."

Bruce Stephens, superintendent of the city street department, said he will not know when Canyon Springs Road will reopen until engineers survey the site.

And that will have some people worried about their weekend plans.

The Jazz in the Canyon

festival scheduled the last of its three-day concert series at Centennial Waterfront Park on Saturday. But the festival will have to look for another location if the road cannot be reopened.

"We don't know when we can open it up," Stephens said. "Right now, the engineers can't really even get a good look at it."

Bates said the rockslide was just part of the canyon's natural movement.

"This has been the history of the canyon forever," he said. "This whole area is fractured basalt, and the rock

For more information

For more information on the new assessment, call 734-7609.

The Canyon Springs Golf Course and its summer golf school will be closed until Canyon Springs Road is reopened. For more information, call 734-7609.

County assessor calls in help

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Most people would be glad to know Twin Falls County is growing wildly.

For Gerry Bowden, that growth means more work. Bowden, the county assessor, is in negotiations to hire three or four outside appraisal companies to help finish a required assessment of all county properties.

The county has gained 1,000 parcels of land each year for two years, Bowden said, which means his staff has had to fight to keep up with the assessment. Bowden has 15,400 of about 35,000 properties left to appraise before July 1, 2007. The properties must be re-inspected every five years to meet state law.

"Growth has really been killer," he said.

The re-inspections can involve anything from measuring a structure to comparing it to older records. What method is used partly depends on whether the landowner is home and how much access an assessor has to a property.

While the outside companies will only be doing about 4,000 appraisals, Bowden said he will still have to hire more than one to get the job done. And all the companies have to be certified to appraise for property tax purposes.

"We need to have all this done in roughly nine months," he said. "Four thousand parcels in nine

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Environmentalists, state quarrel over mercury rule

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — When it comes to determining the future of coal-fired power plants in the state, everyone wants a say.

But who gets the first crack at it and who has the final authority?

Those are the questions state officials and environmentalists will hash out next week when the board of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality meets to discuss the state's participation in a federal mercury emission program. Both the board and the governor ultimately will play a role in the decision, as will the Legislature. But a petition submitted by the Idaho Conservation League and several

Magical Valley groups has the board taking the first step — something state officials are questioning.

"We don't know if the petition is legal," said Brad Hoaglin, spokesman for Gov. Jim Risch. "Can the board even make the decision — that's the question."

The citizens' organizations requested the DEQ board get the process rolling to keep the state out of the federal program — one that allows energy companies to buy and sell credits for mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants. Opting out of the federal program essentially prohibits the building of coal-fired power plants — like the facility originally proposed for Jerome County — in Idaho. Mercury has been linked to neurological

Organizations asking DEQ to opt out of federal mercury program:

Idaho Conservation League, Citizens Protecting Resources, Idaho Rivers United, Idaho Rural Coalition, Coalition for Healthy Idaho Communities, Snake River Alliance, Keep Magic Valley Magic, Conservation Voters for Idaho, NW Energy Coalition, Lincoln County Concerned Citizens, Blaine County Citizens for Clean Energy and Idaho Aquaculture Association Inc.

disorders and prevents particularly harmful to pregnant women and small children.

The state has to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with an answer by November. Otherwise, the federal government will enroll the state with or without Idaho's approval.

"Our concern is that this is

the most timely mechanism for the board to deal with this," said Courtney Washburn with the conservation group.

Attorneys for DEQ and the governor's office aren't sure the board can act on the petition.

Last year, the DEQ began drafting a rule to join the federal program at the request of

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. At the time, Kempthorne commented that he didn't want to tie the hands of future administrations by opting out of the mercury program. The EPA, however, pulled its rule back for reconsideration from October 2005 until the end of May — forcing DEQ to begin its rule-making process anew under a different governor.

Washburn says the groups involved with the petition don't want to see a last-minute decision without sufficient public input.

The 2006 Legislature enacted a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of coal-fired power plants in the state. Legislators also instructed an interim committee to

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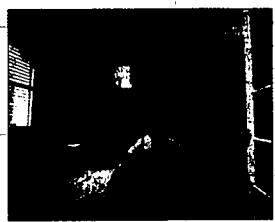
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Coming tomorrow

Hazelton house



A former post office becomes a show home for one Hazelton family.

Wednesday In Food & Home

Troops scaring away would-be illegals

By Olga R. Rodriguez
Associated Press writer

SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, Mexico — The arrival of National Guard troops in Arizona has scared off illegal Mexican migrants along the border, significantly reducing crossings, according to U.S. and Mexican officials.

U.S. authorities said Monday that detentions along the U.S.-Mexico border decreased by 21 percent, to 26,994, in the first 10 days of

June, compared with 34,077 for the same period a year ago.

Along the Arizona border, once the busiest crossing spot, detentions have dropped 23 percent, according to the U.S. Border Patrol.

The desert region's blistering June temperatures typically drive down the number of migrants, but not so drastically, said Mario Martinez, a spokesman with the U.S. Border Patrol in Washington.

The 55 soldiers who arrived June 3 are the first of some

6,000 troops to be dispatched along the border as part of President Bush's plan to stem illegal immigration to the United States.

The soldiers aren't allowed to detain migrants and have been limited to projects like extending border fences and repairing roads, but the military's presence is keeping would-be crossers away from the area migrant rights activists said.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Turning hot, maybe a late afternoon thunderstorm. Highs near 90.
 Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms. Lows, 50s.
 Tomorrow: A much cooler day with showers of thunderstorms. Highs, mid to upper 70s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Very warm and partly cloudy, maybe a late afternoon thunderstorm. Highs, mid to upper 80s.
 Tonight: Thunderstorms moving through. Lows, upper 40s to near 50.
 Tomorrow: Much cooler with a few more showers and thunderstorms. Lows, upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 As a trough of low pressure rolls through today into Wednesday, be prepared for developing showers and thunderstorms. Wednesday will be quite a bit cooler as well.

BOISE
 Very warm temperatures and a trough of low pressure will allow thunderstorms to form later on today. They will linger into Wednesday too, along with cooler temperatures.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Thunderstorms will be on the move from the side today. Overnight into Wednesday, they will cool down some and we may see some thunderstorms.

Weather key: Partly cloudy, cloudy, fog, heavy snow, light snow, heavy snow, very heavy snow, heavy rain, very heavy rain, heavy rain, very heavy rain, heavy rain, very heavy rain, heavy rain, very heavy rain.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hot with late day thunderstorms	Logging thunderstorms	Much cooler, few thunderstorms	Comfortable temperatures	Warming up and mostly sunny	Scattered clouds
High 90	Low 56	76/80	75/80	80/81	76/80

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Record High: 92	Record Low: 22	Record High: 100%	Record High: 30.1	Record High: 8:00 AM	Record High: 119
Record Low: 18	Record Low: 0.0	Record Low: 15%	Record Low: 29.8	Record Low: 6:00 AM	Record Low: 10

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Burley	87	52	0.0
Coeur d'Alene	75	50	0.0
Idaho Falls	81	55	0.0
Jerome	81	55	0.0
Lowell	87	54	0.0
Malheur	84	49	0.0
Reburton	80	51	0.0
Starley	77	50	0.0

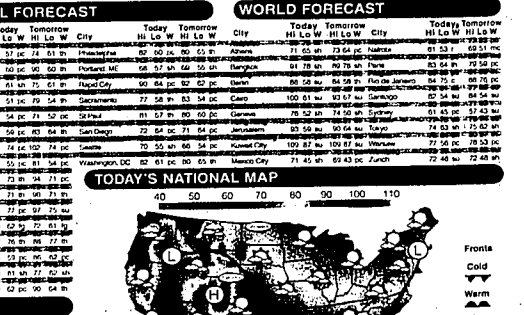
REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	75-90	70-85	65-80
Idaho Falls	70-85	65-80	60-75
Malheur	75-90	70-85	65-80
Reburton	70-85	65-80	60-75
Starley	75-90	70-85	65-80

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	65-75	60-70
New York	70-80	65-75
Tokyo	75-85	70-80

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	65-75	60-70
Edmonton	60-70	55-65
Winnipeg	65-75	60-70

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it come true."
 - Fredricka White

Today IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Abstract paintings by Joseph Kucinski, art show at the Herrett Center, Jean B. King gallery, College of Southern Idaho campus, call 732-6655.
Idaho Valley Singles Square Dance Club summer dance, 7 p.m., Kimberly City Park, no cost but bring a finger food, call 733-8638.

FAMILY

"Baby and Me" parenting class, "Financing Baby," 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Bernards Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.

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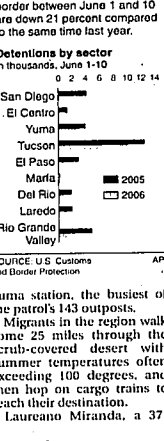
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., call 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, call 789-5500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 Lincoln, call 644-2700.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, call 242-4436.
Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, call 878-4367.
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second Ave., call 208-366-7418.
Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., call 934-4841.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.,

Troops

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 Francisco Loureiro, who runs a migrant shelter in Nogales, Mexico, across the border from Arizona, said migrants are afraid of the U.S. troops after hearing reports of abuse in Iraq.
 "Some migrants have told me they heard about the troops on television and because the U.S. Army doesn't have a very good reputation, they prefer not to cross," Loureiro said. Others have been discouraged by smugglers' fees that have nearly doubled to more than \$3,000.
 Jorge Vazquez, coordinator for Mexico's Grupo Beta migrant aid agency in San Luis Rio Colorado, across from San Luis, Ariz., said that before the troops arrived, his agents were countered at least two dozens of migrants daily, most waiting for nightfall to begin their trek through the sandy desert.
 "When there have been days ... when we've found only three migrants," Vazquez said.
 Some migrants may be moving to the California-Mexico border, the only

stretch of border that saw a spike in detentions, which were up 7 percent to 5,965 in the first 10 days of June.
 But it was too early to tell if the deployment would have a permanent effect on migrant routes and crossings of the 2,000-mile border.
 Wearing Army fatigues and hard hats, the soldiers have worked on projects such as installing vehicle barriers to help prevent smugglers from driving cars full of migrants or drugs across the border.
 Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano has said 2,500 troops will be stationed in the four U.S. border states — Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas — by the end of the month.
 The deployment plan has been criticized in Mexico as heavy-handed, and the Mexican government has said it will watch to ensure National Guard troops aren't detaining migrants.
 Only the most persistent migrants remained in San Luis Rio Colorado, which sits across from the area patrolled by the U.S. Border Patrol's

Drop in detentions.



year-old farm worker from Mexico's Sinaloa state, said he was trying to get back to a construction job in Los Angeles.
 Miranda and six relatives, who were sewing pieces of carpet to their shoes to avoid leaving footprints, planned to walk for nights and start walking across the border 25 miles west of where the troops were stationed.
 Miranda, who earned about \$6 a day picking tomatoes in Sinaloa, said he had heard about the deployment but planned to cross into Arizona anyway.
 "If there are soldiers or not it's the same thing, because it's always been difficult to cross," Miranda said. "Here, we depend on our luck."
 Miranda said he made it into the United States on the first try last year, but he expected a more difficult journey this time.
 "We've heard that there are soldiers and armed 'migrant hunters' but we have to try," Miranda said. "If we don't make it in three tries, then we'll go back home."

MUSEUMS

Faultkner Planetarium, "Star Signs" at 4 and 7 p.m., and "Lynrd Skynrd: Fly On, Free Bird" at 8:15 p.m., the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (no children under 4 years), call 732-6655.

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 months is a challenge for everyone."
 Contracting out isn't terribly unusual, said Bowden, who has been the county assessor for 12 of the 28 years he has worked in the office.
 "Not necessarily for that specific reason, but for a long time we've contracted out commercial appraisals," he said.
 Appraised property falls into one of four categories: residential, rural, industrial and commercial. Bowden is required by Idaho Code to appraise all but a handful of properties in the county every five years.
 Farm equipment used in the field, commercial personal property not used to produce income and government property, whether it is city, county- or state-owned, are not included.
 Appraisers usually begin with the oldest properties in an area, then move to active, changing areas, Bowden said.
 The county is still drafting the contract for the hired companies and Bowden said he is hoping to wrap up the process soon. "I hope by July 1, I've got appraisers in the field working for us," he said.

Court rejects move to deny illegal immigrants services

By Nicholas Riccardi
 Los Angeles Times
 DENVER — The Colorado Supreme Court threw out a proposed November ballot initiative Monday that sought to deny services to illegal immigrants, another setback for a movement that has struggled for years to get the hot-button issue before the state's voters.
 In a 4-2 ruling, the court found that the proposed

measure violated a provision of the Colorado Constitution that requires ballot initiatives to concern only a "single subject."
 By denying medical and welfare benefits to illegal immigrants and barring them from receiving state administrative services such as recording property deeds, the Defund Colorado Now initiative violated that requirement, the court ruled.
 In 2004, activists pushed for

a similar initiative but fell short of the signatures required to place it on the ballot.
 Monday proponents of the initiative said they were asking the court to reconsider its ruling, and were sharply critical of the decision.
 "This is outrageous judicial activism," former Gov. Richard Lamm, one of the initiative's prime backers, said in a statement. "This isn't law — it's raw, naked politics."

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 update the state's 1992 energy plan.
 The moratorium came under pressure from Magic Valley residents opposed to a 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant planned for Jerome County. Semptra Generation, the California-based energy company backing the plant, withdrew its plans but still intends to sell the rights to the facility.
 Typically, the governor has to give his OK before the department can draft a temporary rule, like the one proposed by the mercury program, said Martin Bauer, with DEQ's air quality division. After the temporary rule goes out for public comment, it comes back before DEQ's board members, providing a system of checks and balances. Eventually, the Legislature approves the rule if it passes all the steps along the way. But, the governor signs off on that first step.
 Hengul said. Risch plans to attend the DEQ board meeting June 22 in Coeur d'Alene.
 "I'm sure there will be a dialogue," he said. "The board is certainly involved in the process." DEQ's board comprises seven members, including two Magic Valley representatives: Randy MacMillan of Clear Springs Foods Inc. and Donald Chisholm, a private attorney in Burley. The governor appoints DEQ board members with the consent of the state Senate. Members serve four-year terms.
 "This is certainly the province of the DEQ board to answer the question," said Bill Eddie, an attorney who helped draft all the other air quality rules.
 Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at 735-3237 or by e-mail at mdunlop@magicvalley.com.

Supreme Court assists death row challengers

By David G. Savage
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court opened the door Monday for two new challenges to the death penalty, one that allows the use of new DNA evidence to contest an old murder conviction and a second that casts doubt on how lethal injections are carried out.

In the pair of decisions, the court made clear again that it views the death penalty as subject to especially close scrutiny.

Support for the death penalty has been shaken by revelations that innocent persons have been condemned to death. And last year, new research suggested lethal injections could cause intense pain, triggering appeals that challenge the procedure in many states.

During the last decade, the Supreme Court and Congress have made it harder for federal judges to reopen capital cases, responding to complaints over seemingly endless hearings.

But on Monday, the court shifted course slightly and

announced two exceptions to the rules against reopening death cases in federal court. Both reflect the impact of new science in criminal justice system.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy delivered both decisions for the court. With the retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, he has assumed the center spot when the court is closely split along ideological lines.

For the first time, the court held that DNA evidence which undercuts a defendant's guilt is reason enough for a federal

judge to reopen a case.

Twenty years ago, Paul House, a paroled rapist and a newcomer to a rural east Tennessee town, was found guilty of murdering a woman who lived two miles away.

Prosecutors theorized he had tried to rape the victim. A decade later, lawyers learned that a semen stain on her nightgown had come from the victim's husband, not House.

In a 5-3 decision, the court said such "reliable new evidence" was reason enough for a federal judge to reopen his case.

In the second case, the court

put states on notice they will have to defend the mix of drugs that are used for lethal injection.

In recent decades, the use of lethal drugs took the place of the electric chair as the standard means of carrying out executions. All states with capital punishment, except Nebraska, call for lethal injection as the execution method.

Last year, the British medical journal, the Lancet, published a study that concluded some executed men may have suffered intense, burning pain as they died. The study said that

could happen because they were not given enough anesthetic.

In response to the Lancet study, lawyers from inmates facing execution cited it in last-minute appeals in federal courts and urged judges to act. In January, the Supreme Court halted the execution of Clarence Hill, the murderer of a Florida police officer, and agreed to hear his claim that the lethal injection procedure the state intended to use was unconstitutional.

On Monday, the court ruled unanimously for Hill.

Hurricane warning issued as first named storm of 2006 season nears

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press writer

CEDAR KEY, Fla. — More than 20,000 people along Florida's Gulf Coast were ordered to clear out Monday as Alberto — the very first tropical storm of the 2006 Atlantic hurricane season — unexpectedly picked up steam and threatened to come ashore as a hurricane.

Forecasters posted a hurricane warning for the Gulf Coast and a tropical storm warning from north of Daytona Beach to the Georgia-South Carolina line. Alberto, which could begin battering the Gulf Coast early Tuesday, was expected to cross through Florida and into Georgia.



Carl Muth, of St. Petersburg, Fla., watches as waves associated with Tropical Storm Alberto batter the breakers on Upham Beach in South Pasadena, Fla., Monday morning. Alberto continues to churn off the west coast of Florida.

"We don't want to overdo it. It's not a Katrina or a Wilma, but storm surge and flooding could still cause loss of life."

— Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center

against the wind and waves.

"This is a little earlier than I expected," said marina manager Walter Miller. "But we've had a bad couple of years, so it's not entirely unexpected."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said Monday it had evacuation buses and emergency supplies standing by, but state officials in the affected areas had not asked for immediate help.

Forecasters said Alberto would probably become only a weak Category 1 hurricane, meaning winds of 74 mph to 95 mph, because the warm water from which hurricanes draw their strength is not particularly deep in the area.

At 8 p.m. EDT, Alberto was centered about 120 miles south of Apalachicola and about 130 miles southwest of Cedar Key, and was moving northeast near 8 mph, the National Hurricane Center said. Its top sustained winds remained at 70 mph.

"We don't want to overdo it. It's not a Katrina or a Wilma,

but storm surge and flooding could still cause loss of life," said Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center.

Evacuation orders were posted for people in mobile homes or low-lying areas in at least five coastal counties stretching more than 100 miles. Those ordered to leave included about 21,000 residents of Citrus, Levy and Taylor counties.

Alberto was expected to blow ashore anywhere from north of Tampa to the Panhandle, with storm surges of up to 10 feet. Forecasters said it could bring 4 to 10 inches of rain to central Florida and southeastern Georgia. Rain already was falling Monday and at least two tornadoes had formed, but there were no immediate reports of any injuries or damage.

The approaching storm killed business at Palm Beach, a beachfront bar on Clearwater Beach, said manager Cindy Phillips. She used to be able to count on bigger

crowds as a storm approached.

"It's lost its glamour," Phillips said. "People used to rush out to see the big waves. Now I think they're hiding out, counting their canned goods and their water supply. That's a lot smarter, probably."

Dick Crier, a retiree from Homosassa, said he planned to gas up his car and bring in lawn chairs. But "at this point I don't think it's the kind of thing that we worry about," he said.

Alberto also prevented the crew of space shuttle Discovery from flying to the Kennedy Space Center from Houston for several days of dress rehearsals for their expected launch in July.

On Monday, Alberto drenched western Cuba after a weekend of heavy rains prompted evacuations, caused some dilapidated buildings to collapse and flooded low-lying areas in Havana.

There were no reports of other major damage or injuries.

Search continues for Kansas teen, teacher missing off Costa Rica's Pacific coast

By Tatiana Lopez
Associated Press writer

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Searchers in planes and boats scoured Costa Rica's Pacific coast Monday for a Kansas high school student and teacher missing since they disappeared in the ocean over the weekend.

Jessica Pierce, 17, and Brett Carlson, 26, who taught at Lakeside County High School in Altamont, Kan., vanished Saturday in the waters off Palo Seco beach, about 100 miles from the capital, San Jose.

Labette graduate Danielle Tongler, 18, and Andrew Harpstrite, a 17-year-old junior, also disappeared. Tongler's body was found Saturday; Harpstrite's was recovered Sunday.

Carlson reportedly jumped in to try to save the three students after they ran into trou-

ble while swimming.

"There are about 30 rescuers looking for them," said Costa Rican Red Cross spokeswoman Noemy Coto. "Three search flights have been carried out, there are three boats and several shore patrols are searching nearby beaches in case they were washed up by the sea."

Coto said the search would continue Tuesday, using a helicopter if needed.

Labette County school

Superintendent Dennis Wilson said that 10 students, Carlson and another chaperone had been in Costa Rica since June 6, and students had saved money all year for the language and arts trip.

"It was kind of a highlight for those who were in Spanish II classes," Wilson said.

"Mr. Carlson was a very popular and well-liked teacher," he said.

Gift counselors were available at the school, he said.

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By Joshua Partlow and Michael Abramowitz
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Investigator leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi lived for 52 minutes, in and out of consciousness, before he succumbed to massive internal injuries caused by the concussive blasts from two 500-pound bombs dropped by a U.S. fighter jet, U.S. military officials in Baghdad said Monday.

In an attempt to end speculation of the circumstances of al-Zarqawi's death last Wednesday, the U.S. military provided charts, skeleton diagrams and descriptions by forensic pathologists of his autopsy to explain the last hour of al-Zarqawi's violent life.

At the same time, President Bush opened a two-day retreat at Camp David aimed at assessing where the United States stands in Iraq and how to bolster the new government of Prime Minister Nouri al-

Maliki. Bush and his top advisers, including Vice President Dick Cheney, were briefed in the morning by video conference from Baghdad by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. John P. Abizaid, the head of U.S. Central Command, and Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq.

The president was joined in the afternoon by members of his Cabinet to discuss other challenges in Iraq, such as how to do a better job providing electricity and protecting the country's oil infrastructure, administration officials said.

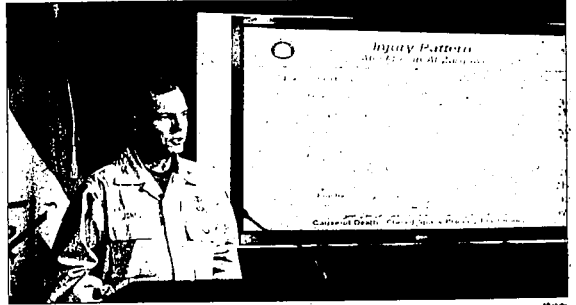
On al-Zarqawi's death, Col. Stephen Jones, command surgeon for multinational forces in Iraq, said the shock waves from the bombs, ricocheting inside the hideout north of Baghdad, burst al-Zarqawi's

blood vessels in his lungs and ears. When an American medic cleared his airway, blood flowed from al-Zarqawi's mouth.

Al-Zarqawi died because his lungs failed to take in oxygen, military pathologists said. His broken right leg and scratches and cuts "were likely due to flying debris or al-Zarqawi being thrown against a hard object by the force of the blast," Jones said.

"No evidence of beating and no evidence of any firearm injuries," said a forensic pathologist who took part in the autopsy and spoke to reporters by phone from the United States, on condition he not be identified.

A team of five people performed the autopsy Saturday; it involved body X-rays, toxicology tests and internal organ exams.



Col. Steve Jones, command surgeon for the multinational forces, explains a diagram, right, illustrating the injury patterns allegedly sustained by al-Qaida in Iraq terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi that caused his death following a U.S. airstrike on Wednesday, at a press conference in Baghdad Monday.

Fatah groups attack Hamas buildings

By Scott Wilson
The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — Several hundred members of the Fatah-dominated Palestinian security services shot up or set fire to two official buildings associated with the rival Hamas movement in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Monday, hours after partisan clashes killed two people and wounded 15 others in the Gaza Strip.

The assaults on the buildings were among the biggest shows of force in weeks of clashes between rival Palestinian factions in the occupied territories.

Members of security services loyal to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas savaged the Palestinian parliament building and the Cabinet headquarters, the homes of institutions run by Hamas. The radical Islamic movement won January parliamentary elections, ending Fatah's long monopoly on Palestinian political power.

After shooting out the windows of parliament, the officers entered the Cabinet headquarters, where they smashed furniture and computers before setting the building on fire. Witnesses said the armed men, including some members of Fatah's military wing, known as the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, prevented firefighters from putting out the blaze.

Last Monday, Fatah gunmen abducted a Hamas lawmaker, Khalil Rabei, after setting fire to his office in Ramallah. He was released soon after to Abbas' bodyguards, and took refuge along with seven other Hamas legislators in the Muqata government compound. Abbas, who is the Palestinian Authority president, ordered his bodyguards to protect them.

Palestinian security services, with more than 70,000 members, are dominated by Fatah loyalists. Because of economic sanctions that Israel and foreign donors have imposed against the Hamas-led government, most of the men have not received any pay in three months.

Hamas officials, meanwhile, have deployed a 3,000-member security force on the streets of Gaza filled out mostly by members of its armed wing.

The divide within the security forces, widening at a time of increasing political rivalry between Abbas and the Hamas leadership, has led to deadly clashes in recent weeks. Most of those have occurred in Gaza. Monday's rampage showed that the partisan violence can spread to the West Bank as well.

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Anti-meth moms come up with plan

AROUND THE VALLEY

Wagon train rolls to Twin Sisters

BURLEY — The second-annual Snake River Heritage Day's wagon train continues its trek this week.

The wagon train will roll from Almo to Twin Sisters today; from Twin Sisters to Oakley on Wednesday and from Oakley to the Cassia County Fairgrounds on Thursday.

The group is following Hudspeth's Cutoff, an alternate route to the California trail. It offered better water and feed for animals than previous routes.

Visitors are welcome. A small donation is requested if you eat dinner with the group.

Hailey joins ranks of Idaho Heritage cities

BOISE — The city of Hailey has been named an Idaho Heritage City, joining previous south-central Idaho honorees Ketchum and Rupert.

The honor is given by the Idaho State Historical Society and the Association of Idaho Cities to recognize cities that protect and share information on its buildings, artifacts, photos and other historical documents.

The city of Hailey will be honored Thursday along with 22 other Idaho cities.

Burley swimming pool set to open this week

BURLEY — The city of Burley swimming pool should open for the season today or Wednesday.

Plumbing problems delayed the scheduled June 5 opening.

The pool is open for adult lap swimming from 7 to 9:30 a.m. weekdays. Open swim is from 1:15 to 4:45 p.m. and 7:15 to 9:30 p.m.

Minidoka camp will be topic at symposium

TWIN FALLS — A two-day symposium, "Civil Liberties in Wartime," featuring 10 university professors, attorneys and experts in Japanese-American issues, will be held July 6 and 7 in the Fine Arts theater at the College of Southern Idaho.

The symposium begins with registration at 8 a.m. July 6. A history of the Minidoka camp will lead off the presentations at 9 a.m., followed by speakers and panel discussions. Presentations will resume at 9 a.m. July 7, with the last one starting at 1:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend at no charge. Those who would like to earn one college credit for attending have several options: register as a CSI student for \$105; register as a Boise State University student for \$189.85; or register as a professional educator for \$189.85 and pay \$50 for Social Science 594 and pay \$50.

For more information, contact CSI History professor Russ Tremayne at 732-6885 or at rtremayne@csi.edu.

Democrats to meet Thursday in Paul

BURLEY — The Minidoka Democrats will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Paul Fire Hall.

The agenda includes discussing the upcoming state convention in Idaho Falls and plans for summer fairs.

For more information, contact Damian Rodriguez at 679-2002 or Nick Czokos at 678-3030.

— compiled from staff reports

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Ideas on how to crack down on meth came pouring out of Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine's first meeting, which convened Saturday in Kimberly.

The group is moving forward on one.

It has decided to lobby for more collaboration between agencies and counties to take down meth dealers.

"A drug enforcement program needs to be formed," said Pam Green, founder and chairwoman of the local chapter. "We decided we need to find funding for the costs of this drug enforcement team."

A proposal to the county commissioners is being drafted, Green said.

The proposal reflects the absence of a joint drug task force between Twin Falls and



Pam Green of Kimberly heads the local chapter of Mad Mothers Against Meth, and hopes to generate more awareness about the destructiveness of the drug.

other counties.

"If the drug dealers know they are being watched in Twin, they'll go to Jerome. If they are being watched in Jerome, they'll go to Buhl," Green said.

The proposal would help counties work together to track down and arrest dealers. "These drug dealers, they don't stop at the county line," said Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman.

"I'd like to see them all — the cities, the counties and the state police — all in one task force."

Twin Falls County has collaborated at different times with other counties. But each time the collaboration ended. In the mid-1990s, a multi-jurisdictional agreement broke down after two task force officers were charged with breaking into an evidence locker. Most recently, Gooding and Twin Falls counties disbanded a joint task force in November 2005.

"We still share information with Twin," said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough. Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey says the agreement with Gooding was intended to be mutually beneficial, but most of the cases were in Twin Falls and it made more sense to keep his staff where the crime was.

Despite the loss of collaboration, the Twin Falls County drug task force remains at full strength.

"We still have the same amount of manpower," Brockman said.

Green said it is time, not to resurrect the same terminated task force, but to start a new, lasting program. She said the new version could include federal agencies as well.

Professionals with specialized experience fighting meth addiction are lending their expertise to Mad Mothers Against Meth.

People who work for the Salvation Army, Gooding County Jail, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Kimberly school district have privately lined up in support of the group.

"It might take a while," she said. "But we are going to do our best."

Country doc

Chicago native finds perfect practice in Buhl

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

BUHL — She can stitch up a farmer's cut finger, deliver a baby and bake an apple pie worthy of a ribbon at the Twin Falls County Fair.

Dr. Laura Fall didn't begin life as a small-town girl. She grew up in a suburb of Chicago, which is known for its fabulous museums, breathtaking architecture, Wrigley Field, one famous fire and an elevated railway.

After finishing medical school and a residency, Fall traded Chicago's big city life for the life of a country doctor. It began as a way to help pay off some of her hefty medical school loans through the National Medical Service Corps, a program that forgives some of a new doctor's debt in exchange for a few years working in an underserved area. And so that is how Fall came to Buhl in 1992 and to Family Health Services. As a family practitioner, she sees patients of all ages. "From the womb to the tomb" is how Fall described the patient demographics. And that's one of the things she likes about her job — the variety.

"We can see anybody and everybody," Fall said.

Many of her patients are uninsured, underinsured or just plain broke. But for Fall, this doctor business is more than just a career, and she's not in it for the money.

"Medicine to me is a mission," Fall said. "It's what I do to give back to the community."

Soon after she arrived, Fall got some good advice from Dr. Mary Groda-Lewis, a physician who was something of a legend in these parts — a doctor well-known for her dedication to helping those who couldn't find help anywhere else.

"She told me to try to live in Twin so you wouldn't be knocking on the door at 2 in the morning," Fall said.

Fall did live in Twin Falls at first, because it was close to



Laura Fall, a family medicine and obstetrics physician with Family Health Services in Buhl, has worked in the Magic Valley for 14 years.

"Medicine to me is a mission. It's what I do to give back to the community."

— Dr. Laura Fall of Family Health Services in Buhl

MAGIC VALLEY PEOPLE

a slice from local life

the hospital where she delivered so many middle-of-the-night babies. But after returning to the area in 1998 from Anchorage, Alaska, where she'd worked in a clinic and her husband, Christopher Sutton, had worked as a college professor for a couple of years, the couple decided to put down roots on a spread in Buhl, where they have something of a "hobby farm" raising chickens and tending to a fruit orchard.

Today, Sutton, who Fall met

in 1995 at an Astronomical Society meeting in Jerome, is a stay-at-home dad caring for their 5-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter while Fall sometimes puts in 70-hour workweeks.

And yes, just as Groda-Lewis warned, there have been knocks on her door. "There have been times a sleepy-eyed, pajama-clad Fall has answered her door to someone who asked for something else, but somehow managed to slip their medical problem into the conversation."

Some have even asked her for advice on their animals' health, figuring a doctor couldn't be much different than a veterinarian.

Fall said some of her patients don't recognize her without her white coat and stethoscope. Unbeknownst to these patients, their doctor has seen them in the local grocery store buying things like cigarettes and soft drinks and candy.

"They need to be aware," Fall said with a chuckle.

But Fall said her patients, particularly the farmers, are a hardy lot. And they're straight to the point. "They don't want to mince words," Fall said. "They want it all laid out. Honesty is the policy."

But despite the long workweeks, the unexpected knocks on the door, and the ever-growing mountains of paperwork required by government bureaucrats, Fall loves her work and the people who call her doctor.

"I get to see patients I want to see — those who have the most need," she said.

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

Board to consider giving students another chance

By Marie Mischel
For The Times-News

BURLEY — High school students who fall a core course in the Cassia Joint School District will have the chance to re-take the class through a district-run independent study program, if school board members approve a new policy at tonight's board meeting.

The credit recovery program would cost students \$50 per credit.

The program would offer math, English, science and social studies classes from 2 to 7 p.m. A new laboratory at the Cassia County Regional Technical Center has been set aside for the program. For students who attend outlying high schools, the program will be offered at their schools so students won't have to commute to Burley.

About 160 students in the district need to re-take a core course to graduate, Mills said.

The independent study, which can take from two weeks to three months, allows them to go at their own pace.

Other independent study options are available, such as high school credits offered through Brigham Young University, but the proposed credit recovery is the only one run by the district.

The school board will discuss the issue at a public meeting at 7 p.m. today in the district office, 237 E. 19th St. in Burley.

The 15-member committee is looking to add members, Grindstaff said. It meets once a month, with the next meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.

Making Thousand Springs bubble

New signs, map aim to attract more visitors

By Neta Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A new series of kiosks and signs and a redesigned map should get Magic Valley visitors out of their cars and into the outdoors.

Three informational kiosks will only be the start of a facelift for the 67-mile-long Thousand Springs Scenic Byway which runs from Bliss down U.S. 30 and state Route 50 to the Hansen Bridge. The byway passes such landmarks as the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, Shoshone Falls and Thousand Springs.

The kiosks, planned for Bliss, Hagerman and the Hansen Bridge, will contain maps and information about area attractions. A new set of signs along the road and an updated map will follow.

"We noticed that (the sites along the byway) were greatly undersigned to draw tourists' attention from our 'hot spots' area," said Gary Grindstaff, Twin Falls County commissioner and co-chairman of the committee that oversees the byway.

Each kiosk cost about \$25,000 and was bought with money from an Idaho Transportation Department scenic byways grant. Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways will donate \$3,000 in labor and materials to install the Hansen Bridge kiosk, and Grindstaff and Bill Brockman approved an application Monday morning to seek a \$2,500 grant from the First Federal Charitable Foundation for concrete and other materials.

If the grant is awarded, construction should be finished sometime between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007.

The new signs and kiosks should attract more tourists to the byway and its 12 "point of interest" sites, said Mark Brunelle, director of research and development for Twin Falls County.

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On the Net
To learn more about Idaho's scenic byways and view a statewide map, visit <http://tfd.idaho.gov/byways/index.htm>

Judge shot and wounded at Reno courthouse

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A family court judge was shot and wounded as he stood near a third-floor courthouse window Monday, and police sealed off the area and searched nearby parking garages for a sniper.

Chuck Weller, 53, was hit in the chest around midday by a shot or shots that came through his office window at the Mills B. Lane Justice Center, authorities said. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital, where he was

reported in serious condition. Investigators said Darren Roy Mack, a suspect in a slaying reported later in the day at a Reno apartment building was a "person of interest" in the shooting at

the courthouse. Police also reported that a bomb-sniffing dog had alerted officers to the judge's car in the court's parking garage. "The incident is shocking, but the risk is not shocking," said Darin Conforti, court administrator of Reno Justice Court. "We're well aware this is the

inherent risk of trying to solve conflicts. Sometimes you don't solve them peacefully and people take the law into their own hands."

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BEFORE HE PROCEEDS, GIBBYDID YOU GUYS MIND SITTING DOWN? RUBY HERE IS ABOUT TO FREE.

Shake your tail feathers, Aquarius

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

One person can make a vast difference. Practice what you preach. Romantic stars are shining but this isn't the time to start a new relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Defend important core beliefs and values. The law doesn't always take into account the "exceptions" to the rules. Demonstrate your affection for true blue partners in the late hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spread your wings and fly. Rise above petty disputes and unpleasantness and don't wallow in self-pity. Sympathy never helped anyone become stronger or learn to handle troubles wisely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Save a tree. Practice ecologically sound recycling routines and think green. Don't sign a contract or send a letter. This isn't the time to mend broken fences or start a new project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can't please all the people all the time. Companions may exert undue influence or try to make you feel guilty. Don't try to be all things to all people; just be yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for light at the end of the tunnel. You may feel pressured to perform while in the dark about certain questions. Sensual pleasures that attract you could be disappointing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A naked truth is always better than a well-dressed lie. It is best to be blunt and straightforward. Admit your mistakes and find ways to correct errors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Respect privacy issues. Give everyone a chance to maneuver through personal problems on their own. Unsked for advice might not be welcome and could be considered interference.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Shake your tail feathers. Preen a little bit as you enjoy some warm attention from members of the opposite sex. Don't disguise your true feelings or promote any misunderstandings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Peer through a telescope. Watch the horizon for threats or promises far in the distance. If you are in a committed relationship love may sizzle this evening but singles should remain aloof.

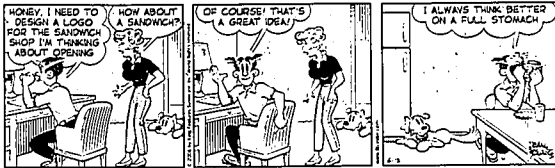
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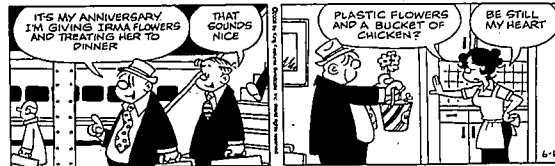
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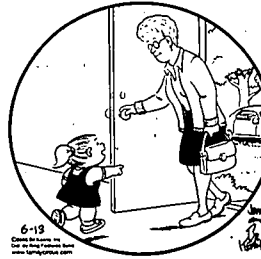
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Nosy aunt's snooping may be a sign of deeper disorder



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for "Wondering in Cleveland," whose Aunt Irene goes prowling through drawers during family gatherings. Rather than excluding her from future family get-togethers, how about leaving notes in all the drawers that say something like "Hello, Aunt Irene. We hope that all our drawers pass your inspection!"

That ought to embarrass her enough to get her to cut it out without having to actually confront her.

— DAUGHTER OF ANOTHER SNOOP IN KENTUCKY

DEAR DAUGHTER: That's a cute idea — another reader suggested stuffing the medicine chests with marbles. But several people wrote to point out that the woman could have a problem far more serious than bad manners. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother is in the late stages of Alzheimer's disease. Before it became obvious to those who weren't aware that she had it, she would often wander away during dinner and other fami-

ly get-togethers. We would find her in bedrooms or bathrooms. She thought she was in her own home and not intruding on anybody.

"Wondering's" uncle may have seemed embarrassed when approached about the situation because he is not yet ready to divulge some touchy information. I'm offering this as food for thought that may help them in understanding the aunt's strange behavior. Locking the doors to the bedrooms would also be a good solution.

— LAURA IN NEW PORT RICHEY, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I had the same experience with my mother when my uncle passed away. I took her to the funeral 1,000 miles away. He was her only brother. She became restless and wandered from room to

room, opening closets. My aunt was very annoyed and embarrassed by her behavior. I thought her uncharacteristic behavior was caused by grief. It turned out my mother was in the early stages of Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's patients live in a state of confusion.

They prow around trying to find something that makes sense to them. They misplace valuables and look in drawers and closets for them, and they also forget what they are looking for.

Your advice to leave her out of family gatherings and tell her it is because of her behavior would be cruel. If she has Alzheimer's, she has no power of reasoning or logic, and her feelings would be very hurt. I took my mother into my home for the last five years of her life. It was the most difficult task I have ever done, but it was character-building because of the patience I had to learn. Aunt Irene will need a lot of love and understanding if she, too, has this disease — if that is what it is, and I'm betting she does.

— JAYNE IN WACO, TEXAS

Decree against mailing kids was passed on this day in 1920

This day in history: On June 13, 1920, the United States Postal Service decreed that children could no longer be sent via its parcel post service. The idea wasn't as crazy as it seems. The post office was already shipping sheep and beehives, so was shipping small children really that big a stretch?



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

At least that's what the parents of four-year-old May Pierstroff of Grangeville, Idaho figured when they sent her to visit her grandmother in another part of the state. They paid the livestock rate of 53 cents, the equivalent of \$9.52 in today's money. Miss Pierstroff was just fine.

The state animal of Connecticut has never set foot in the state. It's the sperm whale. Despite that, the state has no official state fish.

Milton Hershey was interested in making chocolate for one reason only: to fund his Milton Hershey School for Orphaned Boys. The school trust still owns 56% of the company stock.

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EDITORIAL

Monahan's leadership settled conflict in SNF

Ruth Monahan, outgoing supervisor for the Sawtooth National Forest, has few reasons to fret about her decision to head north to the Alaskan range.

It's not that the Yukon State isn't a foreboding task. But having conquered partisan resource and land-use issues in Idaho, Monahan has secured her own professional Denali as a Forest Service supervisor.

Monahan announced her promotion last week as new director of Recreation Lands and Minerals for the Alaska Region of the Forest Service. The Alaska Region includes over 22 million acres of Forest Service public lands, including the nation's two largest national forests — the Tongass and the Chugach.

To a forest supervisor, that's like managing the Yankees in spring, and coaching the Cowboys come fall.

But Monahan's penchant for diplomacy, collaboration and methodical analysis, we feel, served her well in Idaho and will do the same in Alaska.

Idaho was familiar territory for Monahan, who had worked previously in the Salmon-Challis, Idaho Panhandle, and Payette national forests during her 26-year career. So when Monahan moved to Twin Falls from the Wasatch-Cache National Forest of Utah, she was well aware of the many interests struggling to preserve their own piece of the Sawtooths.

In managing the 2.1-million acre Sawtooth National Forest over 2006, Monahan oversaw the SNF's forest plan revision, conservation easement purchases, numerous recreation facility constructions, noxious weed projects and paved the way to new resolutions on rangeland management. She was a practical and fair agent

between environmentalists and grazers, as well as the numerous factions of recreational land users. Forest Service employees found a thorough and fair leader for their many duties.

"I was thrilled with her," said Valdon Hancock, who retired as a Forest Service hydrologist this winter after 39 years in the Forest Service. "She paid attention to things and was especially studious and careful about it. I hate to see her go. She's as good a forest supervisor as I ever worked with."

Our view: Sawtooth National Forest has some large shoes to fill with the departure of its supervisor Ruth Monahan.

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

fees were anathema to public land users across southern and central Idaho. Monahan listened to those frustrations, made policy revisions, then in 2005 removed the fee demonstration program for Sawtooth trails.

To this day, public land advocates are still crying foul over access fees and trailhead passes in other forests. But in the SNF, Monahan's policy has built goodwill among thousands of users.

To Hancock, last year's 40,838-acre Valley Road fire, the largest recorded fire in forest history, proved Monahan's ability to handle a major crisis. "She was particularly attentive to all of that," he said. "She really provided the leadership there that was needed, and brought in people that were needed to do the job."

When was the last time you heard someone say that about an official in the federal government? Given her successful track record, Monahan should continue to make a difference in Forest Service leadership in Alaska and elsewhere. Her demeanor will be hard for the SNF to replace, but vitally important for the new supervisor to closely follow.

Head, arm, hand or finger?

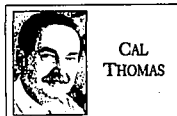
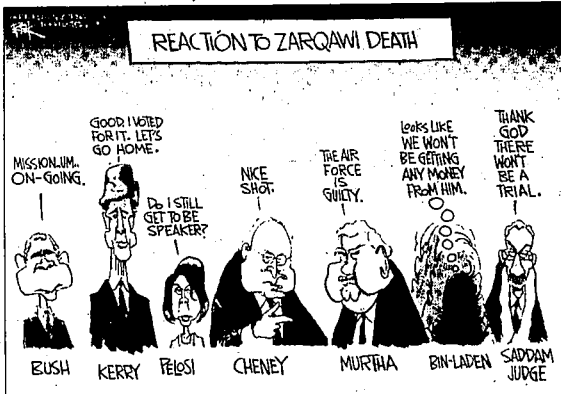
About the 1991 Gulf War and America's strategy to oust Saddam Hussein's army from Kuwait, Gen. Colin Powell famously said: "First, we're going to cut it off, then we're going to win."

The successful operation against al-Qaida leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, resulting in his unambiguous death, cut something off, but what was it? It wasn't the head of terrorism. It may not even have been an arm or a hand. It possibly was a finger that was severed, but the evil virus of islamofascism has a way of re-growing any extremity in the days immediately following Zarqawi's death, some of his associates were on Web sites calling for unity and warning Sunni Muslims not to collaborate with Shiites in support of the new Iraqi government.

While the United States and Britain rejoiced that Zarqawi would not be able to headline anyone again, an epidemic is not ended when one infected person dies. As with any plague, if the rest of us are to be protected, all who carry the virus must either be eliminated or quarantined.

This was a welcome victory in a war that is too often fought on one side with bombs, guns and no rules, and on the other with too much diplomacy and too many constraints. Evil understands only defeat and humiliation. The way to win this war is by defeating and humiliating the enemy in such a way that it will be a thousand years before they try something like this again.

This means there needs to be more action like that taken against Zarqawi. This war should be stepped up and fought like World War II. The way not to fight it was demonstrated last week by the once-famous Israeli. The Israeli government apologized for the deaths of seven Palestinian civilians killed on a Gaza beach by an errant Israeli artillery shell. The civilians were 400 yards away from the Israeli launching pad when Palestinians have fired dozens



of crude rockets at southern Israeli towns. Israeli military officials believe the Palestinians may have been responsible for the killings, but the Palestinians are refusing to cooperate in the investigation because blaming the Israelis is more politically advantageous. Instead of apologizing, Israel should have said that, while it does not purposely target civilians, Palestinian terrorists regularly target innocents. Terrorists deliberately place themselves in locations that increase the likelihood that civilians will be killed in an Israeli retaliatory strike. The Israeli response, not the Palestinian attack that precipitated it, then becomes the dominant media story. Israel should say that if terrorists launch another attack, Palestinians will have 24

hours to turn in those responsible or face obliteration of the neighborhood where the terrorists hide out.

That's the path to victory. Such a policy would take long to change the dynamic of this war. But as long as one side seeks "surgical" strikes and pursues diplomacy, while the other blows up anything and everything it can, evil will always have the advantage.

There is something else that must be cut off if the West hopes to defeat possibly the worst enemy it has ever faced. While Americans worry about large numbers of Mexicans crossing the southern border, we should also do something about the Muslim invasion and the sedition that is taught in some Islamic schools. Mosques and Islamic schools are multiplying in the West. Those that teach and preach hate and sedition should be closed and their clerics arrested or deported. Even those that profess to be proponents of "peaceful" doctrines can be fronts for terrorist activities. The recent arrest in Toronto of some alleged terrorist con-

spirators and their suspected links to terrorists in Georgia shows that the virus is spreading. Why do the United States, Canada, Britain and much of Europe admit Muslims and their clerics from countries where this virus has flourished? Why do they let schools proliferate that have as their goal the overthrow of their host country (the alleged Canadian terrorists apparently were homegrown Muslims)?

When I travel internationally, I am prohibited from bringing home plants and animals. U.S. immigration asks if I have worked on a farm and/or been near livestock. The same principle should apply to islamofascists. Why are we letting one virus in and keeping out plants and animal bacteria?

If we don't surgically (and perhaps literally) cut off their heads, we have seen ample evidence of their intention to cut off ours.

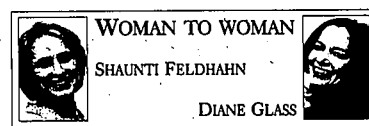
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Should fathers pay for children born without their consent?

Shaunti Feldhahn, a right-leaning columnist, writes the commentary this week, and Diane Glass, a left-leaning columnist, responds.

SHAUNTI FELDHAHN:
In March 2006, a Michigan man filed a lawsuit to get off paying child support for his baby. He said his former girlfriend knew he didn't want kids, and she had promised she couldn't get pregnant. He argued that since it was her choice - not his - to carry the baby to term, he shouldn't have to cough up \$475 in monthly child support.

Feminist and conservative family groups don't agree on much, but they did on this. Both in principle and in fact, that being an unwilling dad doesn't relieve a man of financial responsibility. That, however, is where the agreement ends, because this case is also nicknamed "The Wad or Men," and it points up a glaring inconsistency of the abortion movement. If a man who wants to be a father has no say in whether his baby gets aborted, why should an unwilling father be forced into responsibility for a baby he wanted to abort? I get many sad e-mails from bereft men who write to me about men who were willing to raise a child alone, but were helpless to do anything as the child's mother took that ultimate choice away from them. It is not surprising that in the reverse case, some men would resist having to pay for children born against their wishes. That said, lack of birth consent doesn't cancel financial responsibility. As one Kentucky court duly noted in



a similar case, "The court sees no evidence that the state required (the father) to engage in the sexual activity that resulted in the conception of his son." Hate to be the one to bring it to you guys, but you assume that potential responsibility every time you hop into bed. It's yet one more reason why that whole abstinence idea may not be as absolute as you thought.

Consent issues are irrelevant once there is a little living, breathing and entirely dependent person in the world. As Concerned Women for America's Dr. Janice Crouse put it in an interview: "It's not a matter of what the father's rights are; it's a matter of what the child deserves and needs. An innocent child requires the same amount of attention no matter how he or she is conceived."

DIANE GLASS:
While the plight of good fathers who are denied their destiny is mildly upsetting, Shaunti does what many people do when she confuses reproductive rights with financial responsibility. Let's be clear: Men don't have the same reproductive rights as women. That's because they're not women. There is no injustice here. Someone's rights are violat-

ed only when there are two people with the same abilities and one of them is denied something because of subjective bias. There's nothing subjective about a uterus. To deny women sole custody over their bodies would result in abuses far worse, says Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights.

"Denying women the right to control their own bodies turns common-law principles on their head. It is a basic human right that is protected by our Constitution." Still, some people maintain that men should have the same reproductive rights as women or be absolved of any financial responsibility because of this perceived reproductive injustice.

"Men do have reproductive rights," Northup explains. "The 1942 U.S. Supreme Court case Skinner v. Oklahoma denied the use of sterilization as a consequence of criminal activity. This seminal case defined reproductive rights as a fundamental human right for both sexes." But the law doesn't give men the right to skirt their financial responsibilities after the cigarette is smoked and the rabbit dies. Of course, this doesn't mean women should absolve themselves of their ethical responsibilities. A recent paternity case is one example where I would

argue a man should be exonerated from any financial responsibility. This case involves a woman who secretly collected her lover's sperm for insemination duty, presumably while on a bathroom break. Her victim took it to the courts after being sued for child support two years later. His claim was dismissed. Decentful tampering with human lives should be a criminal offense.

This is cold comfort, I know. But if men want to avoid such cases, they must be without options. There's always abstinence and outpatient vasectomies. Birth control doesn't guarantee 100 percent effectiveness, and sex doesn't guarantee loyalty. So wear a condom, guys.

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LETTER

Thanks again, Gooding County citizens

The Primary Election on May 23 was a roller coaster of emotions. But the one emotion that keeps replaying in my mind is the support I felt. Thank you for your support and expressing it in your votes.

I am excited to go through the general election in November and take the office of Gooding County treasurer in January of 2007. My appreciation goes to all who helped in my campaign, through financial

contributions, letters, phone calls, encouragement, right down to painting signs in my garage! My thanks also to the seniors of Gooding High School who took the election process very seriously, all voting for their very first time.

Gooding County is a great place to live, and I am proud and humbled to serve this county as its treasurer.

Thank you all again! And, I'll be asking for another vote of support in November.

CHRISTINA TINE WINES Gooding

America's riches are in its stunning diversity

Muhammad Waqar, Avi Wolfman-Arent, Yiran Xia, Victoria Sandoval, Jacqueline Orellana-Flores, Elizabeth Packer, Ramona Singh, Anuja Shah, Mayra Ramos, Emily-Kate Hannapel, Natasha Perez, Samir Paul, Ekta Taneja, Linden Vongsathorn, Michael Tsai, Nurdos Taklebrahim, Matwos Woodsohen.

I went to a high school graduation last week and a United Nations meeting broke out. The commencement was my daughter Natalie's, the high school was Montgomery Blair in Silver Spring, Md. There were some 700 kids receiving their diplomas, and as I sat there for two hours listening to each one's name pronounced, I became both fascinated and touched by the stunning diversity — race, religion, ethnicity — of the graduating class. I knew my daughter's school was diverse, but I had no idea



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

it was this diverse.

The names above, which I just pulled from the graduation book, were typical of her entire class, which included exactly five people named "Smith." In my high school in Minnesota it seemed like there were only five people not named "Smith."

My daughter told me that the names in her class can be so difficult to pronounce that for graduation the school had all the students write their names phonetically on a card so the announcer would not mangle them in front of family and friends.

There is a lot to be worried about in America today: a war in Iraq that's getting worse not better, an administration whose fiscal irresponsibility we will be paying for for a long time, an education system that is not producing enough young Americans skilled in math and science, and inner cities where way too many black males are falling. We must work harder and get smarter if we want to maintain our standard of living.

But if there is one reason to still be optimistic about America it is represented by the stunning diversity of the Montgomery Blair class of 2006. America is still the world's greatest human magnet. We are not the only country that embraces diversity, but there is something about our free society and free market that still attracts people like no other. Our greatest asset is our ability to still cream off not

only the first-round intellectual draft choices from around the world but the low-skilled high-achieving ones as well, and that is the main reason that I am not yet ready to cede the 21st century to China. Our Chinese will still beat their Chinese.

This influx of brainy and brawny immigrants is our oil well — one that never runs dry. It is an endless source of renewable human energy and creativity. Congress ought to stop debating gay marriage and finally give us a framework to maintain a free flow of legal immigration.

What is so striking about Blair is that it is just a neighborhood public high school. It was not designed to be diverse. Yes, it has some magnet programs, but for the most part it just reflects its surroundings — about one-third black, one-third Hispanic and one-third No. 1 Ark of everyone else. As I mingled with the other

parents afterward, waiting for our kids to emerge from the ceremony, I found myself at one point surrounded by families in which no one was speaking English.

The only family voice that came through the din was one that made me laugh — an African-American mom, griping her child's diploma, saying: "This diploma is mine! I'm keeping this!" She said she had worked as hard as her kid for this day. Bless her heart, as I am sure she spoke for many parents.

It is hard to watch a graduation like this and not think about our enemies in Iraq and Afghanistan — the Taliban, Islamo-totalitarians like bin

Laden and Zarqawi, and the retrograde regimes that support them. Their whole mindset is about how to purify their world from "the other," from diversity, from "infidels." With enough brutality they may win in Iraq. I still hope not.

But they will never win the future — because as soon as their oil wells run dry, their societies will be as barren, bland and unproductive as their deserts.

Our oil wells, by contrast, will still be pumping. They're right there, hiding in plain sight, in the Blair commencement book.

Thomas Friedman is a New York Times columnist.

LETTERS

Graduation photos are a must-see

We agree with Linda Maughn and sincerely missed the photographs of graduating seniors in the Times-News this year.

With all the expenses of the senior year, many families may not be able to afford the \$20 to have their senior picture printed in the Times-News.

As middle school teachers in the Magic Valley, we enjoy perusing the pictures of all graduating students. It is enjoyable to find those who may have taught but have moved elsewhere in the valley.

We commend the Buhl Herald for its excellent display of the senior classes for Buhl, Castelford and Filer and hope the Times-News will do the same in future years.

SUSAN HULLSTON
Twin Falls
AMY NELSON
Kimberly
(Editor's note: Susan Hullston and Amy Nelson are teachers at the Filer Middle School.)

Punishment doesn't fit the crime

It's been a year now since the accident. Two young adults males arranged dates with 14-

and 15-year-old girls. Beer and a car race resulted in a rollover.

A mother and father lost their only daughter. A grandmother and grandfather lost their only granddaughter. The driver never said a word to the family or even sent a card. It's because that driver didn't change his ways, hanging out at bar parties with high school kids.

He recently had his day in court: One year in jail with work release. How do the judges and prosecutor sleep at night?

NILE MARICLE
Rupert

DUI sentencing have no shame

I would like to encourage the residents of Twin Falls to read the section of the Times-News titled "Twin Falls County Courthouse."

A first offense DUI who pleaded guilty received: \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended, \$87.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 179 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; and 12 months probation. Wow! That's only \$362.50 in fines and one day in jail, license suspended for 180

days and watching him for one year.

A second offense case who also pleaded guilty received: \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended, \$87.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 172 suspended, credit for two days served, eight hours of house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 365 days and 24 months probation. That's \$662.50 in fines, six days in jail, eight hours of house arrest, no license for one year and watching him for two years.

Get real! Wonder what a third offense gets!

There is little difference in punishment between the first and second offenses, considering the crime and also a total lack of acknowledgment of the severity of these crimes. Does it take a death to up the punishment?

What if a death occurs on the first or second or God forbid, a third offense? Our police officers do their part in catching the criminals, so why do the judges drop the ball and be counter-productive to the police? Whoever the judges are, shame on you! The first offense is little more than a slap on the hand and not really a deterrent at all. Maybe that is why there are so many repeat offenders.

I, as a citizen, want more from our judicial system. I do not want any of my family on the road with any of these offenders. A DUI is a serious matter and not a joke. I expect the judges to do a better job. When elections roll around, you can be sure I will be looking for different judges unless they shape up!

I am very happy that the Times-News prints this section. I and other citizens can keep an eye on our judges.

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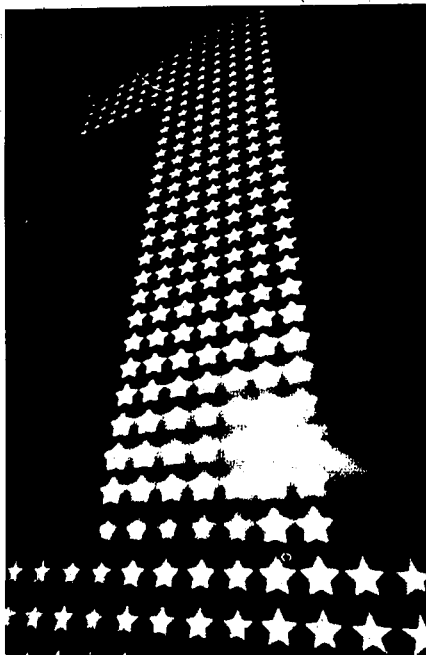
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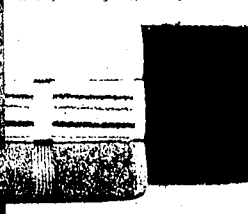
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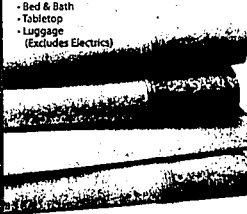
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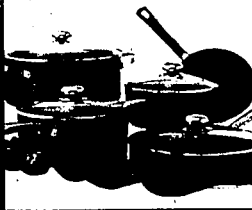
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SPORTS

Four homers highlight Buhl's thumping of Wood River

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

BUHL — To anyone who thought the Buhl Indians high school team could really hammer the ball, the Class A American Legion Buhl Tribe delivered a message on Monday — you ain't seen nothing yet.

The Tribe slugged its way to an emphatic 21-0, five-inning victory in the front end of Monday's Area C doubleheader against visiting Wood River and followed it up with a 9-6 win in the nightcap.

The Tribe starting pitcher Trent Craner gave up a leadoff single to Wranglers batter Drew Anderson in the opener, but was bailed out of the top of the first with an unusual 6-3-5 double play on a Danny Kramer ground ball. Craner

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would return the favor to his defense in the bottom of the first, sending a three-run home run sailing out to the Buhl streets. Of course, the Indians had already pilled up an 8-0 lead by the time Craner blasted the Tyler Israel offering in his second at-bat of the inning.

"I had a good inning — good defense behind me," Craner said. "Then we just jumped all over them."

Bidding a high from Craner's jack and an 11-0 lead to boot, Tribe slugger Austin Laing followed with a solo shot roped to left field for back-to-back one-out Tribe homers. Israel induced a pair

of pop-ups to get out of the inning, but Buhl's power display wasn't done yet.

"It's only our third ball game and we jumped up early, got up 12-0 and sometimes you get lachardical, but they didn't," Tribe head coach Allyn Reynolds said. "They still played the game hard, played it right, and you gotta be pleased with that."

Buhl tacked on another run in the bottom of the second on a Taylor Clelland RBI-single, then exploded for eight more in the bottom of the third, including Laing's second homer of the game — a two-out, three-run shot — and a three-run blast by Brandon Bartolo.

The addition of Filer High standouts, including Clelland, Bartolo and Josh Benedictus has invigorated an already potent Buhl batting order, along with the return of Perry Hamilton after his

freshman year at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore.

"This lineup is definitely stronger with those Filer guys and with Perry back in it," Craner said.

Craner picked up the win on the mound and went 2-for-4 with the homer, four RBIs and two runs scored, while Laing went 4-for-4 with two homers, four RBIs and four runs scored to lead 4-0 Buhl at the plate. Hamilton swung a wooden bat — possibly made from the wood of a tree felled by lightning — and went 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored for Buhl, while Bartolo finished 2-for-3 with the homer, a double, four RBIs and two runs scored.

"We've got some kids that can hit back and drive the ball, we really do," Reynolds said. "They showed some of

that today."

Anderson led the young Wranglers squad at the plate, finishing 3-for-3, while Kramer, Kenny Cardona and Israel also added hits for Wood River.

The Tribe hit in action starting Thursday in Boise for the Boise Barons' Barons Invitational against the Boise Gems at 2 p.m.

"After that, we feel good, but we have to keep going," Craner said.

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Wood River 21, Wood River 0, Five innings
Buhl (11:11a to 11:31a)
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Game 2
Wood River 9, Wood River 6, Five innings
Pitcher: Trent Craner (2-0), Ryan Reynolds (2-0), Tyler Israel (2-0), Perry Hamilton (2-0), Drew Anderson (2-0), Danny Kramer (2-0), Brandon Bartolo (2-0), Austin Laing (3-0), Ryan Reynolds (2-0)

Setting a foundation

Golden Eagles softball program hosts first official camp

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's probably fitting that the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles are holding their inaugural youth softball camp at Frontier Field.

After all, pioneers are at their best on the open and uncharted territory of the frontier. As CSI heads into its first year of National Junior College Athletic Association Division-I softball, the two-day youth skills camp held Monday and today is offering a glimpse of things to come.

"It's exciting times," camp pitching coach Courtney Dale said. "They're pioneers for sure and they've got a great group of girls coming in. They're motivated and it's going to be exciting to watch this season."

Dale knows something of exciting times in softball. The Golden Eagles' current volunteer assistant coach is a former NCAA All-American pitcher for the University of California, Los Angeles and Team USA player who spent the last years of her career as a professional player in Japan. Now, she's finding her place in Twin Falls as a mentor to the Golden Eagles and role model to aspiring young pitchers in the Magic Valley, including Twin Falls High School standout Amber Petersen.

"That's really neat," Petersen said of the chance to learn from Dale. "It's fun to be able to listen to someone who's played at such a high level. I'm hoping that I can someday do that, so it's fun to listen to."

In all, over 130 campers showed up on Monday to hear the message Dale and CSI head coach Nick Baumer had to impart on them. It's a message of preparation — something Baumer knows a little bit about now that he's building a collegiate team from the ground up.

"You know I've been talking to them before each session about planning and just having a plan when they're going to practice or school or work or anything like that," Baumer said. "Just building those skills into everything you do and hopefully pick some softball skills up along the way."

Monday's first session provided a large audience for the jovial, but soft-spoken Baumer, who went through his fair share of nervousness and anticipation for the event.

"You know, it is really exciting. I didn't sleep much last night," he said. "It was just kind of lay awake and think of the things you have to do."

While Baumer continues to lay the foundation for his program, he's also teaching his campers lessons about confidence. After all, it's that same confidence the CSI athletics department had in Baumer that landed him the job and the same confidence he led the Twin Falls Bruins with.



College of Southern Idaho third baseman Britt Montgomery helps Rainey Dyson, 10, left, with her throwing technique Monday during a softball camp at the school.

Carolina takes 3-1 finals lead

The Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — With one more Carolina win, hockey's most prized trophy will be headed to college basketball country.

Mark Recchi and Cory Stillman scored for the Hurricanes, Cam Ward had another strong game in the nets and Carolina defeated the Edmonton Oilers 2-1 Monday night to take a commanding lead in the Stanley Cup finals.

Carolina got the split it needed in Edmonton and now heads home with a 3-1 advantage in the best-of-seven series. Game 5 is Wednesday night in hopes of ending Raleigh, now on the cusp of putting a different kind of championship on ice.

After Edmonton's Sergei Samsonov and Stillman scored 29 seconds apart in the first period, the Hurricanes forechecked their way to the go-ahead goal with 4:04 left in the second period. Stillman was right in the middle of things again.

When Edmonton defenseman Chris Pronger tried to clear the zone along the boards, Stillman got a stick on it. The puck sailed out in front of the goal, where Eric Staal jumped to knock it down and sent a quick pass to Recchi at the side of the net.

He lifted a shot under the crossbar while Oilers goalie Jussi Markkanen crawled along the ice in a futile attempt to get a piece of it.

Markkanen, making his third straight start in place of injured starter Dwayne Roloson, had another strong game after anchoring the Oilers' 2-1 win in Game 3. The replacement made 18 saves, several of them downright spectacular.

In the first period, Markkanen appeared to get the shaft of his stick on a shot by Rod Brind'Amour — just enough to send it off the crossbar. The Oilers goalie also turned aside Justin Williams with a brilliant glove save early in the third, the left hand coming out of nowhere to snatch a puck that was headed for the top right corner.

Ward's 20 saves didn't look as acrobatic as Markkanen's —

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U.S. routed by Czechs in World Cup opener

By Steve Davis
The Dallas Morning News

GELSENKIRCHEN, Germany — The cruel reality of a World Cup is in its potential brevity.

Nations hope, toil and pray to participate for almost four years. But when the tournament finally arrives, the nation's actual stay, minus the build-up hoopla, can be stunningly brief if things go wrong.

And on a dreadful and sweaty afternoon in the German town of Gelsenkirchen, things unfolded spectacularly for manager Bruce Arena's team.

The Czechs had their loud section of the stadium bouncing — literally, with impressive syncope — early as they roared and sang approval en route to the 3-0 win.

Thus, the United States is suddenly staring at the possibility of a most abbreviated

World Cup. It's pretty simple now: conjure something special Saturday against the powerful Italians, or that final first-round match will be meaningless.

And just like that, the relevant portion of the United States' time at Germany 2006 could end.

"We expect more from ourselves," midfielder John O'Brien said of Monday's poor display. "The coach expects more from us, too. I think that's reasonable."

Jan Koller's early goal provided the Czech Republic exactly what it needed — an excuse to sit back, defend and make the Americans invent attacking ideas. That's not close to a U.S. strength.

The American attack depends on a certain lack of respect. At the last World Cup, they got things going so well because they got after Portugal, stunning their foe by having the audacity to attack the attackers.

So the Czech's early goal was a huge advantage.

"They were very comfortable absorbing the pressure and waiting to counterattack," Arena said.

That strike was a colossal breakdown in the U.S. defense: Kasey Keller choosing to punt a ball with no apparent target; Pablo Mastroeni failing to cover for left back Eddie Lewis, who was hurrying forward to support Koller's aimless launch; poor Eddie Pope, 32, whose fading athleticism was exposed.

Koller, racing to meet the unchallenged cross, took a step toward the near post. Pope bought the faint, then couldn't get his legs turned fast enough to adjust as Koller gave him a little nudge and changed direction, back to the middle of the goal.

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USA's London Dosencov, foreground, heads back Czech Republic's Pavel Nedved, during their World Cup, Group E soccer match at the Gelsenkirchen stadium, Germany on Monday.

SPORTS

Contreras fans 11 as White Sox roll

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jose Contreras won his 15th career-high 11 and pitching the Chicago White Sox to an 8-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

Contreras (7-0), who hasn't lost in the regular season since last Aug. 15, didn't walk a batter in eight innings. He allowed three runs and six hits.

The AL West-leading Rangers got all their runs during a four-batter span in the fifth, highlighted by Rod Barajas' two-run homer.

Contreras' winning streak is the longest in the majors since Minnesota lefty Johan Santana won 17 consecutive decisions from July 2004 to April 2005, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

While the Rangers struggled against Contreras, Chicago split the game with five straight hits off rookie John Koronka (4-1) for a quick 3-0 lead.

A.J. Pierzynski homered and drove in two runs for the White Sox. Scott Podsednik also had two RBIs.

Orioles 6, Blue Jays 4

TORONTO — Ramon Hernandez homered and Hernandez's Kris Benson beat Toronto for the third time this season.

Alex Rios homered twice for the Blue Jays, who dropped their third straight — matching their worst streak of the year.

Brian Roberts hit a two-run triple and Nick Markakis added a two-run single off rookie starter Casey Janssen.



Chicago White Sox catcher AJ Pierzynski hits a double in the first inning Monday against the Texas Rangers in Arlington, Texas. The White Sox won 8-3.

Hernandez's solo shot against Scott Schoeneweis in the seventh gave the Orioles a 6-3 lead.

Benson (7-5) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings, winning for the first time in five starts and improving to 3-1 in four outings against the Blue Jays this season.

It was the fourth time Benson and Janssen faced each other. Janssen (5-4) lost for the first time since May 12. He gave up five runs and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings, the shortest start of his career.

Chris Ray worked the ninth for his 16th save. He allowed a solo homer to Gregg Zaun.

National League

Rockies 4, Nationals 3

WASHINGTON — Jeff Francis pitched effectively into the seventh inning and J.D. Closser drove in the go-ahead run with a broken-bat

single to help the Rockies beat the Nationals.

Former Nationals infielder Jamey Carroll, making his return to RFK Stadium, had three hits and an RBI for the Rockies and Clint Barmes added a run-scoring triple as the Rockies handed Nationals starter Harmon Ortiz his first loss in a month.

Francis (5-5) gave up two runs and four hits in 6 2-3 innings. Scott Dohmann and Jose Mesa combined for 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief. Brian Fuentes got three outs for his 14th save, but gave up a solo homer to Jose Guillen.

Brewers 6, Reds 5

CINCINNATI — Prince Fielder homered in the eighth inning and Rickie Weeks followed with a tie-breaking single, rallying Milwaukee to a victory slumping Cincinnati.

The Brewers took advantage of Cincinnati's short-handed bullpen and sent the Reds to their fourth straight loss.

Fielder's solo homer off Kent Mercker (0-1) tied it at 5. Two outs later, Weeks had a run-scoring single off closer Todd Coffey, brought into the game earlier than usual because of the injury-timed bullpen.

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Cowboys split with Shelley in road DH

McNeley, who will be a senior at Twin Falls High School in the fall, will join over 1,000 golfers from around the world at the Junior Worlds. The competition has existed since 1968 and has played host to golfers from 73 countries. It is currently the largest junior golf tournament in the world.

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Rice cooks Oklahoma to earn berth in CWS

HOUSTON (AP) — Josh Rodriguez homered and drove in five runs Monday, helping rally Rice to a 9-5 win over Oklahoma and a berth in the College World Series.

The Owls (65-11) took the deciding game of the best-of-three Super Regional series and will return to Omaha, Neb., for the first time since winning the national title in 2003.

The Owls turned a 4-3 deficit into an 8-4 lead in the sixth inning. Rodriguez, who had a two-run homer in the first, put Rice ahead 5-4 with a bases-loaded single, and Joe Savery followed with a three-run home run.

Rodriguez's sacrifice fly in the seventh scored Rice's final run.

The Sooners (45-22) were looking to win an elimination game for the sixth time in this year's NCAA tournament.

Cole St. Clair (6-2) picked up the win in relief, allowing five runs in three innings with three strikeouts and no walks in 5 1/3 innings. John Brown (5-1) lost.

Miami 14, Mississippi 9

OXFORD, Miss. — Danny Valencia's second home run of the game, a grand slam in the seventh inning, helped Miami beat Mississippi and claim a spot in the College World Series.

Valencia had seven RBIs to

help the Hurricanes (41-22) clinch their 22nd berth in Omaha and third in four years.

Miami denied the Rebels (43-22) their first trip to the CWS since 1972, and will play Oregon State on Saturday.

Valencia's homer off closer Garrett White gave the Hurricanes a 13-8 lead and came two batters after the "Cames took the lead for good when Roger Tomas came around to score on Tommy Giles' tiebreaking single.

Valencia hit a two-run homer in the first to give the Hurricanes a 3-0 lead, then had a run-scoring sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Chris Perez (4-1) struck out five in five innings of relief for Miami.

Georgia 11, South Carolina 6

ATHENS, Ga. — Bobby Felmy homered and tripled in a seven-run seventh inning and Georgia once again came back from the brink of elimination and beat South Carolina 11-6 to advance to the College World Series.

South Carolina (41-25) won the first game 15-5 on Saturday. Georgia (47-21) which won its regional last week from the losers bracket, evened the series on Sunday with an 11-5 win.

Georgia took a 2-0 lead in the third inning on RBI singles by Joey Side and Josh Morris.



Carolina Hurricanes player Mark Recchi (18) is congratulated by teammates Frantisek Kaberle, left, and Aaron Ward after scoring against the Edmonton Oilers during Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals in Edmonton, Canada on Monday.

Finals

because the 22-year-old rookie is playing so well that he makes everything look easy. His positioning was superb. He rarely gave up a dangerous rebound, and Carolina could rest easy with its last line of defense.

So could Edmonton. Markkanen was fine; the Oilers were let down again by their ineffective power play, which failed to convert five chances — including a lengthy two-man advantage for the second game in a row — and dropped to 1-for-25 in the series.

The Oilers pressed hard for the tying goal in the final minutes, even managing a good

chance while Jason Smith was in the penalty box for hooking. Dick Tarnstrom broke into the Carolina zone and flipped a pass in front of the goal to fellow defenseman Steve Stalos, who got a stick on it but tipped it wide of Ward.

The crowd cheered on the home team with deafening, alternating chants of "Let's go Oilers!" and "Go, Oilers, go!"

But Ward, an Edmonton native, wasn't about to let another puck past him.

The young goalie, a leading contender for the Conn Smythe Trophy if Carolina finishes the job, bounced back from the disappointment of Game 3.

World Cup

Koller — whose World Cup looks finished because of a hamstring pull later in the match — smashed the ball by Keller with authority.

"I'm very disappointed," Arena said. "I can't explain why things like that happen. ... Give the players credit. They punished us for every mistake we made."

Australia 3, Japan 1

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Tim Cahill scored in the 84th and 89th minutes Monday and John Aloisi got a goal in injury time as Australia shocked Japan.

The Aussies didn't appear capable of even tying the game after falling behind in the first half. But Cahill equalized when he picked up a loose ball off a throw-in and beat Japan goal-keeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi with a right-footed shot in the 84th minute. Kawaguchi erred in coming out of his net.

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Italy 2, Ghana 0

HANOVER, Germany — Andrea Pirlo, a player identified by Ghana as someone it needed to stop, scored in the 40th minute, and Vincenzo Iaquinta added a goal in the 43rd as Italy beat Ghana.

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CSI softball

Along with current Golden Eagles players, including sophomore Jelena Williams, Baumert brought former TFHS standouts Jayme Harrison and Justine Williams to teach, fresh off respective freshman seasons at Snow College (Utah) and North Idaho College.

"It gives kids opportunities to come out and meet great people like Courtney and Justine and Harmie that have been there for a year," Baumert said. "It just gives kids something to look up to."

The campers aren't just looking up — they're listening, too. Morgan Stanger, a 10-year-old camper took time to reflect on what she learned after Monday's early pitching session with Dale.

"That you always need to be aggressive," Stanger, who hopes to be a pitcher, said. "Sometimes you think too hard and you don't make a good throw or good pitch, but you just need to be relaxed and throw the ball. You need to have confidence in yourself."

From the Magic Valley's headquarters to the current high school stars like Petersen, its arrival of CSI softball seems to be exactly what's been needed.

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College of Southern Idaho head softball coach Nick Baumert directs students Monday during a camp at the school.

ball to the Magic Valley that we haven't seen before," Petersen said. "... You see how much work they've put in and I know it's a long road

ahead of me, but it can be done. You just see people that have done it and know that you can."

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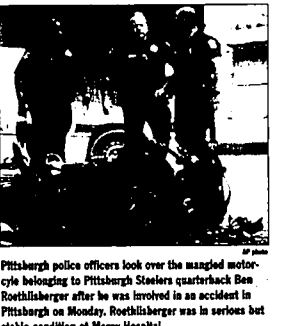
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Roethlisberger breaks jaw, nose in motorcycle crash

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers star Ben Roethlisberger, the youngest quarterback to lead his jaw and nose in a motorcycle crash Monday that he was not wearing a helmet.



Pittsburgh police officers look over the mangled motorcycle belonging to Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger who was involved in an accident in Pittsburgh on Monday. Roethlisberger is in serious but stable condition at Mercy Hospital.

Sports Shorts

NHL All NHL players clean in first year of drug tests
All drug tests given to NHL players were clean during the first season of the league's anti-doping program, adopted last year in the labor agreement that ended the yearlong lockout.

Magic Valley MWIF holding registration

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Junior Football will hold registration for its league until July 31 for fall season.
The league is for players in grades 5-7 during the 2006-07 school year. Cost to register is \$55 by July 31 and \$75 after that.

MLB Grimsley suspended for 50 games

NEW YORK (AP) — Pittsburgh pitcher Jason Grimsley was suspended 50 games by Major League Baseball on Monday, less than a week after federal agents raided his home during an investigation into performance-enhancing drugs.

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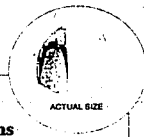
Gooding CC holds invite

GOODING — The Gooding Women's Golf Association is holding the Women's Invitational at the Gooding Country Club on Wednesday.
Format is 18-hole stroke play, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$40. Call 934-9977 for details.

Which of these 2 truly revolutionary approaches to hearing aid technology is right for you?

Whichever you choose, you can now get 2 hearing aids for the price of one... but only for a limited time!

The two biggest complaints about hearing aids, and how you can choose the solution that works best for you.



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Some people avoid hearing aids because they show, revealing the fact that you have a hearing impairment. *Not any more!*

The ActiveEAR Micro Comfort Canal model is a discreet, invisible hearing solution. Wear it far enough into your ear canal that no one will ever know you're wearing it.

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Your hearing will be crisper and clearer than it's been in years, and you won't have to worry about telephone feedback or annoying background noise.

That's because ActiveEAR's breakthrough Harmonix™ technology blends sound precisely for a richer, fuller listening experience. And remember... nobody will ever know!

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"I hate the sound of my own voice. It's been months wearing this thing and I'm still not used to my voice or the device."

Some people avoid hearing aids because, despite hearing better, the sound quality is different and they have trouble adjusting—both to the hearing aid itself and to the sound they're hearing. You know, that "plugged feeling." Not any more! You'll get used to ActiveEAR's remarkable Micro Open Ear device in a matter of minutes, not months. It's as easy as wearing glasses! Micro Open Ear instantly enhances your hearing, comfortably, and without plugging your ears.

Micro Open Ear solves the "plugged" problem with the revolutionary Clear Acoustics™. A solution that allows you to hear natural sound, along with the amplified sounds you've been missing. The result is you can hear yourself—and others—the way you always have.

This revolutionary, new approach to hearing enhancement is nearly invisible, and instantly comfortable for you.

Best of all, you'll avoid the hassles of having ear molds made, and the resulting weeks or months of delay, while waiting for custom-manufacturing and shipment to the store.

A Special Message from Robert and Weston Harris

Dear Friend,

At the end of the day, we're confident what you really want is to be able to hear again. To be able to hear what's happening in the lives of your children and grandchildren. To be able to comfortably participate in conversation with friends and family. To be able to relax and be confident in your ability to hear things that range from the vitally important to the entertaining and amusing.

With our exceptional technology, we help you do that. Still, while better hearing is the main issue, it's not the only one.

You want to be confident you're getting exceptional value. So we want to share with you five reasons why you can trust Harris Hearing Centers to deliver the best value in the industry...

1. Our Guarantee is unparalleled in the industry. We are the only hearing centers in the industry who gives you a 6-MONTH No-Worry Guarantee. If you find a lower price on a comparable model of hearing aid, we will refund the difference. And we will make any change for you AT OUR EXPENSE to make sure you're comfortable and satisfied. Even if that means getting you into a different brand of product.**
2. You receive \$259.00 worth of hearing tests, including a video analysis of your ear, absolutely without charge. Most centers don't do as extensive testing as we do, especially not the video work. Most also charge for your evaluations. We simply feel that you pay enough for your hearing aids that you don't need to be charged extra for your evaluations. You'll be hard-pressed to find this level of service elsewhere.
3. Save up to 50% on the cost of any of our models. Whether you select either of the top two models we've showcased above, or opt for something less advanced and less expensive, YOU WILL SAVE MONEY. How can we be so sure? Because we not only own the hearing centers, we own the manufacturing facility. There are no middle-men, so your costs are dramatically less than the competition. What they do for \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00, we can often do for significantly less. And the savings hold up all the way down our line.
4. You'll enjoy the benefits of unmatched technology. Some people would have you believe because we manufacture our own, we are stuck with older technology. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are hearing device innovators. Our technology is absolutely cutting edge, and we typically come out with it 6 to 9 months AHEAD of our competition, because we are more agile. They have to work it all through their system.
5. We have audiologists and trained hearing instrument specialists on staff to help you find the very best solutions for your hearing problems. All of this, combined with 45 years as a company, gives us tremendous credibility.

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Market Watch

June 12, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	10,792.58
Nasdaq Composite	2,091.32
Standard & Poor's 500	1,236.40
Russell 2000	683.19

Stocks of local interest

close	change
Con Agra	22.21 ▲ .08
Idacorp	34.26 ▼ .19
Micron	15.14 ▼ .39

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Commodities

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June gold	606.60 ▼ 1.40

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Times-News has new business editor

TWIN FALLS — Sandy Miller is the Times-News' new business editor.

She first came to the Times-News in 1999 as the paper's assistant city editor. In 2001, she decided that she missed writing and went back to reporting. As a reporter, Miller has covered health care, county and city government, social issues and local troops who were deployed to Iraq.

As the business editor, Miller will both write and edit stories for the paper's Money section. And she'll continue to cover the business side of health care.

Miller wants the Money section — published Tuesdays through Sundays — to address the interests of consumers and workers as well as business owners and investors. She welcomes your ideas.

She can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicalvalley.com.

Urban Renewal to pursue land purchase

TWIN FALLS — The Urban Renewal Agency on Monday decided it will pursue negotiations with Union Pacific for the purchase of 12.18 acres of land located along Rock Creek Canyon near the Old Town Bridge.

"The advantages to Urban Renewal is it provides an opportunity to widen Railroad Street and offers some options for access into the railroad subdivision," said Dave McAlindin, executive director of the Urban Renewal Agency.

McAlindin said the current right-of-way on Railroad Street is only 30 feet wide which by today's standards is very narrow for a manufacturing zone.

IRS wants to hear from taxpayers

TWIN FALLS — The Internal Revenue Service's Office of Taxpayer Burden Reduction wants to hear from taxpayers about what they think could be done to reduce taxpayer burden.

Taxpayer burden is defined as the time and money taxpayers spend to comply with their federal tax obligations. An example of taxpayer burden could be the average time and expense required to complete and file a tax form.

The Office of Taxpayer Burden Reduction encourages tax professionals, business owners and others to submit their proposals for ways to reduce burden by using referring Form 13285A, Reducing Burden on America's Taxpayers. More information on completing the form is available on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov.

— compiled from staff reports

Wal-Mart is overhauling its image

The Washington Post

POCO FUNDO, Brazil — Rosaldo Jose Pereira has never been to Wal-Mart. The name doesn't mean anything to the lifelong coffee farmer in this remote village in southeastern Brazil.

But Wal-Mart Stores Inc. knows who he is. And the world's largest retailer is changing his life.

Wal-Mart, which has a store in Jerome and is looking into building a Twin Falls store, is in the midst of overhauling its

tightfisted image to win over shoppers searching for more than low prices. That effort has taken the company that built an empire on the principle of high volume and low costs into the realm of trendy apparel and organic food.

Now, with the help of Pereira, it is embarking on one of its most radical undertakings to date: fair trade.

Pereira, 40, is part of a small cooperative of growers living here in the heart of coffee country, where the rolling

mountains are lush with trees. The late afternoon sun is strong.

Pereira wipes the sweat from his brow with his forearm as he works his six acres. Dirt is jammed deep underneath his fingernails. He has been picking coffee cherries since 5 a.m., stripping them off the branches with his bare hands. They will be dried, and eventually only the pit will be left — the coffee bean.

Pereira gets a premium for his harvest. His co-op is one of only seven in the country that

is fair-trade certified, charging above-market price for beans because it meets certain social and environmental standards.

Wal-Mart is considering bringing Pereira's beans into its namesake stores.

It would be a novel arrangement for a company famous for squeezing pennies out of its suppliers — and a test of how deep its makeover will really go.

For Pereira, the deal could mean more money, new computers for the co-op or a bigger school for the village. Already

some children talk about college and life away from the farm. But it would also inextricably bind the co-op's fortunes to the company from Bentonville, Ark. — putting all its beans, so to speak, in one basket.

Wal-Mart executives are planning to visit POCO Fundo at the end of the month before making a decision. It's part of the new corporate philosophy outlined by chief executive H. Lee Scott Jr.: "Doing well by doing good."

It is a work in progress.

No place like home

Local businesses, workers donate to Habitat project

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

BUHL — Thanks to some local businesses and the people who work for them, a family of nine now has a place to call home.

Come June 28, the house purchase will close and Marco and Angela O'Viedo and their seven children will receive the keys to their five-bedroom Habitat for Humanity home, which they helped build. But working beside them were a number of professional contractors and their employees; with their help, the house was built in a remarkable 4 1/2 days.

Normally, Habitat for Humanity homes take about six months to build because regular community volunteers, who have jobs during the week, can work on them only on weekends.

But this house was part of the nonprofit organization's nationwide "Home Builders Blitz 2006" campaign. Last Habitat for Humanity affiliates and more than 1,000 contractors joined forces to build more than 400 homes across the country.

"At 7 a.m. Monday we raised the first wall," Gordon Saffrey, president of Magic Valley Habitat for Humanity, said Wednesday. "By 6 p.m., the roof was sheathed."

Trudy Saffrey, secretary of the local chapter, said the local organization had no problem finding contractors and others willing to give materials and labor to the project. "I think it's just fantastic — just their willingness to jump on board and give back to the community," she said.

JKO Construction was the project's general contractor.



Forrest LeBaron, of Forrest LeBaron Drywall Inc. of Twin Falls, brushes down a wall at the Habitat for Humanity home in Buhl. The drywall company was one of many businesses that donated materials and labor to help build the home.

"It gave us all a sense of helping the community and the feeling of doing our part for people who need it. I'd like to do more for the community. That's kind of my joy."

— Gregg Stowe, owner of Precision Electric

"It was very busy, very hectic," said Jay Markle, the construction company's sales and marketing representative. "But it went well. We were done at noon Friday and the goal was 7 p.m. We beat our goal."

Gregg Stowe, owner of Precision Electric, paid eight of his employees out of his own pocket so they could work on the house. But he said it was worth it.

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for people who need it," Stowe said. "I'd like to do more for the community. That's kind of my joy."

Construction workers seemed to enjoy putting time into a project that would give a family its own first home.

"It's a whole lot of fun," Philip Drain, who works for Accurate Drywall, said Wednesday as the volunteers broke for lunch, also donated by local businesses. "We were here until 3 in the morning. There's people all over the place."

The project ended up being 100 percent paid for thanks to business donations of materials and labor and a \$17,500 grant from Wells Fargo Bank, said Linda Fleming, who coordinated the project for Magic Valley Habitat for Humanity. The home will be one of almost 30 houses featured in this year's Parade of Homes, which takes place Friday through Sunday and June 23-25.

Fleming said the best part of the project will come June 28, when the O'Viedo family will

Habitat for Humanity

- To read more about Habitat for Humanity and Home Builders Blitz 2006, visit the organization's Web site at www.habitat.org.
- For a list of donors to the Buhl blitz home, see page C2.

take over the mortgage and can start unpacking boxes and stocking cupboards.

"There is nothing better than giving them the keys," Fleming said.

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Wiretap laws apply to Internet phones

By Kim Hart
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Companies that provide Web-based telecommunications services must allow wiretapping by law enforcement officials, a federal appeals court ruled Friday.

The ruling upholds a Federal Communications Commission decision that companies such as Vonage, the country's largest provider of Internet phone service, are under the same legal obligation as telephone companies.

The requirement for a wiretap-compatible system could mean higher expenses for broadband service companies, and marks the further spread of regulation into Internet phone services.

The FCC issued its ruling based on Department of Justice concerns that new technology would not accommodate police wiretaps under the 1994 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, known asCALEA.

Judge David Sentelle, writing for a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C.

Circuit, said that the FCC "offered a reasonable interpretation" of the law.

In dissent, Judge Harry Edwards argued the law should not apply to information services such as broadband Internet phone providers, also known as voice over Internet protocol, or VOIP.

The law "does not give the FCC unlimited authority to regulate every telecommunications service that might conceivably be used to assist law enforcement," he wrote.

The American Council on Education, worried that the FCC directive would place new costs on university networks, challenged the FCC decision and argued that information services should be exempt from the law.

The court ruled that private networks, such as those at universities, are exempt.

Peer-to-peer communications, such as instant messaging programs, are also beyond the law's reach because they communicate between computers.

Matthew Brill, a lawyer with Latham & Watkins LLP in Washington who argued the case,

said he was disappointed the FCC ruling was upheld but "pleased the court recognized the law exempts private networks, which was one of our goals."

He said he is considering whether to appeal.

The requirement for equipment compatible with government surveillance could "impose significant costs to anyone who wants to install a (commercial) broadband network," said Philip Welsen, a professor of law and telecommunications at the University of Colorado.

"Any provider of broadband networks now needs to make accounts wire-tappable," he said. "That's not the way they're engineered and it's certainly not the cheapest way."

Those costs most likely will squeeze company profits rather than be passed on to customers, said Blair Levin, who analyzes telecommunication regulation for Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., a financial services firm.

"The trend is to bring the Internet voice business model into parity with traditional voice business models, and that trend will continue," he said.

Deadline coming up for rural broadband grant

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Applications for matching grants under the state's Rural Idaho Broadband Investment program must be submitted no later than June 23.

The \$5 million program, developed by the Legislature during the 2006 session, offers grants of up to 50 percent of the cost of projects that will provide broadband Internet service to potential new customers in rural Idaho. The grants, on a cost-reimbursement basis, are capped at \$1 million for any specific project. To be eligible, applicants must be a legal entity in good standing and authorized to conduct business in the state of Idaho as an incorporated organization, cooperative or limited liability company organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis, a local unit of government or an Indian tribe or tribal organization. Guidelines for submitting proposals to the Idaho Department of Commerce, and labor at <http://idaho.gov> under "What's New."

Project proposals must be postmarked on or before June 23 and mailed to: Jay Engstrom, Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor, 317 W. Main St., Boise, Idaho 83735-0820.

MONEY

Habitat's helpers

Here is a list of businesses, individuals and organizations who donated materials, labor, food and drink to the Magic Valley Habitat for Humanity project in Buhl. Thanks to donations, the project was 100 percent paid for by Linda Fleming, who coordinated the project.

Blip Promoters
Honested Properties
Locally Owned Radio
Signs Now
Inkdays
Sawtooth Door Company
Lighting Concepts
Pallets
Silver Sage Realty
Western Farm Services
Ferguson
Magic Valley Bank
Chamber of Commerce
Quality Trust and Lumber
West End Men's Association
Perkins
Simple Cleaning Solutions
Pacific Steel and Recycling
Stock Building Supplies
D'S Onks Restaurant
Intermittent Gas
R & S Supply
Columbia Park
Pittsburg Lumber
Fred Meyer
Independent M&T
Swannart
S & G Produce
Treasure Valley Coffee
Pepsi-
Coca-Cola
Magic Valley Bank
Albertson's
Church of God in Christ
Mennonite
8th Street Center
United Methodist Church
Dominic's Pizza
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Pittsburg Lumber
Renter Center
Prescott Refrigeration
Barnes and Noble
Fire Freighters
Grocery Outlet.

Source: Magic Valley Habitat for Humanity

Marriott re-imagines bars as destinations

By Michael S. Rosewald
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In its heyday, Studio 54 in New York was the hottest nightclub in the world. Guests danced on a floor decorated with the man in the moon with a spoon. On the balconies they did more than drink. Celebrities controlled dark corners. One devoted Mormon dropped in. His name was J.W. Marriott Jr.



J.W. Marriott Jr. doesn't drink alcohol, but that doesn't stand in the way of his hotels, including the Ritz-Carlton in the District of Columbia, launching a dramatic makeover of lobby bars, looking to make them a destination.

He has juggled priorities to be faithful to his religion, but serve his customers — on trips to places like Studio 54. Now Marriott International executives are drawing on what their 74-year-old chief executive has learned in a lifetime of checking out the next big thing, only to watch it fizzle.

He went spending money — a destination with plenty of opportunities throughout the day for guests to employ their expense accounts. "You're going to turn a loss into a gain," said John Williams, president of DiamondRock Hospitality Co., which owns several Marriott hotels and will include the new bar functions. "You are making a unit of the hotel more functional, more efficient, and more responsive to the customer needs of today."

The bar updates are in many ways a natural extension of other changes big hotel companies have made. "They did the hotel guest room and they did the destination restaurants and now the focus is on the bar," said Stacey Shoemaker Tauson, the managing editor of Hospitality Design magazine, a trade publication. "Hotels have the full attention of their guests, so why not make better use of the bar and lobby?"

The changes will be introduced over the next year or so in 35 hotels, though executives declined to say which ones. A broader rollout will follow as individual hotels make capital improvements. "We have a generation traveling today that wants to get out of their guest room and be in the lobby," he said. "Maybe they are down there to have a drink. Maybe they are down there to be on the computer. Or to network. I hate to say this, but noise is a big factor. The noisier places are the more businesses they seem to do. I don't get it but it's true."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 625 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are a 1,115 largest. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

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Stocks plunge as rate worries loom

By Christopher Wang Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street extended its monthlong fretted Monday as inflation fears kept investors on edge following hefty losses last week, the worst so far in 2006.

A late-day sell-off dragged the Dow Jones industrial average down nearly 100 points and put the Nasdaq composite index at a seven-month low.

Investors have been reluctant to buy stocks here since the Federal Reserve said in early May that record oil prices could require higher interest rates to keep prices from climbing elsewhere.

But recent signs of slowing economic growth now have Wall Street worried that too many rate hikes could send the economy sliding. Trading was expected to be skittish this week ahead of wholesale and consumer price data, which might bring clues about whether the Fed will boost rates again at its June 28-29 meeting.

Declining issues outpaced new issues, with the Dow Jones industrial average falling 100.34 points to 11,642.90.

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Broader stock indicators also retreated. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 15.89, or 1.27 percent, to 1,236.41, closing in a negative territory for the first time this year; the Nasdaq 100 fell 2.01, or 0.25 percent, to 2,091.32.

The Nasdaq has declined just over 10 percent from its recent high on May 9, reflecting speculation that the tech industry will suffer in the wake of an economic downturn.

However, while the market rebounded from a correction, it also means that a bear market — in which stocks decline 20 percent or more — is also a possibility. Neither

Brothers Holdings Inc. (tumble to \$3.60 to \$62.01) despite second-quarter earnings. Rival Goldman Sachs Group Inc. was expected to release its results Tuesday; its shares fell \$4.89 to \$145.

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Table of mutual fund prices including various investment funds.

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Large table of mutual fund prices and performance data.

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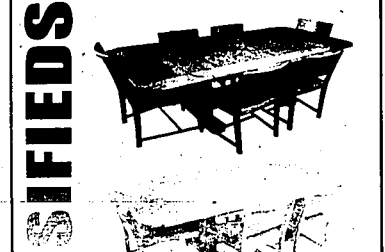


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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On September 06, 2006, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., of said day, at the front entrance of First American Title Insurance Company, 250 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, state of Idaho, and described as follows: to wit: Township 11 south, Range 15 east, Boree Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 1: A parcel of land located in Government Lot 3, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said section 1, Thence north 89°47'30" east along the north boundary of the northwest quarter of section 1 for a distance of 1323.54 feet to the northwest corner of Government Lot 3, thence south 00°09'37" east along the west boundary of Government Lot 3 for a distance of 661.42 feet to the true point of beginning; thence north 89°47'30" east parallel with the north boundary of Government Lot 3 for a distance of 662.48 feet; thence south 00°12'19" east along the east boundary of the west one-half of Government Lot 3 for a distance of 662.00 feet; thence south 89°47'30" west parallel with the north boundary of the northwest quarter of section 1 for a distance of 663.20 feet to a point on the west boundary of Government Lot 3, thence north 00°09'37" west along the west boundary of Government Lot 3 for a distance of 662.00 feet to the true point of beginning. Together with a 50.00 foot wide access easement for the purpose of ingress and egress, said easement being adjacent to and on the eastern side of the west boundary of the north one-half of the east one-half of the Government Lot 3. Subject to a 50.00 foot wide access easement for the purpose of ingress and egress, said easement being adjacent to and on the western side of the south 100.00 feet on the east boundary of the described parcel. Commonly known as 2037 B East 3500 North Filer ID 83328. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Pat Scheer, A Married Man As His Sole and Separate Property as Grantor, to Twin Falls Title & Escrow, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, recorded September 15, 2004, as Instrument No. 2004-019590. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due December 1, 2005 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$129,013.60, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. First American Title Insurance Company C/O Cal-western Reconveyance Corporation P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon Ca 92022-9004 (600)546-1531 Dated: May 08, 2006 First American Title Insurance Company Signature By Kathleen M. Mayrle, Asst. Sec. R-127411.

PUBLISH: May 30, June 6, 13 and 20, 2006



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South Locust Mini Storage, 197 S. Locust, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 will sell entire contents of 5 storage units by sealed bids. Bids will be accepted 6:00 through 9:10 AM. Stored items to be removed 6:17:06 by 10:00 PM.
Randy Humphries, Unit 45, last known address is 15162 Addison Ave. E, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Laura Parkins, Unit 131, last known address is 554 Baker Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
David Burton Unit 135, last known address is PO Box 945, Twin Falls, ID 83303.
Mike Blabarn, Unit 147, last known address is PO Box 627, Twin Falls, ID 83303.
Ruben & Zaral Gomez, Unit 170, last known address is PO Box 2548, Haisley, ID 83333.

AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT NOTICE OF CORRECTION OF ASSESSMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Directors of the American Falls Reservoir District did levy an assessment effective on the 5th day of June, 2006, upon all the lands in the District for the purpose of defraying the expense of the care, operation and management of the District's affairs, payment of officers and salaries of employees, and the maintaining and operation of the property of the District for year 2006; that the assessment so made had been extended against and entered in an appropriate column of the assessment roll, and the Board of Directors of the American Falls Reservoir District will meet as a Board of Correction at the office of the District, 1035 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, July 10, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of correcting any error in said assessment roll and of making such changes as may be necessary to make the roll conform to the fact, and the assessments made by this roll will be reviewed by the Board of Correction at the request of any person interested.

By order of the Board of Directors of the American Falls Reservoir District,
June 7, 2006
John A. Lamborn, Secretary, Board of Directors
AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT

PUBLISH: June 13 and 27, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are a part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this news paper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT
Please address all legal advertising to:
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Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

In compliance with Idaho Code IDAPA 58-01-17-4005, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) has scheduled a 15-day period of availability wherein the public may request to review and submit comments on draft Wastewater Reuse Permit for Seneca Foods, Inc. (permit no. LA-00018-E-03). The draft permit specifies loading rate limits and monitoring requirements designed to protect public health and water quality. Copies of draft permit and supporting documents are available for review, upon request, at the following locations:
● IDEQ's State and Twin Falls Regional offices
● IDEQ's Web site, in PDF format, at www.deq.idaho.gov/Applications/NewsApp
● Written comments must be submitted to the contact name below by 5 p.m., MST, Tuesday, June 20, 2006.
Submit questions, requests, and/or written comment to:
Olga Cuzmanov
DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office
138 Filmore St.
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Phone: 208-736-2190
Email: olga.cuzmanov@deq.idaho.gov

PUBLISH: in Times News June 9, 13, 15, & 19, 2006.

101 Lost and Found

FOUND dog, Springer Spaniel on Sat., 6/10, 3-4 year old, neutered, male, 208-431-8172.
FREE Mini Pinscher to a good home. Little 7 year old male. Call 208-431-8172.
LOST (2) dogs, 5 mo. old female German Shepherd/Dobberman and a 4 mo. old male St. Bernard/Water Hydrad. Blue Lakes Circle area in Twin Falls. Owner misses very much. Call 208-430-8895.
LOST Alaskan Malamute in Mini-Cassia area Female, 2-3 yrs. old, mostly black, green collar. She is shy around strangers. Reward \$200. Please call 208-654-2819.
LOST Cat, black & white, female, spayed, declawed. Belongs to a 3 year old boy. Reward! Call 208-733-1007 or 208-681-0448
LOST cat, gray and white, last seen June 5 near Twin Falls High School. Call 208-539-9034
LOST cat, male, black tuxedo. Name, white mustache. Declawed. Last seen NW of Wendon. Call 538-1296.

101 Lost and Found

LOST Pekingeser! Tri-color (white and tan) female, short hair, and black one with white on chest, long hair, wearing neon green black checked out collar. Last seen on Elm St. Reward! 404-4497
LOST Shih Tzu female, black & white, groomed, purple collar, South of Berry's Market in Twin Falls. Reward! 208-326-4078 or 208-358-0945
LOST Wallet at or near city park during Tuesday Days. Please call 208-368-4330.
LOST white envelope on Eastland Dr., contained cash and bank deposit slips. Reward! Call 731-0763.

LOST keys, in the Blake St. area in Twin Falls on 5/20. Reward! Call 208-539-1906.

LOST kitten, male, gray & black, Tabby, with white chest and feet, 2 months old. Phone 733-4465 or 420-4465

LOST or missing Australian Shepherd, small pup. Mixed colors, gray, black and white, male, missing south of Twin Falls on 06/06. Large reward for Return. Call 208-539-4818 or 423-5430

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V. EASY #68
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page C-11.

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106 Professional Services

House cleaning
Call Leona
208-324-5208
We are a local retail agency. Bankruptcy preparer office. Call 731-1225
Chapler 1-866-638-2399.

114 Miscellaneous Services

DRAFTING & DESIGN. Low cost for residential. 208-308-9580
115 Community Events
Open House at the Community Sports Center 6/17/2006 11am-5pm. HURRY!
Thrift Store Spectacular. Fill a bag of clothes for only \$2.00/bag. You pick what you'd like & we'll bag it. Free hot dogs & chips, soda only. 25 cents. Donations are appreciated. Hope to see you there! 1409 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls

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Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept

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Do-It-Yourself Ideas



Glider Settee

This classic glider settee seats two to three adults. Features an adjustable sunshade and, with its gentle back-and-forth motion, will likely be a favorite for many summers to come. Step-by-step directions and straightforward construction techniques make this a good project for both amateur and experienced do-it-yourselfers. The completed glider measures 51-in. long by 24-in. deep by 65 in. tall.

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Automotive
 Car Wash help wanted for AVIS Car Rentals at the Twin Falls Air-ports. 25-30 hours. Must be at least 18 years, valid drivers license. Apply in person from 9-12pm at 824 Airport Loop.

Automotive
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CONSTRUCTION
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CONSTRUCTION
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COOK
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COSMETOLOGY
 Nail Tech and hair stylist, lease or commission. Call Roni 308-4441

DAIRY
 Experienced Milkers needed. Also Outside Dairy help. Year round, housing available, great salary DOE. Fill out application at 2588 E 3500 N Twin Falls, ID 208-733-0578

DAIRY
 Herd Manager for 1200 cow farm. Team leader for herd health, calves, 6035, and milk quality. Salary DOE with house. Fax resume to 609-829-6060

DISPATCH
 Experienced Dispatchers needed for Jerome based long haul trucking company. 11-wk/week operation. Send resume to Box 91170 c/o The Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303

DRIVER
 Bus Driver to drive shuttle van, to/from Salt Lake, Utah. Part-time or full-time. Class B CDL preferred. Call Kathy at 208-539-1158.

DRIVER
 Gilmer Milk Transportation is looking for OTR Drivers for our vans and trailers. Starting pay is 35¢ a mile with benefits & 401k and health insurance after 90 days. Please call 877-324-3515 between 9am-5pm ask for Tim or Dave.

DRIVER
 Immediate opening for 1 driving position. Over-the-road experience Minimum 2 years. Home nights, Utah & Wyoming. Call 423-8800

CLERICAL
 General office position computer experience helpful. Shoehone 868-2828.

COMPUTER
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CONSTRUCTION
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CONSTRUCTION
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200 Employment

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DRIVERS
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DRIVERS
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DRIVERS
 Class B CDL. Concrete Trucks. Experience CDL. Permitted or willing to train. Excellent benefits. Health insurance and 401k. Apply at Kloeppfer Inc., 751 Madison St. S. Twin Falls, ID 505 E. Ellis in Paul. DOE

DRIVERS
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DRIVERS
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 Attn: Kent Schmitz
 The Times-News
 PO Box 64
 Twin Falls, ID 83301
 or e-mail resume and cover letter to: kent@magvalley.com

200 Employment

DRIVERS
 Taylor Trucking Inc. Class CDL tanker. Local milk haul. Benefits. 316-1120. 543-8044 or 316-1030

EDUCATION
 The Cascade Joint School District #417 advertising for one full time teaching position. Applicants need to have one of the following teaching endorsements: Secondary Math (6-12) Foreign Language (Spanish) Reading (6-12) JV Volleyball. This posting will remain open until filled. For more information and/or to request an application please contact Brenda Thompson District Clerk Cascade Joint School Dist. #417 500 Main St. Caldwell, ID 83301 208-637-6511 bthompson@412.k12.id.us

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 Journeyman Electrician and Apprentices needed for Roberts Electric. Highest residential & commercial construction in the Twin Valley area. Full-time year round employment. Benefits include vacation, bonus insurance. Pride in insurance ownership. Fax resume to Howard Royal at 208-788-3238 or call 208-788-3238 for more info.

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200 Employment

EDUCATION
 Gooding School Dist. is now accepting applications for the following positions:
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 Customer Service FT position. EOE, Competitive benefit package - applications available at our website gooding.k12.id.us or by calling 834-4321. Applications taken until position is filled.

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NEWSPAPER CIRCULATION
 The Times-News is accepting applications for a full-time District Manager in the Burley area. The successful candidate must be able to work weekends, be dependable, have a good driving record and have excellent time management skills. An outgoing personality is a plus. This entry level management position includes responsibilities in managing youth and adult classes, sales promotions, and providing excellent customer service. For consideration interested applicants need to submit a completed application to:
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<p>• 1200-1415 Fremont Dr. • 500-700 Lynnwood Blvd. SIGN ON BONUS! TWIN FALLS</p>	<p>• 100-800 El Camino Ave. • 500-600 Phasant Hill Dr. • 1100-1500 Valencia St. TWIN FALLS</p>	<p>• 1200-1600 Evergreen Dr. • 1200-1500 Holly Dr. (Hwy. 160/PT ROUTE) TWIN FALLS</p>
<p>• 2750-2900 Elizabeth Blvd. • 2800-2900 4th Ave. E. • 2800-2900 Deason Dr. TWIN FALLS</p>	<p>• 1700-1800 Borah Ave. N. • 350-500 Madrona St. N. E. SIGN ON BONUS! TWIN FALLS</p>	<p>• 400-500 Billingside Dr. • 2700-2800 Paintbrush Dr. • 200-500 Trotter Dr. TWIN FALLS</p>
<p>• 200-300 8th Ave. E. • 100-700 8th Ave. E. JEROME</p>	<p>• 600-800 9th Ave. E. Olympia - Teton Mountain View Dr.-Teton Dr. JEROME</p>	<p>• 2400-2500 Ackerman Av. • 350-400 Carriage Ln. • 2400-2500 Ironwood Ave. TWIN FALLS</p>
<p>• 500-900 19th Ave. E. • 400-900 20th Ave. E. JEROME</p>	<p>• 1000-1300 Nevada St. • 1000-1300 1st St. SIGN ON BONUS GOODING</p>	<p>• 100-1100 Wyoming St. • 100-700 Montana St. GOODING</p>
<p>• Motor Route SIGN ON BONUS WENDELL</p>	<p>• 100-900 Center St. E. • 100-300 Irene St. • Pine St. KIMBERLY</p>	<p>Shoehone town Rt. \$400 - \$450 Every 4 weeks FILER</p>

Call now for more information about routes available in your area!

Jerome, Valley, Shoehone, Gooding

200 Employment

FARM Full-time Farm Hand experience in all aspects of potato production. Call 208-282-1915

FARM HAND FT year round, irrigation, equipment, fencing, no housing. Call 208-308-0654

GENERAL DISCOVERY

Immediate Availability for Day and Swing Shift Positional No Sales Involved, Salary Research Calls Only

GENERAL DEMONSTRATORS NEEDED No sales people to work week ends in grocery stores in the Jerome area...

GENERAL Part-time Stand Operator, Contractors needed. Burley Rupert, Gooding and TF locations.

GENERAL Local moving company immediate need for a Mover with Class C Driver...

GENERAL Part-time Activities/Marketing Person needed for Rosette Assisted Living.

GENERAL Woodworking shop in Carey is hiring for a full time Saw Operator...

200 Employment

GENERAL Truck repair, 2 post lifts, 2" sh. Shift Supervisor & Diesel Mechanic...

HAIR STYLIST Open/Evening Part Time Stylist Hourly wage \$7.50-\$12

HEALTHCARE Part-time, willing to work nights, Cook/Housekeeper for residential care facility...

HOTEL Days Inn Management Has openings for Night Auditor

INSTALLERS ATTENTION SATELLITE SUB CONTRACTORS Skilled/Semi-Skilled

GENERAL Full-time Farm Hand experience in all aspects of potato production.

200 Employment

MANAGER Nurse Abuse Manager wanted for agricultural seed facility...

MEAT CUTTER Relief Meat Cutter Must have 2+ years of able transportation to work...

MEDICAL Full-time Receptionist/ Surgery Scheduler/Patient Rep. Needed at local plastic surgeons office...

MEDICAL AACC Nursing Agency RN's up to \$45hr LPN's up to \$39hr

MEDICAL Marketing Director / Nurse Liaison The Ideal candidate will have a strong marketing background...

MEDICAL TWIN FALLS Care Center Full-time and part-time RN's and LPN's

MEDICAL Billing clerk. Experience preferred. Call Dr. Davis in Sheehon...

MEDICAL Central Idaho Medical Assistant Dr. for private practice in women's health...

MEDICAL Full-time and part-time RN's and LPN's. Complete package including PTO & 401k

MEDICAL TWIN FALLS Care Center Full-time and part-time RN's and LPN's

MEDICAL Director of Nursing Services Needed in the beautiful Sheehon Falls area...

MEDICAL SunBridge Healthcare Director of Nursing Services Needed in the beautiful Sheehon Falls area...

200 Employment

MANUFACTURING Manufacturing plant looking for full-time General Laborers.

MEDICAL RN's, LPN, AIDES SEEKER for General Health & Hospice. Expanding company needs...

OFFICE ASSISTANT The Cassia County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Burley, Idaho is accepting applications...

PAINTER Exp. proper needed for new construction painting. Pay DOE. 539-3797

PROFESSIONAL IDAHO HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE IH&H is currently looking for a full-time Community Relations Professional...

RECEPTIONIST Busy Chiropractor seeking positive, confident Receptionist. Good people skills are a must.

200 Employment

PROFESSIONAL Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Specialist in Burley. Start \$14-16.20. Call 208-876-3350

RESTAURANT Counter Person Lunch & dinner shifts. Apply in person at Prasa's The Cuisine, 428 2nd Ave. E

RESTAURANT Flying J is seeking motivated individuals to join our team for Servers & Cooks

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"What does little birdie say
In her nest at peep of day?"
—Tennyson

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Today's deal is from the "Finishing into the Safe Hand" chapter. West leads the club six against three non-trump. South, who can count eight certain tricks, holds off his ace until the third round.

The only suit from which the ninth trick can come is diamonds. And the percentage play with eight cards between two hands, missing the queen, is to finesse. But other considerations come into the reckoning here. From the play of the first three tricks, West is known to have started with five clubs, as East showed out on the third round. Therefore finessing into West, the danger hand, is fraught with peril.

If West started life with the guarded diamond queen, the contract is doomed anyway. What needs to be avoided is losing to the doubleton diamond queen in West. As it happens, playing the ace, then king, of diamonds brings forth the queen — and 10 tricks. And East had held the queen-fourth of diamonds all along? With the lead in dummy, a low diamond to the required nine tricks, without danger of any return having the contract.

NORTH 06-13-A
♥ K 8 3
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K 7 5 4
♠ 8 7 4

WEST ♥ J 2
♦ J 6 5 2
♣ Q 8
♠ K J 9 6 2

EAST ♥ Q 10 7 6 4
♦ 9 8 7
♣ 10 9 6
♠ Q 5

SOUTH ♥ A 9 5
♦ A K 3
♣ A J 3 2
♠ A 10 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South
The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Club six

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♥ J 2
♦ J 6 5 2
♣ Q 8
♠ K J 9 6 2

South West North East
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

ANSWER: Rebid two no-trump. In the old days using two no-trump as a second negative on this auction was very popular. These minor 'd in this case three clubs over a bid of two of a major by partner, but three diamonds over a three-club rebid) to show fewer than five high-card points. Two no-trump here lets partner describe his hand economically, while promising bits and pieces here and there.

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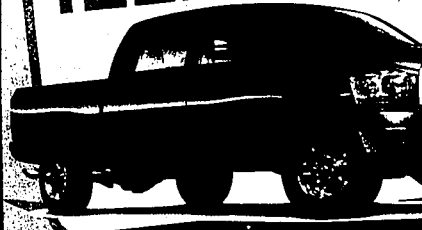
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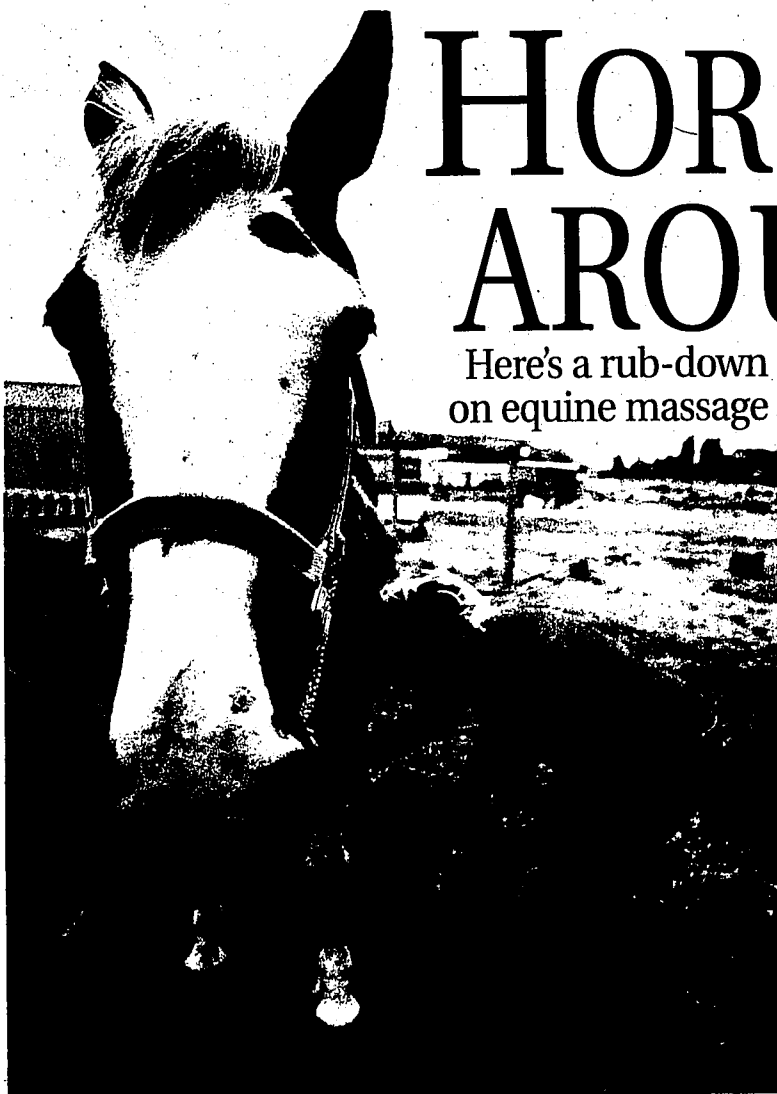
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Here's a rub-down
on equine massageBy Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — About 10 minutes into her massage, Mia closed her eyes, lowered her head and whinnied.

Apparently, a good rubdown feels wonderful whether you've got four legs or two.

At least that's what Melissa Bench, a Jerome-based equine massage therapist, claims. Bench has been kneading horse knots — for her mares Mia and Shadow and dozens of other Magic Valley horses — for 17 years.

Equine massage is a holistic trend growing in this area. The College of Southern Idaho recently began offering an equine massage class for credit. (Bench is an instructor.) Massage therapists are popping up at rodeos, and some sport-horse trainers swear by it. Massage produces better performing, more relaxed animals, proponents claim.

Still, not everyone is hitched to the massage wagon, especially veterinarians who are wary of anyone without medical training manipulating a horse.

"It's certainly not mainstream," said John Stingl, a large-animal vet in Jerome. "I don't incorporate it into my practice because I don't have any schooling in that area. And I'm not aware of any vets who use massage."

Idaho requires no license to practice horse massage. However, the Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine, a state government regulatory agency, stipulates that people offering the service cannot claim that massage treats, prevents or cures any disease.

"Massage therapists need to represent what they do as basically a feel-good procedure," said Karen Ewing, management assistant for the IBVM.

The board sends cease-and-desist letters to those found in violation of the law. Ewing said she is aware of only a handful of equine massage therapists receiving such letters in recent years.

"There is definitely a stigma around (alternative horse medicine)," Bench said, "especially around equine chiropractors. Because if you don't know what you're doing, you can cause serious damage."

Bench nearly gave up equine massage several years ago out of fear she'd get in trouble. But after weighing her options, she decided to stick with it.

Bench has an associate's degree in equine science and attended equine massage school in Virginia. The horses in her hands, however, don't seem to care about credentials — evidenced by rolling eyes, satisfied neighs and gentle nudges with wet noses.

Bench begins by feeling along the pole (the area between a horse's ears), down its neck, along the withers (between the shoulder blades) and across the length of the back for tight spots. She also moves the head back and forth. If the horse resists, Bench knows she's found a sore spot. Once she locates the trouble areas, Bench sets to work with a series of hand movements: gentle circles with her fingertips, kneading motions or a combination of both. Sometimes she even pounds on the horse with her fists. Bench uses about 20 different strokes depending on the knot and its location.

During a session last week, Shadow took pleasure in a face massage. The horse closed its eyes and leaned its neck toward Bench as she stroked Shadow's face.

When Bench finished about five minutes later, Shadow leaned in for more — even ignoring the green grass which she'd been munching earlier.

Achoof! Shadow, sneezed.

"Sometimes they do that after a face massage because I've opened up the sinuses," Bench said.

If a horse could smile, Shadow would have. She looked nearly asleep on her feet. And that's the reaction Bench looks for.

"Whatever I can do to help animals — I'm going to do it," she said. One knot at a time.

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To learn more about the class, call Jim Knight, director of the college's horse-management program, at 732-6414.

With limited spots, the class fills up quickly.

Equine massage therapist Melissa Bench of Jerome moves her hands along Shadow's legs, gently feeling out the pressure points. Bench says massage benefits her horses' physical and mental well-being.



1. Melissa Bench demonstrates the 'pole exercise' in the area between Shadow's ears.



2. Shadow remains docile as Bench gives her a neck rub.



3. Applying gentle pressure during the 'spinal rock' — in the area where a saddle is placed on a horse — may loosen deep knots, Bench says. Evidence that it is working: The horse begins to chew or lick its lips.

The right moves

Try these simple massage techniques on your horse

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — Not everyone thinks equine massage is a good thing. But those who do swear their horses are more docile, better athletes and generally happier than horses that don't get an occasional rubdown.

Equine massage therapist Melissa Bench periodically massages her horses, especially after long mountain rides, with these simple techniques.

Don't worry — she said they're safe and easy enough for people to try on their own horses. However, if your horse resists, do not continue. Resistance may be evidence of a medical condition that requires the attention of a veterinarian.

your palms in a squeezing motion. Find a tight spot? Continue the squeezing hand motion in that area until the muscle releases.

3. The spinal rock

Stand to one side of the horse. With hands flat on the spine — where you would put the saddle — rock your arms back and forth. Don't be afraid to put some weight into it — you're trying to reach deep tissue here. Continue to push and pull with your open hands until, you guessed it, your horse licks his lips.

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1. The pole exercise

The pole (the area between the ears), Bench said, is the most abused area on a horse. It makes sense then, that it needs the most attention. Using the index and middle fingertips on both hands, make gentle circles on either side of the uppermost neck vertebrae. Concentrate on the area where the bridle would normally rest. Continue massaging gradually outward toward the ears. If your horse licks his lips, it's a sign he's enjoying the massage.

2. The neck rub

Horses have long necks, which means more area for sore spots. With fingers on one side of the neck and palms on the other, feel down the length of the neck for sore spots by closing your fingers toward



When a horse resists, Mia licks her lips and reacts nervously to Melissa Bench's light touch on a pressure point, Bench says one should not continue with that particular spot.

COUNTRY ROADS



A zebra keeps watch on a photographer as others feed at Duane Gilbert's ranch March 9 in Castle Dale, Utah. The black-and-white stripes can turn to a gray blur quickly when the animals are spooked, which isn't hard to do.

Few breeders tackle temperamental zebras

CASTLE DALE, Utah (AP) — Raising zebras is hardly as simple as black and white.

The striped equines are still wild animals at heart, leaving only a few patient and experienced breeders that offer the animals for a small market of buyers in the U.S.

"Not everybody in town has one. Everybody in town should have one," breeder Duane Gilbert says with a grin. "They're neat."

"They're also quite temperamental, so maybe not everybody is ready for one. While zebras look like their domesticated cousin the horse, the black-and-white stripes can turn to a gray blur quickly when the animals are spooked, which isn't hard to do."

Gilbert has about 40 zebras at his central Utah ranch. They look right at home, grazing on the grassy plain with a scenic backdrop of red mesas. The only thing that looked out of place was a layer of spring snow, which Gilbert said the zebras get used to.

"When it gets down to 10 degrees, they'll go in the shed. Above that, they like staying out," Gilbert said. "They have sheds available all the time so they can go in and out."

Gilbert is the only registered zebra breeder in Utah and one of just a few in the country. The U.S. Department of Agriculture doesn't register breeders by animal, but the American Donkey and Mule Society keeps a registry of zebra bloodstock and hybrid offspring. The Texas-based organization said that at one time, it had about a dozen members raising zebras and zebra hybrids, but that's down to just a handful.

"It's not for beginners," said Leah Patton, the society's office manager. "There's probably more people who think they want them, but don't have the experience to deal with them." A few have learned the hard way.

James Cox has about 20 adult zebras on his ranch in Arcadia, La., halfway between Shreveport and Monroe. He remembers buying a zebra stud four years ago for \$7,500, only to see his investment become startled and run head first into a tree, breaking its neck.



A zebra feeds at Duane Gilbert's ranch March 9 in Castle Dale, Utah. The striped equines are still wild animals at heart, leaving only a few patient and experienced breeders who offer the animals in the U.S.

"The difference between a horse and a zebra is a horse will think before he does and a zebra will do before he thinks," Cox said.

Still, Cox hasn't given up on zebras. He said he's as stubborn as the animals he raises and plans on doing it the rest of his life.

"I can still get up on a fence pretty fast if I have to," he said. "Some breeders opt to raise a cross between a zebra and a donkey — sometimes called a "zedonk" — that can have the stripes of a zebra and the calmer disposition of a donkey. A well-trained hybrid can be tame enough to ride or work just like a mule. But trying to saddle a pure zebra would be asking for a kick or a bite."

In addition to their sometimes nasty tempers, zebras aren't a sure thing to breed. Patton said it takes zebras five years to reach breeding age, so the time and cost just isn't worth it to some. And then there are picky studs, who may not breed with the mares they're presented. The frustration is enough to quickly drive newcomers away.

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swift," Cox said of new breeders. "You've got to sort of think like a zebra to get along with them."

For the few diehard breeders, such as Cox and Gilbert, there's something about the novelty of raising an animal most people only see on television or in a zoo.

Gilbert sells to petting zoos or people who want a zebra. He said small males average about \$2,500 and females can go for twice that.

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Mulch mounds are killing trees

By Scott Aker
 Special to The Washington Post

Question: What are your views on mulching trees? In our subdivision, the landscaper hired by the homeowners association follows the common practice of dressing the base of the trees with a mound of shredded hardwood mulch. Besides looking absurd, this mulch cannot be healthy for the trees, I believe. I am tired of my dues paying to replace sick trees that have died or fallen over. I've tried contacting the authorities in charge, only to be told that I should write a letter explaining why it is bad for the trees when it "looks so nice," and they will "consider the matter." Am I right?

Answer: If I had the choice of eliminating one harmful gardening practice, it would be the mulch volcanoes that appear around trees. To some, it may look neat and tidy, but it ultimately results in tree decline and mortality. That "professionals" are doing it and giving it credence boggles the mind. The aim may be to preserve soil moisture in dry spells; the effect is the opposite: No rain can penetrate a foot-thick layer of mulch, and because the mulch is sloped away from the tree, it runs off. Thick mulch also promotes the growth of mats of fungi that shed water. In effect, the mound functions as an umbrella over the root zone. A trunk wound covered in mulch doesn't heal and becomes an entryway for pests and disease. Also, many trees actually send roots out into the mulch over time, in a desperate search for moisture. These often grow near the surface of the mulch and are subject to drought stress. A heavy layer of mulch may also harbor rodents that can injure the bark and major roots.

Often trees mulched in this way fail to develop a normal root flare, which works to buttress the trunk as the tree grows to maturity. Heavily mulched trees are more likely to be uprooted in a windstorm.

Mulch volcanoes are most injurious to young trees, and, unfortunately, that is where they are seen most often. If a newly planted tree is subjected to this treatment, the root ball may be completely shielded from any moisture, even if the area is irrigated heavily. Such trees may struggle to become established and often die within five years of planting.

The correct method is to form a circular ridge of soil at the edge of the root zone and then lightly mulch this saucer so that the soil and mulch together trap rainwater and feed it to the roots. Mulch should not touch the trunk.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Divide rhubarb in autumn, but not very often

The Washington Post

Question: I've had a patch of rhubarb for several years, but its stems are thinner than they used to be. Some folks have said to divide the clump. Is this done in the fall or spring?

Answer: Rhubarb does not need to be divided very often to stay healthy, but it is easy enough to split the roots if you want more plants. This is best done in early autumn, after the middle of September or as late as early November.

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Beekeepers battle hive-invading mites

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Every morning, Darren Cox rises at 8:30. After eating a quick breakfast, he drives to the 3,000 beehives he oversees in Cache Valley.

By the time he arrives, the bees are starting to stir, buzzing frantically.

It is an intimidating sound to most, but not to a fourth-generation beekeeper like Cox.

What is intimidating to him are insects much smaller than honeybees.

It's the varroa mite, which last year killed 700 of Cox's live populations or as many as 56 million bees. Each live contains between 60,000 and 80,000 bees.

"I'm hoping I don't lose more hives this year," said Cox, whose family owns Cox Honeyland & Gifts in Logan. He is one of many beekeepers in the state challenged by mites in a big way.

But 23,000 honeyproducing hives exist in Utah, up 5,000 from 2002, but down 9,000 from 1997. Numbers fluctuate year-to-year mostly due to beekeepers who buy and sell beehives, but also because of changing weather patterns and mites, said Rick Kestle, state statistician for the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

"The mite problem hasn't changed much since last year. It is still a serious problem," said Rosalind James, research leader at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bee Biology and Systematic Lab.

Mites begin their destructive work in the winter, she said. Queen bees lay their larva inside honeycombs. Worker bees feed the young brood, then seal each larva in a cocoon-like casing for winter, but not before the eight-legged varroa mite, barely visible to the naked eye, enters the larva, where it feeds on the developing bees.

Bees, though weakened from the mite attack, emerge from their shells in the spring, but so do additional mites which also have multiplied during the winter.

Untreated infestations of varroa mites will kill entire honeybee hives within two to three years of their initial attack. The problem is that over the past decade or so, mites have become increasingly resistant to chemical treatments that had originally killed their ancestors.

"There really isn't any good way to control the mite population," James said.

There are, however, at least two treatments that might be worth trying, said Weber County Bee Inspector Rex Heaton. One is a chemical strip called CheckMite. The other is Apistan.

North Ogden beekeeper Larry Florence uses both products and says they have helped protect his hives, though he does notice they are losing power over the varroa mite.

Fewer bees mean less pollination of essential crops.

"The pollination hasn't been as good this year as it has been in the past, at least not for early crops," said James Bruchial, Utah State agricultural extension agent.

Spring's wet weather might have something to do with that, he said, but so do the diminishing populations of honeybees. "Bees are important for what they do for agriculture beyond making honey," said Troy Fore, executive director of the American Beekeeping Federation in Jesup, Ga.

Fruit crops require insect pollination, and bees are the easiest insect to do that work, he said.

It is estimated that honeybees pollinate \$15 billion worth of crops every year in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Knight Ridder News Service

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Clematis is always worth waiting around for

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

Maurice Horn is holding up a potted clematis, three feet high and just coming into flower. "I'm tired of people being afraid," he says. "The vines are more than half the growth, losing all the blossoms and leaving a few stems poking out."

Is he crazy? No. It would be cruel, he insists, to plant something that has so much top growth and so little root development. "I'm giving you permission," he says in mock address to the infant vine, "to develop roots at your own rate."

In clematis season, we see the lofty flower not only in gardens but also in garden centers. Nothing quite lures the aimless shopper into an impulse purchase like a pretty vine in resplendent bloom.

Buy away, says Horn, co-founder of Joy Creek Nursery in Scappoose, Ore., whose mail-order catalog is known for its unusually broad clematis selection. But if May and June are fashioned with the out-of-season, big-flowered hybrids such as Jackmanii and Belle of Woking, remember that these merely decorate the portal to a world of clematis that has been barely explored by most gardeners.

This is possibly as exciting a time in clematis gardening as was the mid-19th century, with a number of top breeders delivering better plants and promising even more in the weeks ahead.

The British hybridizer Raymond Evison has tapped in to the mass market in the United States this decade with, first, his Garden Clematis series and, later, the Patio Clematis collection, bred to be short for growing in pots. Evison's are free-flowering varieties in rich shades of plum, white, violet and mauve, and they have the multiple stems that are characteristic of a good clematis.

I have tried both, and think the patio specimens make great plants for two or three years, but the grounded ones seem the choice for gardeners who want to develop the gargantuan old vines that are the hallmark of a seasoned landscape. Evison's plants are grown and distributed by Hines Horticulture and are widely available in independent garden centers. Horn sells a few of Evison's older creations, including a winter-flowering evergreen named Freckles for its purple spots on a cream-colored flower. But his catalog, which lists 312 varieties of clematis, also features vines developed by clematis gurus in Poland and Japan.

He says he is careful with Polish Spirit, so stout after three years that his efforts to drape a rhododendron with it backfired. It smothered the shrub with hundreds of blooms. With deep purple flowers and red stems, Polish Spirit is among more than 60 varieties introduced by a Jesuit from Warsaw, Brother Stefan Franczak. Another Franczak introduction in Horn's catalog is Emilia Plater, a late-summer bloomer with violet blooms and a vigorous growth habit, to 10 feet.

Horn seems most excited about the work of a deceased Japanese breeder named Kazushige Ozawa, who worked with American species to develop some of the smaller-flowered but long-blooming varieties that offer vigor, disease resistance and plants of different character to the big flowering vines. One of them is Rookguchi, with plum-colored, three-inch, bell-like flowers on a lax climber that will work where no rose dares to tread: in the shade garden.

Horn likes to let it scramble near golden hostas. "It's our No. 1 selling plant," he said. "It's the longest-blooming plant I know."

Cutting the top off a fresh plant may seem drastic, but Horn said good growers do this at least two years in a row. This triggers vigorous root growth and the multiple branching of stems, ultimately increasing the show of flowers but also providing insurance against clematis wilt, a disease prevalent in some large-flowered hybrids. The disease causes stems that are about to flower to collapse overnight, but with many stems a plant can shrug it off. Horn thinks that the wilt disease may enter stalks that have been cracked a bit by wind, especially if the vine has not been properly supported. Be careful how you handle the vines, and give them support before they grow.

With so many clematis now available, the problem becomes where to grow them. Certain trees and shrubs support some of the less dense vines. Horn says the floppy Purple Rain (Clematis recta) is useful for draping over a low fence.

Simple bamboo cane arches make effective supports, but the vine on the shadier side. The plant will grow toward the sun and fill the allotted frame.

For more information: American Clematis Society, www.clematis.org.

Location: Clematis roots need a site that is neither too dry nor too wet. This is achieved by digging a deep hole amended with compost-rich soil, preferably in a location shaded by a nearby shrub or low wall. Avoid a site that is poorly drained, too hot and dry, or with severe root competition. Most clematis varieties bloom best in full sunlight.

Establishing a vine: Clematis spends its first few seasons developing root growth before

putting energy into developing a large vine. In contrast to typical planting practices, set a new plant three inches below where it was growing in the pot. Take a deep breath and cut the stems back to 18 to 24 inches. These measures delay flowering for a year or two but will increase the long-term vigor and ornament of the mature plant.

Support: Arbors, fences, trellises and railings provide good support, but lower woody stems and

Caring for clematis
new growth will need tying with string each spring to prevent wind damage. Some gardeners grow clematis on shrubs and trees. Be careful not to do this with vigorous clematis, which will smother the host plant.

Feeding: Clematis should be fertilized and watered regularly. Reduce feeding during the flowering period to prolong blooms but continue to water freely.

Wilt: Clematis is prone to a wilt disease that affects some or all

of the stems. Wilted stems should be removed. A plant in complete wilt can be cut to the ground to regrow. To minimize wilt, avoid matching clematis and the stems to prevent wind damage. Smaller hybrids are generally more wilt-free.

Pruning: Early flowering hybrids should be trimmed lightly in early spring to prevent loss of flowering buds. Cut back mid- to late-season clematis to a low pair of buds in March.

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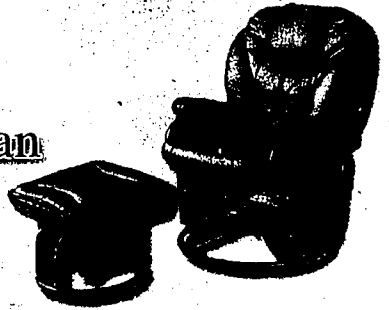
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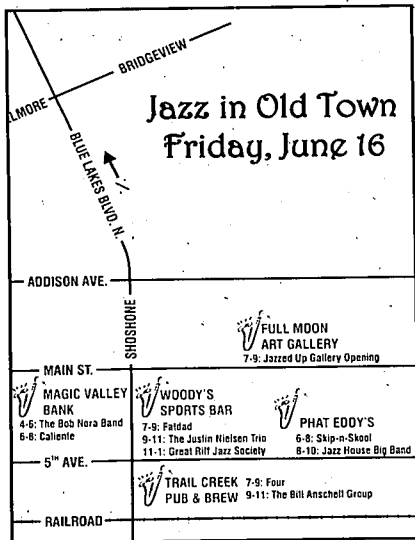
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