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Making sure every vote counts



Jon Hunt of Stephenson Computer Consulting, and Sharon Lancaster, chief deputy clerk for Twin Falls County, run a test on a ballot counting machine Monday at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.



Jon Hunt, of Stephenson Computer Consulting, cleans out a ballot counter Monday afternoon after a test of the machine. The test was preparation for today's elections in Twin Falls County.

City conducts practice run for today's election

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Jon Hunt, a consultant with Stephenson's Computer Consulting, shuffled some election ballots into a large machine. He pushed a button. He watched them shoot out the other side.

Then, repeat. Election officials for Twin Falls County and city gathered Monday at the Twin Falls County Courthouse to hold a public test of the Optec IV, the machine that counts the paper ballots. A public test is required for state and federal primary and general elections, but the city does it as a courtesy for people who are interested in seeing the machines work. "I'm kind of the hands-on

Online
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guy of this machine," said Hunt, who's handled elections since 1996, just after the test was verified by County Clerk Kristina Glascock and City Clerk Sharon Bryan. Glascock said the machine was to be locked up Monday night.

After the polls close at 8 p.m. today, the ballots will be transported to the courthouse, where they will be processed through the Optec

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Coverage online
The Times-News will provide up-to-the-minute results, live shows and analysis, and a chance for the public to participate, as part of its city election coverage on MagValley.com. Times-News opinion page

- 8:30 p.m. Russ Trimmayne, CSI associate professor of history
- 9:30 p.m. Gale Keelkopf, former Twin Falls City councilman and mayor.
- 10:30 p.m. Wrap up show.

Viewers can participate by submitting questions for the guests during the interviews. Results from city elections around the area will be posted on the site as soon as they come in.

Idaho Power plans 650-mile line expansion

Project raises
concerns about
electricity rates

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Two major utility companies have formally announced plans to build more than 650 miles of electric transmission lines through Magic Valley.

Idaho Power Co. and Rocky Mountain Power revealed plans Monday for the Gateway West transmission project, Idaho's largest power construction plan in 30 years. Gateway West could accommodate increasing demands on the Western power grid as Idaho's popula-

tion continues to boom, Idaho Power officials said. Much of Idaho's current transmission system is too small to carry the amount of electricity needed in its growing cities and suburbs.

New lines could lessen the chance of rolling blackouts, which nearly occurred this summer when record demands almost crippled the grid.

But the project could raise rates for customers, officials said, and conservation groups are concerned the lines might threaten dwindling wildlife species.

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Hollywood on hold as TV-writers go on strike

By Gary Gentile
Associated Press writer

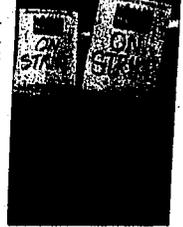
LOS ANGELES — Americans may be getting more sleep after Hollywood writers went on strike Monday and forced the nation's late-night talk shows to start airing reruns.

NBC said the "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" will immediately air repeats.

Still, Leno made an appearance at the Burbank picket, arriving on a motorcycle to visit strikers walking a picket line.

CBS said "The Late Show with David Letterman" will also offer repeats all week. The list of casualties includes every other major late-night show.

The first strike by Hollywood writers in nearly 20 years got under way with noisy pickets on both coasts after last-minute negotiations on Sunday failed to produce a deal on payments to writers from shows offered



Tina Fey and other members of the Writers Guild of America picket NBC headquarters in New York on Monday.

on the Internet. No new talks were scheduled, although the Writers Guild of America negotiating committee was set to meet Monday afternoon.

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Study: Lack of sleep may result in fatter children

By Caria A. Johnson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Here's another reason to get the kids to bed early: More sleep may lower their risk of becoming obese.

Researchers have found every additional hour per night a third-grader spends sleeping reduces the child's chances of being obese in sixth grade by 40 percent.

The less sleep they got, the more likely the children were to be obese in sixth grade, no matter what the child's weight was in third grade, said Dr. Julie Lumeng of the University of Michigan, who led the research.

If there was a magic number for the third-graders, it was nine hours, 45 minutes of

sleep. Sleeping more than that lowered the risk significantly.

The study gives parents one more reason to enforce bed-times, restrict caffeine and yank the TV from the bedroom. The study appears in the November issue of the *Journal of Pediatrics*. Lack of sleep plays havoc with two hormones that are the "yin and yang of appetite regulation," said endocrinologist Eve Van Cauter of the University of Chicago, who was not involved in the new study.

In experiments by Van Cauter and others, sleep-deprived adults produced more ghrelin, a hormone that promotes hunger, and less

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Complete weather report: See page B4

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CHURCH EVENTS

Paul Congregational Church annual harvest dinner... 5 to 8 p.m., at the church, 121 N. Second Ave. W.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magie Valley New Neighbors Club Luncheon... 11:30 a.m., St. Jerome's Hall, 216 Second Ave. E.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse... Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse... Blaine City Council, 7 p.m., community center...

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho Over 80 and Getting Fit programs... Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease... Life Line Screening, for stroke and osteoporosis...

MUSEUMS

"Mingle In the Jungle" free reptile review... Faulkner Planetarium "Joy World/Saving the Night/Sky Tour"

SCHOOLS

Parent/Teacher Conferences and book fair... Buhl Middle School, cswelch@buhlschools.org

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE NATION

WASHINGTON

Panel recommends recall power for FDA

An advisory commission created in response to concerns about recalls of dangerous toothpaste, dog food and toys will recommend to President Bush that the Food and Drug Administration be empowered to order mandatory recalls of products deemed a risk to consumers...



Protesters demonstrate the use of water boarding to volunteer Maboud Ebrahimi Zadeh, Monday in front of the Justice Department in Washington.

On Monday, about 25 protesters describing themselves as anti-war activists and actors responded with a demonstration of water-boarding that brought a volunteer to retching coughs and tears in less than four minutes.

lighter plane broke apart Friday in midair during a simulated dogfight. Although the 688 F-15s in the Air Force's arsenal gradually are being replaced by a new generation of aircraft — the F-22 — they remain the nation's most sophisticated front-line fighters.

The official said the CPSC would have greater recall authority, including the ability to stop products from entering the commerce stream before unsafe or unreliable products end up on the shelves.

A third recommendation calls for establishing a certification program — likened to an event approval — for firms with a proven track record for meeting safety standards.

"I wanted desperately to scream but I couldn't because as soon as I would — water," said Maboud Ebrahimi Zadeh, a 26-year-old Iranian-American actor from Maryland.

Set up outside the Justice Department's headquarters, Ebrahimi Zadeh struggled against his supposed interrogators as they yanked questions and forced him to lie on his back, a cloth over his face, his legs elevated.

U.S. officials said the F-15s are used heavily for protecting the continental U.S. from terrorist attack, as well as for combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

U.S. Gen. Gary L. North, the Air Force officer in charge of military aircraft in the Middle East, issued a statement Monday saying he would be able to fly the gap with other fighters and bombers.

Anti-torture protesters act out waterboarding

Protesters staged a water-boarding Monday outside the Justice Department, calling for a Senate committee to reject attorney general nominee Michael Mukasey because of his reluctance to define the interrogation tactic as torture.

The demonstration came shortly before Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., said he would oppose Mukasey during a Senate Judiciary Committee vote set for today on whether the retired judge should be confirmed to lead the Justice Department.

F-15s grounded after one breaks up in mid-air

The U.S. Air Force has grounded its entire fleet of F-15s, the service's premier fighter aircraft, after one of the planes disintegrated over a simulated dogfight during a training mission, missing the possibility of a fatal flaw in the aging fighters' fuselage that could keep it out of the skies for months.

Lefter medicine? Mix it with cat litter

It's time to poop-scoop your leftover medicine. Mixing cough syrup, Vicodin or Liptor with cat litter is the new advice on getting rid of unused medications. Preferably used cat litter.

It's a compromise, better for the environment than flushing — and one that renders dangerous medicines too yucky to try if children, pets or drug abusers stumble through the trash.

A government experiment is about to send that advice straight to thousands of patients who use potent painkillers, sleeping pills and other controlled substances. Why? Prescription drug abuse is on the rise, and

research suggests more than half of people who misuse these drugs get them for free from a friend or relative. In other words, having leftovers in the medicine cabinet is a risky idea.

So 6,300 pharmacies around the country have signed up for a pilot project with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. When patients fill prescriptions for a list of abuse-prone medicines, from Ambien to Vicodin, the pharmacist also will hand over a flyer urging them to take the cat-litter step if they don't wind up using all their pills.

Not a cat owner? Old coffee grounds work, or doggie doo, even sawdust. Just seal the meds and the or, group in a plastic bag before tossing in the trash.

Supreme Court to hear case of Idaho killer

The Supreme Court stepped into a death penalty case Monday in which a defendant says his lawyers got him to sign a plea by telling him to reject a plea deal that would have spared him a death sentence.

Maxwell Alton Hoffman was convicted in connection with a revenge killing in Idaho and sentenced to death in 1959. He appealed, claiming he should be allowed to take the deal prosecutors offered anyway.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed. The San Francisco-based appeals court said the state must either release Hoffman or again offer him a plea deal that he originally turned down.

Hoffman was one of three men charged with the murder of a woman who served as a police informant in a drug deal. Hoffman slit Denise Williams' throat and another man stabbed her. Hoffman was found to bury her beneath rocks, eventually killing her with a blow from a rock.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of 2007. There are 55 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's highlight On Nov. 6, 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the presidency: John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

On this date In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term of office.

In 1888, Benjamin Harrison won the presidential election, defeating incumbent Grover Cleveland with enough electoral votes, even though Cleveland led in the popular vote.

In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

In 1900, President William McKinley was re-elected, beating Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

In 1906, Republican Charles Evans Hughes was elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Herbert Hoover's election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric vaporproof sign on the New York Times building.

In 1944, British official Lord Moyne was assassinated in Cairo, Egypt, by members of the Zionist Stern gang.

In 1956, President Dwight

D. Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

In 1976, Benjamin L. Hooks was chosen to be the new executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, succeeding Roy Wilkins.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when an earthen dam burst, sending a wall of water through Teocua Falls College in Georgia.

Ten years ago: The Clinton administration warned Iraq it could face military action or economic sanctions if it continued to bar U.N. weapons inspections.

Former President George H.W. Bush opened his presidential library at Texas A&M University among the guests of honor was President Clinton, the man

who had sent him into retirement.

Five years ago: A jury in Beverly Hills, Calif., convicted Winona Ryder of stealing \$5,500 worth of high-fashion merchandise from Saks Fifth Avenue, but a prosecutor said she would not seek to put the actress behind bars.

One year ago: On the eve of midterm elections, Democrats criticized Republicans as stewards of a stale status quo while President Bush campaigned from Florida to Arkansas as Texas in a drive to preserve GOP control of Congress. Kenny Chesney won entertainer of the year and Brooks & Dunn's inspirational song "Believe" won three trophies, including single and song of the year, at the 40th Annual Country Music Association Awards.

CORRECTION

Old Time Fiddlers will meet Wednesday

The date of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association meeting was incorrect in the November calendar and the Today's Happenings calendar. The fiddlers will meet Wednesday. The Time-News regrets the error.

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- Learn how voting machines are tested and find a map of the precincts.
• Check out a map of Idaho Power transmission lines, and a voting precinct map of Twin Falls.
• See some of Antonio Peralto's hearing.
• See how local landfills are starting to accept computers for recycling, and see a map of where to take your computer.

Mass. doctor accused of Medicare fraud pleads guilty

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Robert Weiss had been told repeatedly his rare, blistering skin disease was untreatable — until he found Dr. Abdul Razaque Ahmed.

The Boston-area specialist's alternative treatment put Weiss' pemphigoid in remission, sparing him the severe side effects of long-term use of steroids, the common treatment for the disease.

"I can tell you that he saved my life," said Weiss, a retired medical doctor and former dean of the School of Public Health at Columbia University. He would have died if he had had to keep taking steroids, he explained.

It wasn't until he was contacted by federal investigators years later that Weiss learned Ahmed had been deceiving Medicare to get treatment for him and other patients suffering from

pemphigoid, a disease that was not covered by Medicare at the time.

"I certainly don't believe he should have done what he did, but I'm grateful to him," said Weiss, 89, of Groton, Maine.

Ahmed pleaded guilty Monday to a single count of obstruction of justice and agreed to surrender \$2.9 million in assets. In exchange, prosecutors agreed not to pursue 14 other more serious charges against him — including health care fraud — and said they would not seek prison time when he's sentenced Feb. 4.

When Ahmed was indicted two years ago, authorities depicted him as a greedy businessman looking to squeeze as much money as possible out of Medicare.

Patients have a different picture of Ahmed, who helped them get expensive treatments they would otherwise not have been able to afford.

Voting

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IV and totalled. The county will count votes for the cities of Twin Falls and Kimberly, as well as the Buhl Rural Fire District.

The city of Twin Falls is divided into 20 precincts, but has struggled with voter turnout in recent elections. In 2005, just 19.58 percent of the city's 17,710 registered voters cast ballots — the lowest turnout in 10 years.

Twin Falls City Councilwoman Glenda Dwight, who is up for reelection, was the only candidate to attend the test.

"I've never seen it before. It looks interesting," she said. "We all vote."

When asked if seeing the machine tested might bring good luck, Dwight — a councilwoman since 1999 — said "I hope it does."

In Twin Falls County, voters cast votes on paper ballots, which are then scanned by the Optix IV machine. It is from 1930, but it still meets state and federal voting guidelines and remains accurate, officials said.

"We don't have any chads that hang there," said Hant, referencing the infamous presidential vote from Florida in 2000.

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Sleep

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leptin, a hormone that signals fullness.

Another explanation: Tired kids are less likely to exercise, more likely to sit on the couch and eat cookies, Laming said.

Dr. Stephen Sheldon, director of sleep medicine at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital, praised the study and called for more research. He said children's sleep may be disturbed by breathing problems — some caused by overweight, such as sleep apnea, and some caused by enlarged tonsils and adenoids.

"I'm not so sure we have enough information yet on cause and effect," said Sheldon, who was not involved in the study.

Researchers used data from an existing federal study and focused on 785 children with complete information on sleep, and height and weight in the third grade and sixth grade. The children lived in 10 U.S. cities.

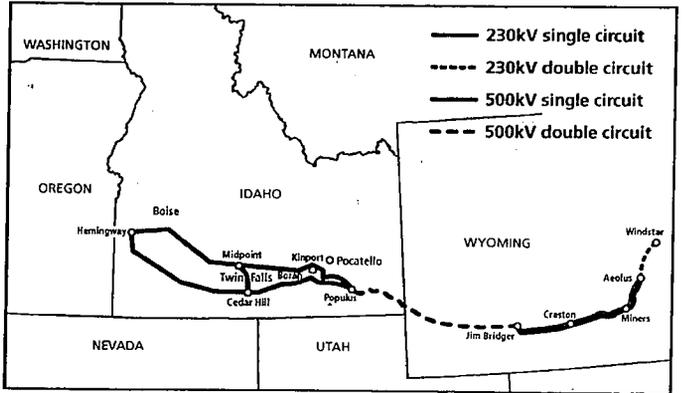
Mothers were asked: "How much sleep does your child get each day (including naps)?" On average, the third-graders got about 9½ hours sleep, but some slept as little as seven hours and others as much as 12 hours. Of the children who slept

10 to 12 hours a day, about 12 percent were obese by sixth grade. Many more — 22 percent — were obese in sixth grade than those who slept less than nine hours a day.

The researchers took into account other risk factors for obesity, such as the children's body mass index in third grade, and still found the link between less sleep in third grade and obesity in sixth grade. They acknowledged that factors they did not account for, such as parents' weight or behavior, may have contributed to the risk.

Jodi Mindell of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Sleep Center noted there are plenty of other reasons for encouraging good sleep habits, such as success in school.

"I don't want parents to think, 'If I get her to sleep, she's not going to be overweight,'" Mindell said. "I think this is a small piece in the picture."



A map of the proposed route of the new transmission lines across Idaho and Wyoming.

Power

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"Transmission lines are especially bad for sage grouse," said John Hobson, public lands director for the Idaho Conservation League.

The lines are prime perches for grouse predators, such as ravens and hawks, he said. Grouse associate large structures — such as power lines — with predators, and tend to abandon traditional habitat where lines have been built.

The utilities met in May to informally discuss transmission plans, and officials then indicated new lines may be

built along existing transmission corridors, not through pristine habitat.

Officials also said then that a project like Gateway West could cost as much as \$1 billion.

Not many details about the current proposal have been revealed, because costs and line locations will largely depend on environmental studies and land deals. "Typically, investment in additional transmission facilities and their associated operating expenses will be included in future rate proceedings at the time the facil-

ities start to provide service," said Lynette Berriochia, an Idaho Power spokeswoman. If the studies and land negotiations are favorable for the utilities, the line's first segments could be finished in 2012.

Similar transmission proposals have been planned or are under construction in other Western states, including Oregon, Nevada and Utah, where populations are also rising and demands stress old infrastructure.

"Under certain conditions, Idaho Power's major transmission lines are already at

full capacity," said Dan Minor, senior vice president of delivery for the company. The new lines will "relieve congestion on existing facilities."

Demand on Idaho Power's grid grows by about 10 megawatts each year in Megawatt Valley alone — the equivalent of adding a city the size of Coalinga to the system each year.

The new lines will stretch from a coal-fired generation facility in central Wyoming to a yet-to-be-built transmission station southwest of Boise.

Strike

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Nick Counter, chief negotiator for the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, said he expected a long standoff.

"We hunkered down for a long one," he said. "From our standpoint, we made every good faith effort to negotiate a deal and they went on strike. At some point, conversations will take place. But not now."

The strike will not immediately impact production of movies or prime-time TV programs. Most studios have stockpiled dozens of movie scripts, and TV shows have enough scripts or completed shows in hand to last until early next year.

Disruptions by strikers ended filming at a Studio City cafe being used as a location for the CBS show "Cane." Tom Hogan, a location manager for the show, said he had hired two off-duty Los Angeles police officers in addition to five private security guards to maintain order during the shoot.

He said the filming began hours before the 20 pickets arrived and involved a script that was finished several weeks ago.

No other major problems were reported at studios or filming locations.

At the CBS lot in Studio

City, about 40 people hoisted signs and applauded when picketing began.

Robert Port, a writer for the TV show "Numb3rs," said he was as ready as possible for what could be a long wait.

"We live in Los Angeles, your bank account can never really be ready for this," he said.

Only about half of the pickets wore their official red strike T-shirts.

"Writers aren't the easiest cats to corral," said Don McGill, another writer for "Numb3rs."

The first noisy strikers appeared outside the "Today" show set at Rockefeller Center in New York, where NBC is

headquartered. The show is not directly affected by the strike because news writers are part of a different union.

A giant, inflated rat was displayed, as about 40 people shouted, "No contract, no

shows!"

"They claim that the new

media is still too new to structure a model for compensa-

tion," said Jose Arroyo, a

writer for "Late Night with

Conan O'Brien."

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Taking a megabyte out of trash

Locals can now safely recycle computers

By Matt Christensen
 Times-News writer

Framed by sage brush, broken refrigerators and weathered appliances, Robin Baumgartner lugged her computer Monday to a big black barrel in the middle of nowhere and dropped it in. Gone. Baumgartner, a public education coordinator for Southern Idaho Solid Waste, holds no ill will toward the contraption. To the contrary, she sent the computer off to live again as jewelry, construction materials, even other computers. Baumgartner's device became the first in a new southern Idaho computer recycling program

through SISW, a unit of local governments that manages solid waste in seven area counties.

Until now, techies could either throw their computers away — and try not to think about the environmental risks computers pose to groundwater and soil — or send them back to the companies that made them, depending on the manufacturer. Computer users can now take their devices to 10 southern Idaho collection points, where computers are collected, trucked to Idaho Falls or Boise and recycled.

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On the Web

Visit magicvalley.com to see an interactive map of computer recycling points and watch a video interview with Robin Baumgartner.



Robin Baumgartner of Southern Idaho Solid Waste places a computer into a recycle bin Monday afternoon at the Twin Falls County Landfill south of Twin Falls.

Top to bottom testing

Magic Valley mobile clinic receives national attention

By Nate Poppinga
 Times-News writer

Judy Reece has insurance. But for someone with diabetes, a \$40 co-pay can add up. So, mention of a free eye and foot screening for diabetics caught her attention.

"I think it was one of the best exams I've ever had," Reece, of Jerome, said of her visit to the mobile screening clinic last year.

Reece's approval, she said, was for more than just her doctor. Housed in a 30-foot mobile trailer, the clinic offers a "head-to-toe" approach to services, combining eye and foot exams with nutrition advice and other tests.

Staged by the Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition, South Central Public Health District and the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, the program has gotten local attention in its second year for its approach.

"These things we offer are all things people with diabetes should have done at least once a year," said Susie Beem, the district's diabetes program coordinator.

Starting in Rupert next week, the trailer will make a total of five stops in south-central Idaho. Patients will also get a test showing their blood-sugar levels for the past three months, and be offered a health district flu shot.

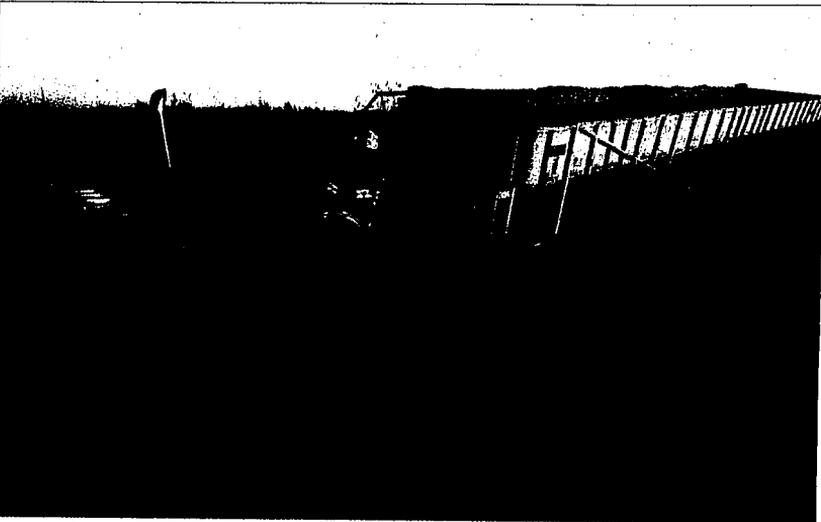
It's a good package, ophthalmologist Dr. Michael K. Taylor said, that catches people who otherwise might not get care.

"There are a lot of people within the community, unfortunately, that don't have health insurance and postpone their care," said Taylor, who with optometrist Dr. Rustin Hatch and others volunteer in the clinic.

That lack of health insurance can have serious consequences.

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UNSCHEDULED CANAL CROSSING



Twin Falls County Sheriff Deputy Ken Belsch, left, and Rock Creek firefighter Gerald Dillman inspect a tractor trailer that crashed into a canal Monday afternoon along 3400 East Road near Twin Falls. The driver was flown in an ambulance from the crash site. His condition was unknown as of 10 p.m. Monday.

Judge denies lower bond for Peralto

Victim's brother argues current amount should be maintained

By Cass Friedman
 Times-News writer

The bond Antonio Peralto had been issued of \$100,000 seemed ridiculously low to David Galvan, who is sure the defendant is guilty of fatally stabbing his brother.

So when Galvan discovered Peralto wanted the judge to lower his bond to \$25,000, he made sure to speak up at the Monday hearing. In which 5th District Judge Randy Stoker denied the request.

The possibility that Peralto could post bond scared Galvan for his family's safety. It concerned him that a potentially dangerous man could be back on the streets. But mostly, it sounded to him like a devaluation of his brother's life.

"He has five brothers and six sisters," Galvan said of his brother Roland Galvan, 50, who died Oct. 3 of a stab wound to the chest. Peralto "took a friend, a cousin, an uncle and a son," said

Galvan, who continued to list Galvan's relationships in an attempt to humanize his brother before the court.

A grand jury indicted Peralto on voluntary manslaughter charges after he was arrested on suspicion of fatally stabbing Galvan in the backyard of a south Twin Falls home. The deputy public defender argued that the allegations included "elements of self-defense."

He based that claim on witnesses' version of the night, which placed Galvan outside a home in south Twin Falls walking in the dark for Peralto to step outside.

Galvan's girlfriend, Elizabeth Hilton, says Galvan was jealous because she was hanging out with Peralto, her niece's ex-husband.

He also argued that Peralto, who has lived in the area since 1993 and has three kids, represented a low flight risk. He has no felonies on his record — only misdemeanors.

Stoker ultimately denied the defendant a lower bond because of the seriousness of the charges.

No decision made on admissibility issue in James Steel case

By Andrea Gates
 Times-News writer

A man charged with second degree murder sat calmly in court Monday while his lawyer pushed to keep a key incident out of his upcoming trial.

James Steel, 24, is charged in connection with the November 2006 shooting death of Luis Varlos Ramirez, 21, outside Phat Eddy's dance club.

Prosecutors said they want an incident that occurred 20 minutes prior to Ramirez's slaying to be admitted into the trial. Twenty minutes before

the fatal incident, prosecutors said another gun-related altercation involving Steel — which went uncharged — occurred outside the local bar Kruser's.

Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor Julie Sturgill said the earlier incident was similar to the altercation outside Phat Eddy's — because both involved display of a gun, discussion of a female, and challenging of Steel's authority.

Sturgill wants the first incident to be allowed in the trial, because it would, "help the jury understand the reason for the shooting," she said.

The fatal shooting, Sturgill said, was not an accident.

But Steel's lawyer, Public Defender Marilyn Paul, said the earlier "alleged" incident at Kruser's should not be allowed into the trial — calling it unfair and inflammatory. She also said facts as described by the prosecutor conflict. The judge, however, did not immediately rule on whether he will let the state bring up the reported incident at Kruser's during the trial.

"I'll tell you that straight up," Judge Randy J. Stoker said after informing the lawyers that he needed more time to

study the issue.

Paul had moved to throw out the indictment against Steel. She said grand jurors were not properly instructed about intent before they decided to indict.

That motion, however, was not heard Monday. Sturgill said it was set for Nov. 15, so she wasn't prepared Monday to discuss the matter.

Stoker made it clear time is tight until trial, and jury selection is set to begin next week.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Five attorneys vie to replace Crabtree

Five applicants have submitted their name to replace Michael R. Crabtree for the position of Cassia County Magistrate. The 5th Judicial District Magistrates Commission will meet to review the attorney applicants.

The applicants are Timothy Shane Darrington of Caldwell, Mick Hodges of Twin Falls, Kent D. Jensen of Burley, Brent R. King of Boise, and Kerry D. McMurray of Burley.

Crabtree was appointed as a district judge to replace Judge Monte Carlson, who died in June.

Evaluation questionnaires on the applicants will be sent to attorneys statewide, and forms for public comment may be obtained from the trial court administrator's office in the Theron Ward Judicial Building, 427 Shoshone St. N., in Twin Falls, or by calling 736-4085. Comments should be returned to the administrator's office at P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0126, no later than Nov. 21.

Pedestrian struck at night on Fairfield Street

A car accident Monday night left one man in the hospital after he darted across traffic in the dark.

Dillon Finn of Twin Falls said his friend, Joe Maltose, stopped to assist him with some car trouble near the intersection of Fairfield Street North and Addison Avenue at approximately 6:30 p.m.

After moving Finn's truck into a nearby driveway, Maltose was crossing Fairfield to return to his car

when he was hit by another truck turning southwest off Addison.

Twin Falls Officer Isaiah Day said the driver of the truck may not have seen Maltose because he was wearing all black and darted quickly across the road. Maltose was conscious at the scene, Day said, and may not have suffered serious injury.

Finn, however, said his friend reported pain in his ribs, back and knee.

Finn's name and the name of the driver of the truck Monday night were not reported.

Ferna Mae Roethlisberger

BUHL — Ferna Mae Roethlisberger (nee Adams), age 79, of Buhl, passed away Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert Roethlisberger, devoted mother of Robert Roethlisberger, Linda Wright, John Roethlisberger, the late Thomas Roethlisberger, Fred Roethlisberger and the late Sherylrazier. She was also the dear grandmother of Starlett Stroberger of Buhl and eight other grandchildren. Her early years of marriage



were spent in southern California operating a dairy farm with her late husband. Later Ferna moved to Buhl, where she and her husband started and operated another dairy farm. They retired and moved to Arizona in the late 1990s. She returned to Buhl four years ago. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. A viewing will be from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Wednesday before the service at the mortuary.

SERVICES

Henry O. Mathews of Hazelton, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

William Coleman Reed of Mesquite, Nev., funeral at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Virgin Valley Mortuary in Mesquite, Nev.).

Irma Carlisle of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert; visitation one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

Wanda Doris Lee Allen of Jerome, funeral at 3 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

Reva "Darlene" Kirby of Filer, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551

Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Ella Anderson Smith of Sandy, Utah, funeral at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Crescent Park LDS 4th Ward chapel, 10885 S. Pampas Drive in Sandy, Utah; visitation from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church (Markin Sunset Gardens in Sandy, Utah).

Ralph Stephens of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the LDS 2nd Ward chapel, 229 Park Ave. in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, and one hour before the service Thursday at the church.

Patricia L. Jones of Spearfish, S.D., and formerly of Cordova, Alaska, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Anne Stoffal

HAGERMAN — Anne Stoffal, 39, of Hagerman, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, at her residence.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Stoffal residence, 2476 S. 1100 E. in Hagerman. (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Pearl Lee

BURLEY — Pearl Lee, 90, of St. George, Utah, and formerly of Burley, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

K.C. Benson

HAILEY — K.C. Benson, 46, of Hailey, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, at his home.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Cove Ranch (cremation, Wood River Chapel of Hailey).

Cora Estes

BURLEY — Cora Erma Estes, 85, of Burley, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Robert H. Garrett

SHOSHONE — Robert H. "Pete" Garrett, 82, of Shoshone, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Marcos Zabala

GOODING — Marcos Zabala, 65, of Gooding, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, while visiting family in Spain.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Philip H. Smith

HAILEY — Philip Halliday Smith, 92, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum.

Arrangements will be announced by the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Emily Rosencrantz

Emily Rosencrantz, 97, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at the Bridgeview Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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Recycling

SISW says the new program could keep as many as 20 computers a week from the landfill at no cost to residents. The group made a deal last month with Boise-based PC Recyclers of Idaho, a company that collects old electronic devices and turns a profit on the recycled materials. It's a lot like recycling aluminum cans, said Greg Gilbert, the company's general manager. PC Recyclers has contracts with industry giants, such as

the parent company of Albertsons and J.R. Simplot Co., to collect their old computers. The business also deals with local governments in Canyon, Payette and Bannock counties to keep electronic devices from municipal landfills. Some of the computers are destroyed and their inner workings recycled. Other computers go to schools. Recycling e-waste, as old computers are called, is a multibillion-dollar business. And the practice keeps toxic waste out of landfills. Baumgartner said com-

puters account for as much as 70 percent of the toxic materials in America's garbage dumps. SISW will also accept laptops, monitors, keyboards, printers, scanners, cell phones and other related equipment but not televisions or photocopiers. SISW encourages recyclers to encourage hard drives to protect personal information, though PC Recyclers said it promises to erase information before devices are recycled or passed to schools. For more information: SISW at 432-9082.

Clinic

Feet are tested because diabetics can lose sensation and injure them without knowing. The blood vessels in the eyes are susceptible to diabetic retinopathy, which if untreated can leave vision severely impaired. Other Idaho health districts want to replicate the model, Beem said. It may go national when Maggi Machala, the district director of community health, presents it at the 2007 National Prevention Summit organized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Mobile clinics are not new, but one-stop service for four tests is unique, said Lions Club member Joe Shaw. "We're starting to experience some real success," said Shaw, who suggested



Dr. Ruzita Hatch gives an eye exam to Eileen Levings of Twin Falls on Sept. 22 as part of a diabetes clinic at the College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging Senior Expo. The optometrist is one of several physicians who do free screening clinics — including foot check-ups and hemoglobin A1c tests — for diabetics.

using the trailer in 2006. "I think it's worked very well for everybody." Nate Poppino can be reached at 755-3237 or nppoppino@magtvalley.com.

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EDITORIAL

Legislature must close Idaho's 'revolving door'

Jeff Malmen is one of the most influential Idahoans. Soon he's going to work for the state's largest utility, which is also Idaho's second-largest public company.

The problem? Malmen is chief of staff for Gov. Butch Otter.

Before that he was finance director under former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, and before that, chief of staff for Gov. Phil Batt.

As Idaho Power's chief lobbyist, Malmen will put the arm on the same people he's working with now in the Statehouse, including the governor himself.

That's wrong. "A lot of times when a company hires a person, they're doing so because they have access that you or I don't," Steve Carpinelli of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Public Integrity, told The Associated Press. "It comes down to the ethics of inside information: Are they profiting from their public position, and how is that a benefit to the public?"

Idaho lacks a "revolving-door" law that limits officials from jumping immediately from a position of trust into the private sector where they'll wrangle concessions from state government. Many other states do, and Congress passed legislation earlier this year that requires a two-year "cooling off" period before former senators and high-ranking executive branch officials can lobby Congress; members of the House of Representatives have to wait one year.

Idaho needs a similar law. In the past 18 months, at least eight ex-lawmakers or staffers for Otter, Kempthorne and former Gov. Jim Risch have become lobbyists. They include former House Majority Caucus Chairwoman Julie Ellis-Rich, R-Boise, who was a lobbying job on the recommendation of House Speaker Lawrence Denny, R-Midvale; former House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley; and Lance Giles, Kempthorne's top adviser on his billion-dollar "Connecting Idaho" roads project. Giles went to work for Washington Group International, which will oversee the highway work.

Kempthorne's chief of staff, Brian Whitlock, is now on the payroll of Battelle Energy Alliance, which runs the Idaho National Laboratory.

These former officials are in a far stronger position to influence public policy than are other lobbyists — let alone private citizens.

Idaho Power, with 450,000 customers and control of most of Idaho's river water, is deeply entwined with Idaho state government. Greg Panter, the utility's top lobbyist, pushed successfully two years ago to kill farmer-backed legislation that would have taken water from its dams to recharge the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

In addition, the company sued the state earlier this year, claiming that it is being shorted because of errors in a 23-year-old pact with the Department of Water Resources.

What's good for Idaho Power often isn't always what's good for Idaho, but guess whose calls will get returned first by Otter and his staff? That's blatant conflict of interest. The Legislature must put a stop to it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Certain rights have to be upheld

In ancient times, survivors in a defeated country were put to the sword, thus preventing their rise and retaliation. Later, changes made them into slaves. Then intermarriage, diluting the defeated bloodline became common. In a more

modern, "civilized" age, it became policy to merely disarm the defeated people. That's what the Allies did in Germany after World War I. Again, at the end of World War II, Germany and Japan were relieved of offensive weapons. Justifiable by most theories, and I have no dispute with any of them. But in

America, a large group of individuals thinks that law-abiding citizens should also be disarmed.

We as a group have never fought or lost a war against our own people. How then did we come under the same hatchet as above? Yes, a small percentage of well-meaning but uninformed and fuzzy-headed liberals

may think that no one need hunt, target practice or protect themselves.

Then there are the larger, well-funded groups who move from theory to action. From this, we get Waco, Ruby Ridge, Iraq and whatever is next. No matter what is thought of an individual or group, the citizen must protect every citizen from

unlawful search and seizure, offers them the right to face their accuser and redress of grievance in court.

That means that you can't just gun them down whatever you think they are guilty of. Therefore, anyone owning a firearm is not automatically guilty by association, forced to prove their innocence any more than a

local official need not defend him or herself as not being a crook, even when evidence to the contrary is provided. This is just as true of the individual as it is of a country. Not for the first time may a people be brought down by a jawbone of an ass.

VAUGHN PHELPS
Twain Falls

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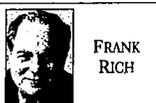
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Could Iran plus 9/11 equal a Democratic defeat?

When President Bush started making decisions about World War III, he only confirmed what has been a Democratic article of faith all year: Between now and Election Day he and Dick Cheney, cheered on by the mob of nondenial deniers, are going to bomb Iran.

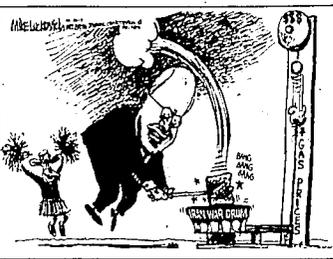


FRANK RICH

But what happens if Bush does not bomb Iran? That is good news for the world, but potentially terrible news for the Democrats. If we get to war in Iran, the election will indeed be a referendum on the results, which the Republican Party will own no matter who it nominates for president. But if we don't, the Democratic standard-bearer will have to take a clear stand on the defining issue of the race. As we saw once again at Tuesday night's debate, the front-runner, Hillary Clinton, does not have one.

The reason so many Democrats believe war with Iran is inevitable, of course, is that the administration is so flagrantly renouncing the sales campaign that gave us Iraq. The same old sales tactic — a Middle East Hitler plotting a nuclear holocaust — has been recycled with a fresh arsenal of hyped, loosey-goosey intelligence and outright falsehoods that are sometimes regurgitated without corroboration by the press.

Bush has gone so far as to accuse Iran of shipping arms to its Sunni antagonists in the Taliban, a stretch Newsweek finally stepped down last week. Back in the reality-based country, it is Bush who has most conspicuously enabled the Taliban's resurgence by dropping the ball as it



regrouped in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Administration policy also opened the door to Iran's lethal involvement in Iraq. The Iraq "unite government" that our troops are dying to prop up has more allies in its Shiite counter-ploy in Tehran than it does in Washington.

Yet 2002 history may not literally repeat itself. Cheney doesn't necessarily rule the post-Rumsfeld second Bush term. There are safer military minds afoot now: the defense secretary Robert Gates, the joint chiefs chairman Mike Mullen, the Central Command chief William Fallon. They know that a clean, surgical military strike at Iran could precipitate even more blowback than our "cakewalk" in Iraq. The Economist tallied up the risks of a potential Shock and Awe war from the west: Iran could fire hundreds of missiles at Israel, attack American forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, organize terrorist attacks in the West or choke off tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, the world's oil windpipe.

Bush once more to play a seemingly empty GOP a crack at the White House in 2008. Then there's the really bad news. Much as Iraq distracted the president from the war against al-Qaida, so a strike on Iran could ignite Pakistan, al-Qaida's thriving base and the actual center of the world on Tuesday. As Joe Biden said "on Tuesday

night, if we attack Iran to stop it from obtaining a few kilograms of highly enriched uranium, we risk facilitating the fall of the teetering Musharraf government and the unleashing of Pakistan's already good-to-go nuclear arsenal on Israel and India.

A full-scale regional war, chaos in the oil market, an overstretched American military pushed past the brink — all to take down a little thug like Ahmadinejad (who isn't even Iran's primary leader) and a state, however recalcitrant, whose defense budget is less than 1 percent of America's? Call me a Pollyanna, but I don't think even the Bush administration can be this crazy.

Yet there is nonetheless a method to all the mad threats of war coming out of the White House. While the saber-rattling is reckless as foreign policy, it's a proven winner as an election-year Republican campaign strategy. The real point may be less to intimidate Iranians than to frighten Americans. Given the only remaining card this administration still knows how to play, may Bush once more to play a seemingly empty GOP a crack at the White House in 2008.

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power of the bully pulpit. From Bush's surge speech in January to Gen. David Petraeus' congressional testimony in September, the pivot toward Iran has been relentless.

There are signs that the steady involution of new mushroom clouds is already having an impact as it did in 2002 and 2003. A Zogby poll last month found that a majority of Americans (52 percent) now supports a pre-emptive strike on Iran to prevent it from acquiring nuclear weapons.

In 2002 Sen. Clinton, Biden, John Kerry, John Edwards and Chris Dodd all looked over their shoulders at such polls. They and the party's congressional leaders, Tom Daschle and Dick Gephardt, voted for the Iraq war resolution out of the cynical calculation that it would inoculate them against charges of wussiness. Sure, they had their caveats at the time. They talked about wanting "to give diplomacy the best possible opportunity" (as Gephardt put it) in her Oct. 10, 2002, speech. Support for the Iraq resolution on the Senate floor, Clinton hedged by saying, "A vote for it is not a vote to rush to war."

We know how smart this strategic positioning turned out to be. Weeks later the Democrats lost the Senate.

The Democratic nominee may not be in favor of rushing to war in Iran but, now as in 2002, may well be in favor of walking to war. In any event, he or she will not have been a leader in making the strenuous case for an alternative policy that defuses rather than escalates tensions with Tehran.

— Bush's sixth year 9/11 — also plus verba plus 9/11 — plus verba plus 9/11 — would once again square off against a Democratic opponent who was for a pre-emptive war before being against it ...

Frank Rich is a columnist for the New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dems not showing concern for welfare of nation

Many people find fault with President Bush's policies. I believe he is trying to do what is best for this country and for the diminishing window of freedom around the world. I cannot say the same for the liberal elite of the news of victrol and hatred each day through organizations like Move-on.org and other left-bloggers. I do not see the same concern for the welfare of our nation from the leaders of the Democrat Party, either. They constantly use the same thoughts and rationale as do our enemies, the seventh century Muslims.

The fanatical wing of the Muslim faith represents about 300 million people, by conservative estimates. These are Muslims that I think it is acceptable to cut off heads or hands, bomb innocent women and children and who have stated a goal to wipe us off the face of the earth. That should give any rational person

pause for thought. (A news item today (Nov. 1) mentioned the six men who plotted to invade our military base back East. It mentioned that they were from four different countries, but failed to mention the one common factor — they are all Muslims.)

Grandmother used to say that it is not worthwhile to argue with drunks or children. Another category should be included — liberal ideologues. They remind me of the parrot that was taught to speak from the words were quite understandable, but it could only repeat what it had heard.

MAX COVINGTON
Burley

Youth duck hunt could be held elsewhere

As conservation chairman for Prairie Falcon Audubon, a local chapter of the National Audubon Society, I am writing in response to the article in the Times-News on Oct. 19. Our group believes that the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area

should remain a safe-haven for waterfowl.

Hunting is an honored pastime in Idaho. Many members of Prairie Falcon Audubon enjoy waterfowl hunting. One thing we have in common is a love of birds and desire to preserve and improve wildlife habitat. We support responsible hunting and applaud the Fish and Game for its effort to teach safe practices to young hunters. We simply feel there are other locations where Idaho Fish and Game could mentor young duck hunters.

Since 1979, the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area, along with small areas of private land, have been the only place along the mid-Snake where migrating waterfowl can take refuge during hunting season. We think one of the reasons hunting is so good in Magic Valley is the management area attracts and shelters huge numbers of waterfowl, thereby improving hunting outside the area.

Ten years ago, the Hagerman WMA was design-

nated as an Important Bird Area by Idaho Fish and Game and the National Audubon Society. A combination of warmer temperatures, year-round open water, and a network of sheltered ponds and marshes made the area uniquely suited to support tens of thousands of wintering waterfowl and nesting birds. It offers opportunity to view waterfowl in large numbers, especially in fall and winter.

As part of the Christmas Bird Count program, our local chapter has conducted a bird count at the Hagerman WMA for the 33 years. Last year, the greatest number of species in the state was recorded in this area. So if we seem "miffed," it is because we have come to know and appreciate the area not only as a management area but also as a refuge.

JULIE R. DANDELL
Twain Falls
(Editor's note: Julie Dandell is the conservation chairman of the Prairie Falcon Audubon chapter in Twain Falls.)

WASHINGTON

House Judiciary panel head tells White House to answer subpoenas to presidential aides

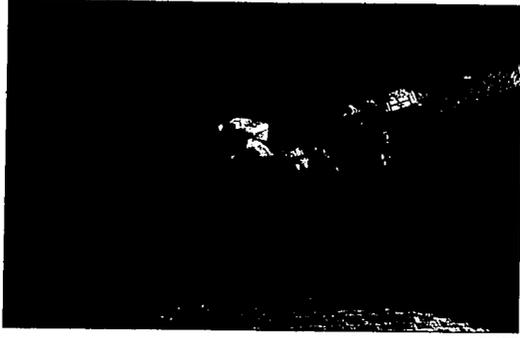
House Democrats threatened Monday to hold President Bush's key confidants in contempt of Congress unless they comply with subpoenas for information on the Justice Department's purge of federal prosecutors last winter.

The White House shrugged off the ultimatum, saying the information is off-limits under executive privilege and that the aides in question — White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten and former presidential counselor Harriet Miers — are immune from prosecution.

"It won't go anywhere," predicted White House press secretary Dana Perino.

Congressional Democrats nonetheless submitted their 102-page report, and a Republican rebuttal, to the House clerk on Monday afternoon. The report accused Miers of contempt for failing to appear and testify as a subpoenaed. She and Bolten were charged with failing to produce documents on whether the prosecutors were fired at the White House's behest.

Also in the sights of House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich.: Karl Rove, the architect of Bush's rise to the White House and a top political adviser who left last summer.



In this image provided by NASA, astronaut Scott Parazynski, STS-120 mission specialist, looks over repair work on the solar array, while the Space Shuttle Discovery is docked with the International Space Station, Saturday.

Andres Granler ordered central streets in the state capital of Villahermosa closed to all but rescue workers to prevent looting.

Authorities said two more bodies were found Sunday in the brackish waters covering much of the region. If the deaths are confirmed to have been caused by the flooding, the disaster's death toll would stand at 10.

Government officials worked furiously to distribute aid, and authorities continued trolling the water-filled streets looking for stranded residents.

Villahermosa, the state capital, was still completely under water, though river levels had begun to drop after rising to historic levels. The National Water Commission said it had begun efforts to start pumping the streets.

Pacific Northwest, down across the Midwest and the South, and on into Florida.

'Super X-ray' shows promise for finding heart disease

ORLANDO — A type of "super X-ray" showed promise in its first big test as a potentially cheaper, faster and painless way to find out whether certain people with signs of heart disease actually have it and need treatment. The scans might eliminate the need for some of the 1.3 million cardiac catheterizations done each year in the United States to check for clogged arteries, said Dr. Julie Miller of Johns Hopkins University.

But the newer scans are controversial: Medicare and private insurers are debating whether to pay for them, and many heart specialists oppose them, partly because they supply a big dose of radiation. That raises the risk of cancer and might spur thousands of additional cases if the scans were widely used in the population, said Dr. Michael Lauer of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Speaking at an American Heart Association conference where study results of the scan were presented Monday, he called on doctors not to use the scans until research proves they save lives.

"I think he went a little overboard" and was reacting to worries the scans would be used to screen people with no symptoms, rather than the more limited use tested in the study, said Miller, who led the research.

This new CT scan technology came on the market two years ago and is already used by many hospitals. Because it uses 64 detectors to produce and combine images, the scans are called "64-slice CT." The images are so detailed that one doctor described them as an almost surgical view.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Giuliani says ex-N.Y. police commissioner's results outweigh errors

MANCHESTER — Rudy Giuliani said Monday that if his achievements as presi-

dent are as good as the crime-reduction results of his New York police commissioner, a man now under criminal investigation himself, "this country will be in great shape." Giuliani, in an interview with The Associated Press, acknowledged mistakes by Bernard Kerik, who was police commissioner when Giuliani was mayor. But he said crime reduction for the city was more important.

Kerik, whom Giuliani pushed to head the federal Department of Homeland Security, is under investigation on what could be multiple felony charges. Giuliani said he hadn't spoken to his friend and one-time business partner recently and had no idea what implication a Kerik indictment or plea deal could have on his presidential campaign.

"I have no idea what's going to happen, first of all, nor do I have any idea what he's going to do," the Republican contender said.

Giuliani has accepted responsibility for his role in Kerik's embarrassing 2004 withdrawal as President Bush's Homeland Security nominee after revelation of tax problems. Ethics questions and corruption allegations also have swirled around Kerik. But the former New York mayor said the results of the commissioner's time in New York far outweigh isolated incidences.

OHIO

Woman pleads guilty to helping dispose of woman's body

CANTON — A high school classmate of a suspended police officer who is accused of killing his pregnant girlfriend pleaded guilty Monday to helping dispose of the body and agreed to testify against him.

Myisha Ferrell, 30, quietly

pleaded guilty to complicity to abuse a corpse and obstruction of justice — for lying to authorities — just before opening statements were to begin in her jury trial. She was sentenced to two years in prison but will be eligible for release after one year as part of a plea deal.

Ferrell had faced up to six years in prison if convicted on both counts in the slaying of Jessie Davis, whose disappearance in June drew national attention as thousands searched for her for more than a week near her northeast Ohio home. Davis' body, with a nearly full-term fetus, was found more than a week later about 25 miles away in a remote area of a park.

Ferrell agreed to testify against Bobby L. Curtis Jr., who is set for trial Feb. 4 on charges of aggravated murder, abuse of a corpse, and child endangerment.

SOUTH AFRICA

Oprah promises shake-up at her South African school

JOHANNESBURG — Oprah Winfrey said Monday she'll wopt for half an hour when she heard a dorm matron was accused of abusing students at her school for disadvantaged South African girls. She promised to "clean house," starting with the headmistress.

Winfrey said officials at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls had facts and told students to "put on happy faces" and not complain to her. Though she said she was not responsible for hiring at the school, she said the screening process was inadequate and "the buck always stops with me."

She spoke to reporters in South Africa by satellite from the United States hours after the accused dormitory matron appeared in court near Johannesburg.

Tiny Virginia Makopo, 27, was not asked to submit a formal plea. But she said she was "not guilty" of the 13 charges of indecent assault,



Virginia Makopo is covered by a friend as she leaves the Sebeke Magistrate Court, south of Johannesburg, South Africa, Monday. The dormitory matron, who is accused of indecent assault on pupils at Oprah Winfrey's School for disadvantaged girls, was freed on bail Monday.

assault and criminal injury against six students ages 13 to 15 and a 23-year-old fellow dormitory matron. Makopo, who was arrested Thursday, was freed on \$450 bail and ordered to return to court on Dec. 13.

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MEXICO

Flood victims scramble for food, supplies; 20,000 still stranded

VILLAHERMOSA — Hungry and dehydrated victims of one of the worst floods in Mexico's history scrambled for government packages of food and medicine, while at least 20,000 people remained trapped Monday on the rooftops of homes swallowed by water.

Residents were running dangerously short of food and water after nearly a week of floods left 80 percent of the Gulf Coast state of Tabasco under water and destroyed or damaged the homes of about half a million people. Gov.



People unload supplies in the flooded city of Villahermosa, Mexico. At least 20,000 people were still trapped on rooftops Monday in one of the worst floods in local history. Government officials worked furiously to distribute aid and vowed to crack down on looting by desperate residents.

FLORIDA

Discovery astronauts check wings to ensure safe descent

CAPE CANAVERAL — Shuttle Discovery's astronauts surveyed the wings of their ship Monday to ensure a safe descent over the American heartland after leaving the International space station.

On the ride home Wednesday, the space shuttle will make the first coast-to-coast re-entry since Columbia shattered in the sky over Texas in 2003 and sent tens of thousands of pounds of wreckage raining down on at least two states.

Discovery was not supposed to re-enter over the entire United States — just Florida after zooming up from the southwest over Central America and the Caribbean. But that original plan would have entailed a pre-dawn landing, and shuttle commander Pamela Melroy preferred a safer, easier touchdown in daylight, said shuttle program manager Wayne Hale.

This 15-day mission is longer than most — and more stressful, too, with the astronauts' impromptu repair to the torn solar wing at the space station. As a result, crew fatigue must be considered, Hale said.

Discovery's new path will have it descending early Wednesday afternoon over the Canadian coast and the

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Pakistan police clash with protesting lawyers

By Robin McDowell
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Police fired tear gas and clubbed lawyers protesting Monday against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's emergency rule. The U.S. and other nations called for elections to be held on schedule and said they were reviewing aid to Pakistan.

In the largest protest in the eastern city of Lahore, lawyers dressed in black suits and ties chanted "Musharraf Go" as they defied the government's ban on rallies. Some fought back with stones and tree branches.

The crackdown mainly targeted Musharraf's most potent critics — the judiciary and lawyers, independent television stations and opposition activists. Opposition groups said 3,500 had been arrested, though the government reported half that total.

President Bush urged Musharraf to hold parliamentary elections as scheduled in January and relinquish his army post as soon as possible. "Our hope is that he will restore democracy as quickly as possible," Bush said.

But there did not appear to be a unified position among senior government officials on whether they planned to hold the election as planned. The attorney general said the vote would take place as scheduled but then conceded there was a chance of a delay. The prime minister also left open the possibility of a delay.

The demonstrations so far have been limited largely to opposition activists, rights workers and lawyers angered by his attacks on the judiciary. There does not appear to be a groundswell of popular resistance and all the protests have been quickly and sometimes brutally stamped out.

The streets of Pakistan appeared normal Monday with people going about business as usual for the most part.

Musharraf, who took power in a 1999 coup and is also head of Pakistan's army, suspended the constitution on Saturday ahead of a Supreme Court ruling on whether his recent re-election as president was legal. He ousted seven independent Supreme Court judges, put a stranglehold on independent media and granted sweeping powers to authorities to crush dissent.

Musharraf's leadership is threatened by the Islamic militant movement that has spread from border regions to the capital, the reemergence of political rivals, including former prime minister Pervez Musharraf, and an increasingly defiant Supreme Court.

The court has emerged as the chief check on Musharraf, who has been promising democracy ever since he seized power. The judiciary has proved surprisingly independent for a country that has been under military rule for most of the 60 years since it was founded.

The emergency decree appeared aimed primarily at heading off any Supreme Court challenge to Musharraf prolonging his eight-year rule. The opposition has been demanding Musharraf relinquish his post as army chief and says he should be disqualified because he contested the presidential vote as army chief.

Musharraf has also moved quickly to control the media, which he said was partly to blame for the current crisis. Authorities have cracked out TV networks and threatened broadcasters with jail time, but so far have spared the Internet and most newspapers. Most people in Pakistan, where illiteracy is rife, get their news from TV or radio.

Police raided and briefly sealed a printing press belonging to Pakistan's largest media group on Monday. They also tried to storm a press club in Karachi. Broadcasts by independent news networks remained blocked, and domestic transmissions of BBC and CNN went off the air.

Lawyers — who were the driving force behind protests earlier this year when

Musharraf tried unsuccessfully to fire independent-minded chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry — attempted to stage rallies in major cities on Monday. But the protests were quickly stamped out.

Rethinking aid for Pakistan

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U.S. aid to Pakistan, FY2002-07	\$2.3 billion	\$1.51
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SOURCE: Center for Strategic and International Studies AP



Plainclothes police officers carry a lawyer who was rallying against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's declaration of a state of emergency, Monday in Lahore, Pakistan.

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Big Ben's 5 TD throws lead Steelers' 38-7 rout of Ravens

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Hall of Famers galore lined the Steelers' sideline, with Terry Bradshaw and Mean Joe Greene, Jack Ham, Mel Blount and Franco Harris out front.

No wonder the Baltimore Ravens probably thought they were playing all of them and the current day Steelers, too.

Ben Roethlisberger tied the Steelers' single-game record with five touchdown passes in the first half and Pittsburgh put on a Steel Curtain-like defensive show by forcing four turnovers before halftime in a 38-7 victory over Baltimore on Monday night.

The Ravens (4-4) had a chance to tie for the AFC North lead by beating the Steelers (6-2) for a fourth straight time

during to 2005.

In reality, they had no chance at all. Not with all the big names gathered to celebrate the Steelers' 75th anniversary, whooping it up and pounding each others' backs with every big hit and turnover.

The Steelers forced three fumbles in the first quarter alone, with James Harrison hitting All-Pro safety Ed Reed so hard on a punt return ball flew nearly 15 feet before Pittsburgh recovered. Four plays later, Roethlisberger found Antonio Holmes for 15 yards on the first of their two opening-half touchdown pass plays and a 14-0 Steelers lead. Holmes had 110 yards on four receptions.

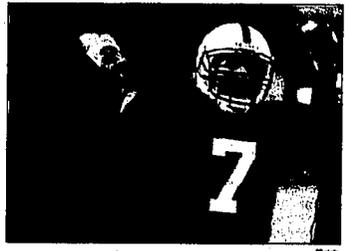
Right about then, it was becoming obvious this wouldn't be a repeat of



Baltimore's two routs of the Steelers by scores of 31-7 and 27-0 a season ago.

Harrison, a one-time non-drafted free agent who became a starter after former Pro Bowl linebacker Joey Porter was released during the offseason, seemed to torment Ravens quarterback Steve McNair on nearly every down. Harrison had two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and interception and 2½ sacks before halftime in a Jack Lambert-like performance. Lambert, coincidentally was one of the few members of the Steelers' 75th anniversary all-time team who didn't attend.

Former coach Bill Cowher got the crowd going by making a previously



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) and Brett Kiesel, left, celebrate a second-quarter touchdown pass in Pittsburgh, Monday.

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Managing a transition

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LOS ANGELES — John Russell pulled on his new cap and jersey for the first time Monday as the sun peeked through an overcast sky.

"I hope it stays out," Torre said with a smile, presumably speaking figuratively as well as literally.

Only minutes earlier, the ballpark was shrouded in fog, similar to the past 19

PITTSBURGH — John Russell, a humble guy who spent much of his career in the minors. He lacks a marquee name or a big-time resume, and he was fired as a coach two years ago by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Is this really the best person that very same Pittsburgh team could find to become its new manager — someone the club's previous leadership let go?

Pirates' president Frank Cooney and

LEFT: Pittsburgh Pirates general manager Neal Huntington (left) and John Russell at a news conference at PNC Park in Pittsburgh Monday. RIGHT: Joe Torre is seen during a news conference in front of the Los Angeles Dodgers' baseball team at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on Monday.

Vandals savor bye week after tough loss to La. Tech

By Grant Ioki
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — The Idaho Vandals were without veteran linebacker Ben Alexander and running back and special teams' leader Jayson Bird last Saturday. Both had fallen prey to season-ending injuries, and many others were seen hobbling and favoring nagging pains throughout the bruising contest against Western Athletic Conference foe Louisiana Tech. But midway through the fourth quarter, Idaho appeared to be closing in on its first WAC win. The Vandals held the slim lead, 16-14, and Louisiana Tech was on its 30-yard line. It was a rotation at safety — to give the beat up Shilo Koo a breather — when the big play hit.

Buildups quarterback Zac Champilon hit wide receiver Phillip Livas, cutting off a post route and not a Vandal was in sight. The 70-yard touchdown reception with 8:54 on the clock spelled the eighth straight loss for Idaho.

"We had one too many big plays against us. We're running guys in and out. Shilo was out on that play. He's beat up pretty good. Unfortunately, that was a poor time for that to happen," said Vandals coach Robb Akey.

Later, Idaho was called for an illegal substitution to give Louisiana Tech a first down deep in Vandal territory. The Bulldogs pulled their field goal team off and were jubilant in getting a fresh set of downs. Again, many players rotating in and out as depth is attacked, caused critical errors with a team that has no wiggle room for them.

"We made a personnel change and we didn't get it communicated well enough. It's very embarrassing to me. I'm the head coach and I'll take credit for that," Akey added.

The Vandals defense was on the field for long stretches, giving Louisiana Tech a nine-minute advantage in time of possession. Idaho captain and linebacker David Vobora,

who finished with 14 tackles and forced fumble recovery, said that difference in possession took its toll.

"You had two teams that were desperate to win. It got physical. I know, personally, I started to run out of gas," said Vobora, who played with an aggravated elbow injury acquired during the Nevada game. "We had some guys banged up. Breyon Williams (cornerback) had to go out. Shilo was banged up. Jo Artis (tatt) got banged up. You know, you may not have all the gas in the tank to get off blocks."

The offense did have one bright spot as running back Deonte Jackson became the first Vandal rusher with 1,000 yards since 2003 by netting a tough 42 yards on 15 carries, but has been corralled for the last two games, only gaining 87 yards. Jackson's total net yards, with two games remaining, is 1,016.

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Reserve Terry's 31 points carry Mavs past previously unbeaten Rockets

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Jason Terry's bid to become Sixth Man of the Year is off to quite a start. Asked to provide instant offense from the bench this season, Terry did so Monday night, scoring 31 points and guiding a late 14-4 run that carried the Dallas Mavericks past the Houston Rockets 107-98.

Tracy McGrady had 35 points and eight assists, and Yao Ming had 21 points and 11 rebounds, yet the Rockets lost for the first time this season. Houston had been 3-0 under new coach Rick Adelman. Before tipoff, Adelman said he viewed this game and the next one — Tuesday night at home against San Antonio — as true tests of his team's progress.

Dik Nowitzki was only 7-of-20 from the field and had 19 points, but that included a 3-pointer that bounced in off the front rim for a big emotional boost during the game-breaking run. He also had nine rebounds.

Josh Howard had 21 points and DeSagana Diop added 10 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks for Dallas. Jerry Stackhouse scored 16 points on his 33rd birthday, including five in the final rally.

The Mavericks are 3-1, which is notable only because they were 0-4 at this point last season, with a 41-point loss to Houston ruled in. Dallas went on to win 67 games, matching the fifth-most in league history, before getting bounced in



Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry (31) drives the ball past Houston Rockets guard Tracy McGrady (11) in the second half of their NBA basketball game in Dallas, Monday.

the first round of the playoffs. Mavericks coach Avery Johnson has tweaked his system by going with Devin Harris as his point guard and making Terry his first sub. Johnson has shown his commitment to the plan by keeping Terry as his top reserve even though Harris has missed the last two games with a bruised left thigh.

Bye week gives perfect Patriots time to rest, review

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Bill Belichick could use the Patriots' bye week to enjoy their biggest win of the season and their perfect record.

He has other plans. Rather than spend the extra time savoring New England's comeback at Indianapolis — "That's not really what it's for," he said Monday — he'll study his team and his next opponent, a team New England already has crushed by 31 points.

Since that 38-7 win over Buffalo, however, the Bills are 4-1 with just a one-point loss to Dallas on a last-play field goal.

"They're on a little bit of a roll here," the Patriots coach said. "It looks like they're playing their best football of the season."

So are the Patriots. With "probably eight minutes of as good of football as we've played all year," he said, they rallied in the fourth quarter from a 20-10 deficit to a 24-20 win over the Colts on Sunday.

The matchup of the only undefeated teams left in the Patriots at 9-0 and the Colts at 9-0-1 went off to rest their bodies and sharpen their minds. Seven more wins and they'll be the first team with a perfect regular season record since Miami in 1972.

The Colts (7-1) posed the biggest threat to that. New England's remaining opponents are Buffalo, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, the New York Jets, Miami and the New York Giants in the season finale.

From the time the Patriots at the ball with 8:42 left Sunday, until Tom Brady clinched the win with a first down pass to Wes Welker with 2:00 left, the Patriots were spectacular, outscoring the Colts 14-0, outgaining them 135 yards to 26 and forcing fumbles on Indianapolis' two possessions.

The win was so satisfying, the usually stone-faced Belichick was downright giddy when it ended.

With a wide smile, he hugged 325-pound nose tackle Vince Wilfork and 250-pound linebacker Rosevelt Colvin as he began walking toward midfield to shake hands with Colts coach Tony Dungy.

"We're down by 10 with 10 minutes to go in the game in Indianapolis, and we're kneeling on the ball with two minutes to go, against a good team, on the road, who definitely had us on the field," Belichick said. "I was very happy with that."

"There's no doubt about it, I was elated."

Immediately after the game, he sought to demolish the win in one of the most hyped regular season games in NFL history.

"It's a football game against the Colts, that's all it was," he said Sunday.

By Monday, he had moved on.

There was tape of the game to study, scouting of his own players to do, mistakes to correct.

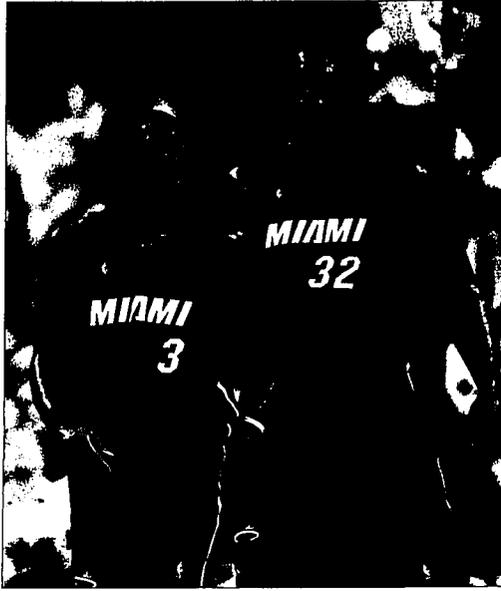
Despite their record, the Patriots were far from perfect in Indianapolis.

On offense, Brady threw two interceptions, doubling his total for the season, and the Patriots had just 207 total yards with 10 minutes to play. On defense, they let Joseph Addai weave up the left sideline late in the first half for a 73-yard touchdown after a short pass by Peyton Manning.

As usual, Belichick will be very thorough while giving his players four days off after Wednesday's practice.

He'll analyze the defense, special teams, tendencies to use certain plays and personnel other aspects of the season so far.

Randy Moss made spectacular plays. One of the best was his one-handed grab of a high pass in the middle of the field Sunday.



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) and center Shaquille O'Neal (32) walk back to the bench in the fourth quarter of Game 5 of the Eastern Conference basketball finals against the Detroit Pistons at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., May 31, 2006.

Wade back at practice

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade's surgically repaired knee survived its first real test with no setbacks.

During Wade's first full-contact practice this season with the Miami Heat, rookie center Josh Anthony threw his 6-foot-9, 260-pound body toward the 2006 NBA Finals MVP as the guard headed toward the basket.

Wade didn't mind whatsoever. After six months, he was more than anxious to see how he'd handle getting fouled again.

"It finally came," Wade said. "I needed to go get that first hit and I appreciate foul for that."

The good news for the Heat was that Wade reported no problems related to his left knee or left shoulder — both of which were operated on May 15 — after practice Monday.

The bad news for the franchise is that Wade still doesn't know when he'll be ready to return to the Miami lineup, which could clearly use a boost after a 0-3 start.

"It was just good to be back out there playing, to be back out there practicing," said Wade, the three-time All-Star who averaged a career-high 27.4 points last season. "Every player loves the games and not too many love practice, but today I loved practice — for the first time."

One thing Wade made clear: Miami's slow start isn't a good enough reason for him to rush back into the lineup before he's certain the knee is ready.

When he returns, Wade wants to be back to stay.

"My prognostic prognosis, my assumption, I'll say about three weeks," Heat center Shaquille O'Neal said. "He's still D-Wade. He looks good out there. We're avoiding the very,

very rough contact, but he's shooting the ball well and getting guys involved. When he gets out there, it's going to be fun."

Wade dislocated his left shoulder in February and missed most of the final two months of the regular season, plus was hobbled by the condition called "jumper's knee" when he came back to Miami's short stint in the playoffs.

So he had both conditions repaired at the same time in mid-May, being told the rehabilitation process would take about six months — meaning he's actually a bit ahead of schedule.

"It's going to be a day-to-day process, it really is," Wade said. "Hopefully we don't have the Dwyane Wade watch and countdown. I really don't want to do that. I really want to concentrate on the Miami Heat and when I come back, everybody will know it and hopefully I come back ready to help the team get on a good track."

The left shoulder, he said, is tighter than his right one, so learning to absorb contact is the only real concern there. But the knee is Wade's ticket to explosiveness, which defines his game. And after four days of hard workout last week, Wade had to take two days off because of soreness there.

"That would indicate he's not quite ready yet for the rigors of play."

"He went after it, he took a couple hard hits, he had a good practice," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "He's just going to practice every day and when he feels ready, then that's when he'll be back. He went hard today. We scrimmaged today. We went halfcourt, we did a lot of different packages and schemes ... He looked good."

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AP Preseason All-America List

The Associated Press' 2007-08 preseason All-America team, with school, height, weight, year and votes from a 72-member national media panel (key 2006-07 statistics in parentheses):

Taylor Hanabrough, North Carolina, 6-9, junior, 71 votes (18.4 ppg, 7.9 rpg, 52.5 fg pct)
Roy Hibbert, Georgetown, 7-2, senior, 62 (12.9 ppg, 6.9 rpg, 2.4 blocks, 67.0 fg pct)
Chris Lofton, Tennessee, 6-2, senior, 61 (20.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 1.7 apg, 47.9 fg pct, 41.9 3-pt fg pct)
Draw Nelze, Michigan State, 6-0, senior, 37 (18.1 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 4.3 apg, 42.6 fg pct, 41.2 3-pt fg pct)
Darron Collison, Oregon, 6-0, junior, 34 (12.7 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 5.7 apg, 47.8 fg pct, 44.7 3-pt fg pct)

Others receiving votes (alphabetical): Darrell Arthur, Kansas; D.J. Augustin, Texas; Jon Brockman, Washington; Chase Budinger, Arizona; Mario Chalmers, Kansas; Brandon Costner, North Carolina State; Joey Dorsey, Memphis; Chris Douglas-Roberts, Memphis; Eric Gordon, Indiana; Jamar Gordon, Mississippi State; Dominic James, Marquette; Joseph Jones, Texas A&M; Brook Lopez, Stanford; Kevin Love, UCLA; O.J. Mayo, Southern California; Derrick Rose, Memphis; Brandon Rush, Kansas; Sean Singletary, Virginia Tech; Steve Scalet, Alabama; Kyle Weaver, Washington State; D.J. White, Indiana.

Rose shines in college debut as No. 3 Memphis routs Utah-Martin 102-71

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Derrick Rose didn't take long to adjust to the college game.

The highly touted freshman had 17 points, six rebounds and five assists in his collegiate debut and led 3 Memphis to a 102-71 rout of Utah-Martin on Monday night in the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic.

"When we were dying, he scored," Memphis coach John Calipari said. "We were dying, he blocks a shot. We were dying, he goes in there and makes a layup."

Rose was 8-for-16 from the field and four dunks, bringing the 16,555 fans at FedExForum to their feet cheering each break. He also had a block on a breakaway in the first half that sent Calipari out of his chair and invigorated the Tigers' bench.

But how does the freshman rate his first performance?

"I'll give it a 'C,'" Rose said. "I can do a lot better." His teammates weren't as modest.

"He does things that a lot of people haven't seen," guard Chris Douglas-Roberts said. "He deserves all the credit. It's crazy to think 'that was his first game.'"

Douglas-Roberts quietly tied his career-high with 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Memphis (1-0).

Lester Hudson had 35 points for Tennessee-Martin (0-1) while the Tigers' early season in the tournament that benefits Coaches vs. Cancer.

The Skyhawks looked energized early facing their toughest opponent of the season, bursting out to a 23-19 lead just 9 minutes into the game. Hudson hit three consecutive 3-pointers and had 16 points during that span.

It didn't last long. Memphis countered with an 18-1 run — with Rose leading the charge — and never looked back. The

Tigers scored the first 17 points in the second half to take a 66-58 lead and put the game out of reach.

"We had some cold spells tonight," Tennessee-Martin coach Bret Campbell said. "Our guys can't have cold spells against a team of this caliber."

Although Memphis returned all five starters and has gone to consecutive NCAA tournament regional finals, Rose might be the best player on a veteran roster.

"I was a little scared," he said. "But I didn't let it get to me."

Hudson said guarding Rose one-on-one was nearly impossible.

"Fastest point guard I've ever played against," Rose said.

Robert Dozier added 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Antonio Anderson had 11 points for the Tigers.

Marquis Weddle added eight points for the Skyhawks, who shot 31.2 percent and couldn't match the speed of Memphis, especially Rose.

Calipari said Rose might be the player Memphis needs this year to push them into the Final Four.

"You need to have a guy, that when the game is on the line, he can just dog the other guys and do whatever he wants when he wants," Calipari said. "He can do that."

Memphis senior forward Joey Dorsey had a sprained right shoulder and said he'd miss Monday night's game with the Injury. Shawn Taggart, a transfer from Iowa State, started in his place and finished with 15 rebounds.

Douglas-Roberts had 28 points against Austin Peay last season. The Tigers will play Belmont, which beat Maine 46-42 on Monday in the regional final Tuesday night. The winner will play in the semifinals at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 15.

Torre

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everything proud of the product we put on the field."

Flanked by Hall of Fame manager Tom Lasorda and broadcasting great Vin Scully, Torre received a lavish welcome to the Dodgers' family and immediately paid tribute to their winning tradition.

"I didn't sleep all night," he said. "It's just a great feeling to be here. This is one of a handful of organizations you automatically say yes to."

But he also pointed out he'll have a lot to learn in his new job.

"I don't know my team, obviously," said Torre, who replaces Grady Little in the Dodgers' dugout. "I've been in the American League the last 12 years."

The 67-year-old Torre won big in New York, guiding the Yankees to four World Series championships, six AL pennants and playoff appearances in all 12 years as their manager. He becomes the second person to

manage the Yankees and Dodgers, joining Casey Stengel.

Torre grew up in Brooklyn when it was home to the Dodgers. But he rooted for the rival New York Giants, a fact he apologized for right away Monday.

"You look at this organization, I remember when it was Brooklyn," Torre said while looking down at his No. 6, the same number he wore in New York. "These things are very vivid to me. Carl Furillo wore No. 6. There was a certain pride factor that I associated with this organization."

Torre said Don Mattingly and Larry Bowa will accompany him from New York as two members of his coaching staff in Los Angeles.

Manfully lost out to Joe Girardi for the Dodgers last week. Now, Torre takes over an underachieving team that finished fourth in the NL West this season with an 82-80 record.

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Steelers

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announced on-field appearance shortly before the opening kickoff as a steady rain fell, and the Steelers lived up to coach Mike Tomlin's pregame prediction that the rain would feed off the noise and enthusiasm.

Harrison's hard hit caused Steve McNair to fumble in a third-down play on Baltimore's first possession and Harrison recovered himself at the 20.

Roethlisberger responded by stepping out of the Ravens' pass rush to hit tight end Heath Miller on a 17-yard scoring pass midway through the first quarter.

A familiar pattern then settled in: The Ravens would turn the ball over, and the Steelers would score in a hurry as Roethlisberger also threw two TD passes to backup Nate Washington.

Harrison and Anthony Smith forced another fumble after an 13-play drive stepped in front of a McNair pass for an interception.

McNair was 13-of-22 for 63 yards before being pulled in the fourth quarter, about the time the early departing fans from the crowd of 63,457 had already created a huge traffic jam around Heinz Field.

Roethlisberger, still in the game with the Steelers holding a 28-point lead, was pushed to the turf by Terrell Suggs on a 45-yard completion to Holmes in the third quarter, but returned early in the fourth quarter after having his right hip examined.

Comedian Dennis Miller returns to sports TV with talk show on Versus

NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Miller recalled internet polls during his stint on "Monday Night Football" in which he and the writers loved him and the other half hated him. "I'll always be a bit of niche guy," he said, with no apologies.

The comedian is venturing back into sports television, a pairing that evokes memories of his much-talked-about two-year run in the football broadcast booth. "Sports Unfiltered with Dennis Miller," a talk show on Versus,

debuts Tuesday night.

"Some people want Jim Rome," he said of the competitive sports talk show host. "Some people want me."

In 2006, ABC hired Miller in hopes that his trademark obscure pop culture references would boost ratings. The experience didn't dampen his passion for sports — he figures he's one of the few people who have read every edition of Bill James' "Baseball Abstract" statistical analysis books. Nor did it dull his

interest in working in sports television.

Not that he considers the MNF experiment a negative experience.

"I was proud of my tenure there," said Miller, who believes his departure had much more to do with the availability of John Madden than with his own performance.

The new program will in many ways be a sports version of his HBO talk show, "Dennis Miller Live," which ended in 1994-2002. A typical one-hour episode will include a

monologue, two guests and some phone calls from viewers. Miller also will take a page from "The Bill Engvall Show."

"His scheduled guests for Tuesday's premiere include Curt Schilling.

Miller, who also hosts a syndicated non-sports radio talk show, expressed to touch on a variety of sports and issues, and the obscure pop culture references aren't going anywhere.

"For people who dig it," he said, "they're pretty loyal."

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup

1. Jimmie Johnson, 68.2	2. Jeff Gordon, 67.8
3. Tony Stewart, 67.5	4. Matt Kenseth, 67.2
5. Kevin Harvick, 66.9	6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 66.6
7. Ryan Newman, 66.3	8. Clint Bowyer, 66.0
9. Greg Biffel, 65.7	10. Mark Martin, 65.4
11. Denny Hamlin, 65.1	12. Martin Truex Jr., 64.8
13. Jeff Burton, 64.2	14. David Reardon, 63.9
15. Kyle Busch, 63.5	16. Bobby Labonte, 63.2
17. Scott Speed, 62.8	18. Casey Mears, 62.5
19. Greg Beyer, 62.1	20. Mike Wallace, 61.8
21. Travis Kvapil, 61.2	22. Steve Wallace, 60.9
23. David Ragan, 60.3	24. Jeffery Pierce, 60.0
25. Brian Scott, 59.4	26. Mike Bliss, 59.1
27. David Hogue, 58.5	28. Mike McLaughlin, 58.2
29. Travis Laney, 57.6	30. David Green, 57.3
31. Mike Stewart, 56.7	32. Jeffery Earnhardt, 56.4
33. David Sorenson, 55.8	34. Mike Skinner, 55.5
35. Travis Moore, 54.9	36. Mike Bliss, 54.6
37. David Ragan, 53.7	38. Mike McLaughlin, 53.4
39. Travis Laney, 52.8	40. David Green, 52.5
41. Mike Stewart, 51.9	42. Jeffery Earnhardt, 51.6
43. David Sorenson, 50.8	44. Mike Skinner, 50.5
45. Travis Moore, 49.7	46. Mike Bliss, 49.4
47. David Ragan, 48.6	48. Mike McLaughlin, 48.3
49. Travis Laney, 47.5	50. David Green, 47.2
51. Mike Stewart, 46.4	52. Jeffery Earnhardt, 46.1
53. David Sorenson, 45.3	54. Mike Skinner, 45.2
55. Travis Moore, 44.2	56. Mike Bliss, 44.1
57. David Ragan, 43.1	58. Mike McLaughlin, 43.0
59. Travis Laney, 42.0	60. David Green, 41.9
61. Mike Stewart, 40.9	62. Jeffery Earnhardt, 40.8
63. David Sorenson, 39.8	64. Mike Skinner, 39.7
65. Travis Moore, 38.7	66. Mike Bliss, 38.6
67. David Ragan, 37.6	68. Mike McLaughlin, 37.5
69. Travis Laney, 36.5	70. David Green, 36.4
71. Mike Stewart, 35.4	72. Jeffery Earnhardt, 35.3
73. David Sorenson, 34.3	74. Mike Skinner, 34.2
75. Travis Moore, 33.2	76. Mike Bliss, 33.1
77. David Ragan, 32.1	78. Mike McLaughlin, 32.0
79. Travis Laney, 31.0	80. David Green, 30.9
81. Mike Stewart, 29.9	82. Jeffery Earnhardt, 29.8
83. David Sorenson, 28.8	84. Mike Skinner, 28.7
85. Travis Moore, 27.7	86. Mike Bliss, 27.6
87. David Ragan, 26.6	88. Mike McLaughlin, 26.5
89. Travis Laney, 25.5	90. David Green, 25.4
91. Mike Stewart, 24.4	92. Jeffery Earnhardt, 24.3
93. David Sorenson, 23.3	94. Mike Skinner, 23.2
95. Travis Moore, 22.2	96. Mike Bliss, 22.1
97. David Ragan, 21.1	98. Mike McLaughlin, 21.0
99. Travis Laney, 20.0	100. David Green, 19.9

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

7 p.m.	ESPN — Baseball , Seattle (12-9-2) vs. Jordan (11-10-2) at Boston
7:30 p.m.	ESPN — College Football
8 p.m.	ESPN2 — Cont. , Michigan at W. Michigan
8:30 p.m.	NHL Hockey
9 p.m.	ESPN2 — NFL , Rangers at N.Y. Islanders
9:30 p.m.	NHL Hockey
10 p.m.	ESPN2 — UFL , Champions League, Liverpool FC vs.

AP Top 25 Schedule

1. Ohio State, 10.0	2. Michigan, 9.5
3. Texas, 9.0	4. Florida, 8.5
5. Alabama, 8.0	6. Oregon, 7.5
7. USC, 7.0	8. Wisconsin, 6.5
9. Penn State, 6.0	10. Iowa, 5.5
11. Stanford, 5.0	12. LSU, 4.5
13. Nebraska, 4.0	14. Oklahoma, 3.5
15. Georgia Tech, 3.0	16. North Carolina, 2.5
17. Texas Tech, 2.0	18. Virginia Tech, 1.5
19. Wake Forest, 1.0	20. Miami, 0.5
21. Duke, 0.0	22. Clemson, -0.5
23. Auburn, -1.0	24. Arkansas, -1.5
25. Mississippi State, -2.0	26. South Carolina, -2.5
27. Tennessee, -3.0	28. Missouri, -3.5
29. Kentucky, -4.0	30. West Virginia, -4.5
31. Baylor, -5.0	32. Texas A&M, -5.5
33. Oklahoma State, -6.0	34. Kansas, -6.5
35. Kansas State, -7.0	36. Iowa State, -7.5
37. Baylor, -8.0	38. Texas Tech, -8.5
39. Oklahoma State, -9.0	40. Kansas, -9.5
41. Kansas State, -10.0	42. Iowa State, -10.5
43. Baylor, -11.0	44. Texas Tech, -11.5
45. Oklahoma State, -12.0	46. Kansas, -12.5
47. Kansas State, -13.0	48. Iowa State, -13.5
49. Baylor, -14.0	50. Texas Tech, -14.5

BASEBALL

1. Boston Red Sox, 100.0	2. New York Yankees, 98.5
3. St. Louis Cardinals, 97.0	4. Cleveland Indians, 95.5
5. Pittsburgh Pirates, 94.0	6. Philadelphia Phillies, 92.5
7. San Francisco Giants, 91.0	8. Los Angeles Dodgers, 89.5
9. Chicago Cubs, 88.0	10. San Diego Padres, 86.5
11. Houston Astros, 85.0	12. Atlanta Braves, 83.5
13. Milwaukee Brewers, 82.0	14. Cincinnati Reds, 80.5
15. Tampa Bay Rays, 79.0	16. Detroit Tigers, 77.5
17. Washington Nationals, 76.0	18. Baltimore Orioles, 74.5
19. Kansas City Royals, 73.0	20. Texas Rangers, 71.5
21. Minnesota Twins, 70.0	22. Oakland Athletics, 68.5
23. Seattle Mariners, 67.0	24. San Francisco Giants, 65.5
25. Los Angeles Angels, 64.0	26. Tampa Bay Rays, 62.5
27. Detroit Tigers, 61.0	28. Boston Red Sox, 59.5
29. Philadelphia Phillies, 58.0	30. St. Louis Cardinals, 56.5
31. San Diego Padres, 55.0	32. Chicago Cubs, 53.5
33. Houston Astros, 52.0	34. Atlanta Braves, 50.5
35. Milwaukee Brewers, 49.0	36. Cincinnati Reds, 47.5
37. Tampa Bay Rays, 46.0	38. Detroit Tigers, 44.5
39. Washington Nationals, 43.0	40. Baltimore Orioles, 41.5
41. Kansas City Royals, 40.0	42. Texas Rangers, 38.5
43. Minnesota Twins, 37.0	44. Oakland Athletics, 35.5
45. Seattle Mariners, 34.0	46. San Francisco Giants, 32.5
47. Los Angeles Angels, 31.0	48. Tampa Bay Rays, 29.5
49. Detroit Tigers, 28.0	50. Boston Red Sox, 26.5

HOCKEY

1. Pittsburgh Penguins, 100.0	2. Detroit Red Wings, 98.5
3. Philadelphia Flyers, 97.0	4. New York Islanders, 95.5
5. Washington Capitals, 94.0	6. Boston Bruins, 92.5
7. New York Rangers, 91.0	8. Carolina Hurricanes, 89.5
9. Tampa Bay Lightning, 88.0	10. San Jose Sharks, 86.5
11. Chicago Blackhawks, 85.0	12. Dallas Stars, 83.5
13. St. Louis Blues, 82.0	14. Colorado Avalanche, 80.5
15. Phoenix Coyotes, 79.0	16. Nashville Predators, 77.5
17. Minnesota Wild, 76.0	18. Vancouver Canucks, 74.5
19. San Jose Sharks, 73.0	20. Dallas Stars, 71.5
21. St. Louis Blues, 70.0	22. Colorado Avalanche, 68.5
23. Phoenix Coyotes, 67.0	24. Nashville Predators, 65.5
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47. Phoenix Coyotes, 31.0	48. Nashville Predators, 29.5
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SOCCER

1. Manchester United, 100.0	2. Arsenal, 98.5
3. Chelsea, 97.0	4. Liverpool, 95.5
5. Tottenham Hotspur, 94.0	6. Manchester City, 92.5
7. Newcastle United, 91.0	8. Everton, 89.5
9. Aston Villa, 88.0	10. Blackburn Rovers, 86.5
11. West Ham United, 85.0	12. Middlesbrough, 83.5
13. Sunderland, 82.0	14. Derby County, 80.5
15. Nottingham Forest, 79.0	16. Birmingham City, 77.5
17. Preston North End, 76.0	18. Reading, 74.5
19. Sheffield Wednesday, 73.0	20. Millwall, 71.5
21. Luton Town, 70.0	22. Barnsley, 68.5
23. Walsley, 67.0	24. Shrewsbury Town, 65.5
25. Notts County, 64.0	26. Mansfield Town, 62.5
27. Grimsby Town, 61.0	28. Gillingham, 59.5
29. Exeter City, 58.0	30. Hartlepool, 56.5
31. Rochdale, 55.0	32. Southend United, 53.5
33. Torquay United, 52.0	34. Stevenage, 50.5
35. Dagenham & Redbridge, 49.0	36. Woking, 47.5
37. Maidstone United, 46.0	38. Ebbsfleet United, 44.5
39. Eastleigh, 43.0	40. Wealdstone, 41.5
41. Hemel Hempstead, 40.0	42. Slough, 38.5
43. Wycombe Wanderers, 37.0	44. Braintree Town, 35.5
45. Havering Athletic, 34.0	46. Thurrock, 32.5
47. East Thurrock United, 31.0	48. Basildon, 29.5
49. Chelmsford City, 28.0	50. Dover Athletic, 26.5

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FOOTBALL

1. Ohio State, 100.0	2. Michigan, 98.5
3. Texas, 97.0	4. Florida, 95.5
5. Alabama, 94.0	6. Oregon, 92.5
7. USC, 91.0	8. Wisconsin, 89.5
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25. Mississippi State, 64.0	26. South Carolina, 62.5
27. Tennessee, 61.0	28. Missouri, 59.5
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Today: Mostly sunny, dry and nice. Warmer than average with highs in the lower 60s.

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Today: Mostly sunny and nice. Warmer than average with highs in the near 60.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today and Wednesday will remain nice with mild temperatures and a good deal of sunshine.

BOISE Unseasonably mild temperatures with a good bit of sunshine will continue today and Wednesday.

NORTHERN UTAH It will remain mostly sunny today through Thursday with mild temperatures. The next chances for moisture look to be Friday.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 64 at Elk City. Low: 10 at Ketchikan.

REGG BIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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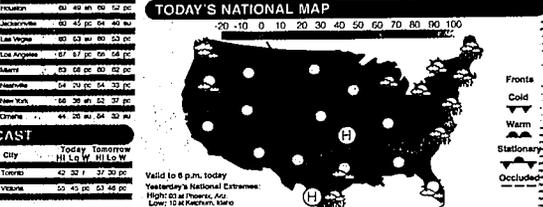
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Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops, left, and Texas A&M head coach Dennis Franchione, right, meet at midfield following their college football game in Norman, Okla., Saturday.

Texas A&M: Franchione will be evaluated after season

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M will wait until the end of the football season before deciding the future of coach Dennis Franchione, who was rebuked this year for allowing boosters to buy information about his players.

Crabble's play symbolizes Michigan's turnaround following rough start

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan linebacker Shawn Crabble roamed to his right and seemed to have Michigan State's Javon Ringer wrapped up near the sideline.



Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, left, and Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio shake hands following their football game Saturday, in East Lansing, Mich. Michigan won 28-24.

Ringer got loose, ran across the field and was headed for a touchdown. Crabble, incredibly, sprinted with a perfect pursuit angle toward the end zone and prevented Ringer from scoring on the 72-yard run.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said, "You never want to tie anything, especially with Ohio State, running back Mike Hart said, 'We want to win this game, and then go to the championship outright.'"

Vandals

The last two games, the defensive line has been slanting very hard. It's a simple scheme that they're doing, but it is very hard to run against," said Jackson.

"It's my boy game," said the senior from Eugene, Ore. "From my first freshman year down in Boise on the blue turf, there's some surreal feelings about that. I'm excited about going down there — it's rivalry weekend. I'm going to talk to the young players and get out some old tapes."

"I have longer winning streaks among major colleges. Crabble's remarkable play didn't prevent Michigan State from scoring on the drive, but it was a fitting reminder that the winningest team in college football history hasn't crumbled after an embarrassing start."

"There are several false rumors circulating regarding the Texas A&M football program," the school said in a statement.



Citigroup losses stir concerns

(AP) Wall Street pulled back in erratic trading Monday as investors grew more concerned about a deteriorating housing market as well as Citigroup Inc. warning it plans to book \$8 billion to \$11 billion in additional debt.

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Finding a niche

Idaho supermarket chain succeeds by not appealing to everybody

BOISE (AP) — A 40-year-old grocery store chain that's opening new stores in Idaho and California this week says it has increased sales to more than \$3 billion on the theory that it can't be all things to all people.

WinCo Foods, which has a store in Twin Falls, has more than 60 stores including two that opened Monday. One is a 92,000-square-foot store in Eagle, Idaho, just 10 miles west of the state's capital; the other is located in Perris in southern California.

Chairman Bill Long, a former Safeway Stores Inc. manager who jumped to WinCo in 1988, said the chain has become Idaho's third-largest privately held company, according to a survey by accounting firm KPMG.

The chain holds prices down by building cavernous stores, having shoppers bag their own groceries, and by sticking to basic items, not luxury foods that would take up shelf space while only appealing to certain shoppers.

"We do, very poorly with the elderly," Long told the *Idaho Statesman*. "Our stores are too big, we don't carry small sizes, and we don't have a lot of services. A single person aren't that interested in our product mix because we don't carry the high-end stuff. But growing families like us, and there are a lot of them. That's our customer base."

While Albertson's Inc., previously based in Boise before being sold to Minnesota Supermarkets Inc. in 2006, failed to thrive under intense competition from rivals such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc., WinCo has managed to carve its own niche. An April 2007 cover story in *Supermarket News*, a trade magazine, described WinCo as Wal-Mart's "worst West Coast nightmare" because WinCo was one of

the few stores that had successfully lowered its prices to match levels of the larger national retailer.

As Wal-Mart expanded its supermarket offerings in the previous decade, Long remembers managers were fearful WinCo would have to alter its business plan to survive. It decided to keep its strategy: big stores, no baggers, no frills.

"Wal-Mart had very low prices, and we were fighters," he said. "We decided there is no way we can change."

The company was founded in 1987 under the name WinMart — and spent the next 20 years struggling to survive.

"We weren't doing well," Long remembers of 1978, the year he became president. "We were opening stores and closing just as many stores."

After one of the original founders died in the early 1980s, Long, executive and a group of employees negotiated a buyout through an employee stock ownership trust. At the time, the company had just 18 stores and \$188 million in annual revenue.

It wasn't until 1988 that the company opened bigger stores in Corvallis, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., which served as the model for new WinCo outlets that capitalize on their size. The company changed its name in 1999 to WinCo, the result of a lawsuit by another company.

Long said "I refrained from doing interviews because I thought it was detrimental to the morale in the company. WinCo was built with the help of a lot of people."

Long, who retired as the company's chief executive officer last December, said he tried to stay out of the media spotlight over the years because he felt it would be hard for him to take credit for the company's success.

"I always disliked the CEO being interviewed at his desk, saying how he changed the structure of the company," Long said.

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Carrying the load



Workers erect scaffolding in Albany, N.Y. The Institute for Supply Management on Monday said that its index gauging the health of non-manufacturing industries registered 55.8, up from 54.8 in September. A reading above 50 indicates expansion, while one below 50 shows contraction. The result was stronger than the 54 reading analysts had expected.

Service jobs may be supporting economy during manufacturing slowdown

By Leslie Wines, Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Strength in new orders helped propel the U.S. services sector to a faster-than-expected growth rate in October, but economists warned the data didn't foretell that economic growth would pick up soon.

The Institute for Supply Management said Monday that its index gauging the health of non-manufacturing industries registered 55.8, up from 54.8 in September. A reading above 50 indicates expansion, while one below 50 shows contraction.

The result was stronger than the 54 reading analysts had expected. The services sector, such

as airlines, hair salons, accountants, doctors, dentists and plumbers, has been helping to prop up the economy even as manufacturing has slowed. "Non-manufacturing business activity increased for the 55th consecutive month in October," said Anthony Nieves, chairman of ISM.

The report's components showed growth in orders and slower expansion rates in employment and prices. Nine non-manufacturing industries, including mining, retail trade, construction, real estate, rental and leasing, professional, scientific and technical services, reported increased activity in October.

Bernard Baumohl, managing director of the

Factory orders

Total new orders to American factories for all manufactured goods: Seasonally adjusted, \$40.2 billion



SOURCE: Department of Commerce, AP

Economic Outlook Group, said the strength of the survey was a surprise but cautioned that the state of the services sector is not always the best harbinger of an economic turning point.

"To determine a turning point in the economy you

have to look at the goods producing sector," he said.

"People tend to still go to the dentist and the doctor even when things turn down," he said. "But you can put off a purchase of goods." According to Baumohl, if consumer spending slows in coming quarters, it will eventually apply the brakes on the services sector, which he estimates at 85 percent of the U.S. economy.

Last week ISM reported that U.S. manufacturing activity in October expanded for a ninth consecutive month, but the rate of growth slowed. The organization's index of factory activity dropped to 50.9 last month from 52.0 in September.

Google aims to conquer wireless world

By Jessica Gyms, Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. rules your computer. Now it wants to rule your mobile phone.

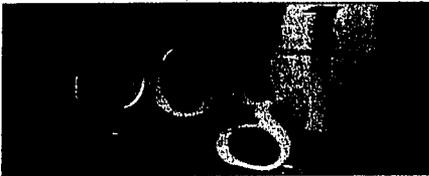
In its long-awaited bid to break into the wireless business, Google announced Monday that it has created a broad industry alliance with major phone carriers and handset makers. It also plans to offer a development kit, to allow anyone to build free software for mobile phones.

Google hopes that a flood of software would transform mobile phones into more powerful devices, filled with features that let users more easily get driving directions, watch videos and perform other tasks when they are on the go — as quickly and as easily as when they are logged on to their PCs.

The Mountain View company sees mobile phones as the next frontier for advertising.

"We want to create a whole new mobile experience for users," Google Executive Eric Schmidt said.

To make that happen, Google has formed an alliance with 33 industry



Confirming its long-removed foray into the cell phone market, Google Inc. will give away a software package designed to spur more mobile Web traffic to the Internet search leader can provide more ads and other services when people aren't in front of a personal computer.

heavyweights, including chipmakers, handset manufacturers and service providers. Google's goal is to pressure the mobile industry, which long has restricted what customers can do with their cell phones, to open up.

Google has made inroads but still has far to go. The two largest U.S. carriers, AT&T Corp. and Verizon Wireless, have not signed on with the alliance. Google also faces competition from the likes of

Microsoft Corp., which is a major force in the so-called smart-phone market, and Apple Inc., whose AT&T-powered iPhone has reimagined what a mobile device can do.

The first Google-powered phones are expected to be available in the next six to 12 months from handset makers such as Motorola, Samsung, HTC and LG Electronics, and they will be made available in the United States through carriers T-Mobile and Sprint Nextel.

Third quarter earnings

Northwest Farm Credit Services sees decline

SPOKANE, Wash. — Northwest Farm Credit Services announced Monday that third-quarter earnings declined 7 percent compared to the same period last year.

The decline was primarily due to an \$11.2 million reversal of the allowance for credit losses during the three quarters of 2006 — compared to a provision expense of \$3.4 million during the first three quarters of 2007.

In a release from Northwest, the company reported earnings of \$28.4 million for the quarter ended Sept. 30, compared to \$30.8 million for the same quarter ended in 2006.

Northwest Farm Credit Services, which provides financing and related services to agricultural businesses in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, saw its total owned loan volume increase by 11.9 percent from one year ago — even as commodities experienced record-high prices.

Ameristar reports decline in net income

Las Vegas — Ameristar Casinos Inc. reported Monday a net income of \$20 million for the third-quarter, or 34 cents a share, compared with \$21.1 million, or 37 cents a share, in 2006.

Ameristar — whose Cactus Petros Resort Casino and The Horseshoe Hotel & Casino in Jackpot, Nev., are major Magic Valley employers — reported a net-revenue loss of \$800,000 from the Resorts East Chicago property. Analysts polled by Thomson Financial, estimated earnings of 35 cents a share. Net revenue for the period ended Sept. 30 rose to \$265.4 million. Analysts expected \$261.5 million for the quarter.

The Las Vegas-based gaming and entertainment company expects fourth-quarter earnings of 14 cents to 17 cents a share. Analysts are currently estimating fourth-quarter earnings of 27 cents a share and full-year earnings of \$1.37 a share.

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V. EASY # 97

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 todays puzzle on page C-8.

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In today's deal you have to spot the play that will give the opponents a choice of losing options. You are in four spades, a contract that looks simple enough until West finds the best lead for his side: a trump. Now you are threatened with the loss of two tricks in clubs and two in hearts since the opponents are not guaranteed entries to dummy.

Look what happens if you win the opening lead and try a club to the natural jack, East wins and returns a second trump. Now, if the defenders can work out to pitch all their diamonds early, you will wind up with only nine tricks. (As a defender, would you be able to work out to do that?)

The winning line is to take the first trump and advance the club queen. Note the difference. If a defender takes this trick, the club jack serves as an entry to dummy for that precious discard on the diamond ace. If they duck, you ruff a club in dummy and make an overtrick.

NORTH 11-6-A
A 8 6
9 8 7 2
A Q 8 3 2
J 6

WEST EAST
A J 10 9
K Q 1 4
J 9 7 6
10 7 2

SOUTH
A K Q 5 4 2
A 3
K 9 5 4
A 8 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 Pass 1NT Pass
3 Pass 3 Pass
4 Pass 4 All pass

Opening lead: Spade jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
A 8 6
9 8 7 2
A Q 8 3 2
J 6

South West North East
Pass 1 A 1 Dbl.

ANSWER: This hand is tailor-made for a jump to three diamonds, showing the values for a raise to three hearts or better, plus a good diamond suit. After all, you would not rather see partner lead a diamond than a heart if your LHO declares spades?

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Rural remedies



Ken Setton, a retired plumber, trains a llama on his 7 1/2-acre farm in Apple Valley, Calif.

More urbanites moving to hobby farms

By Diane Wedner • Los Angeles Times

As a full-time sales rep for national van-line companies for 12 years, Ellen Sullivan understood radical moves. One day she decided to make one herself.

Sullivan and her chemist husband, Paul Bernhardt, sold their Orange County, Calif., home in Menarch Bench — they were empty-nesters — and bought a spread in San Diego County's rural Valley Center. That's when they added a new line on their resumes: 'hobby farmers.'

No, they don't hoe the back 40 — their farm is only 9 acres — nor do they milk cows or harvest wheat. But they do raise sheep and grow lavender, the sweet-scented Mediterranean shrub that's been cultivated for more than 2,000 years. They extract the oil, which goes into the dozens of products Sullivan sells online — and to customers who flock to the farm each May and June.

The jobs not easy, though. "It's dusty work, you're dirty, and you have to be unafraid of snakes, spiders and rats," said Sullivan, 57. Bernhardt, 56, still works full time for a major food corporation. Until they bought the farm, which includes a four-bedroom house, a 1,000-square-foot weaving studio, animal sheds, a wool shed and gift shop, Sullivan had not gardened before. "You don't get rich doing this, but it's a satisfying lifestyle."

It must be, because plenty of boomers and Gen-Xers nationwide are getting dirt under their fingernails. "Hobby" farms make up about half of the 2.1 million U.S. farms, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and they are increasing by about 2 percent a year.

Hobby farmers — loosely defined as those whose incomes are derived not solely from farming — often bring little or no hands-on



Joy and Rodney Chow have 600 fruit trees on their 5 acres in Carpinteria, Calif., where they're building a house.

experience to their new avocation. Their business acumen and marketing skills from previous jobs, however, can turn their pastimes into gainful enterprises, said Karen K. Acevedo, editor in chief of six-year-old Hobby Farms magazine, which has a circulation of about 81,000.

These "ruripollitans" are willing to invest beaucoup bucks to pay for equipment to reap and sow organic vegetables, raise niche crops, such as herbs, grass-fed beef or organic pork, shear sheep or llamas for wool production, or harvest grapes for wine.

"Farming is not leisure-oriented. It's for people who are ambitious and perseverant, who are accomplishment-driven," said Acevedo, 36, who owns a 9-acre farm in Kentucky on which she grows summer garden crops and raises goats. "It attracts people from all over who are drawn to it for the various benefits."

Some hobby farmers embrace the rural life because they love the outdoors and the peace and quiet. "It attracts people from all over who are drawn to it for the various benefits."

"You don't get rich doing this, but it's a satisfying lifestyle."

— Ellen Sullivan, a hobby farmer with her husband, Paul Bernhardt, in San Diego County's Valley Center

together. Some city dwellers took up farming after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Acevedo said, seeking more time with their children and the feeling of safety the countryside provides.

"Our society has become so disconnected from the natural world that we develop a desperate longing to reconnect in that way," said Michael Ableman, a farmer and author of the book "On Good Land: The Autobiography of an Urban Farm." "The resurgence in interest in small farming is in response to that."

Lavender grows. Sullivan knew exactly why she wanted a farm: a steady supply of wool for her weaving. The longtime artist — she was a weaver in residence at the Mission San Juan Capistrano for three years before she established the Lavender Farm — saw the farm as known for the always dreamed of owning her own organic

soaps, body mist, candles, sachets and other products that she sells online and in the property's gift shop. The weaver also sells her knitted products and yarn.

Bernhardt drives the tractor, distills the lavender oil and helps Sullivan with her product shows. Annual sales are about \$200,000, which help defray the costs of running the farm.

"Some people have a romantic idea about farming, but we live far away from town and deal with many inconveniences," Sullivan said. "Still, dealing with animals and being alert to the environment have been the most exciting and interesting parts of owning this place."

And then there are the llama lovers. Nanci and Ken Sutton always enjoyed hanging out with their menagerie of animals on the 1-acre property they owned in Glendora. A plumber for 30 years, Ken, 58 and now retired, made service calls and ran a plumbing-supplies business. Nanci, 52, is an accomplished weaver who runs an embroidery business. Both grew up around animals.

Five years ago, no longer able to accommodate their growing herd of llamas, the couple sold their home for \$550,000, waved goodbye to the city and bought a 7 1/2-acre ranch in Apple Valley for \$200,000. The property, on a dirt road with neighbors spread far enough apart



Kathy West, owner of Who's the Boss day care in Buhl, is pleased with her new steps, built by a mother in exchange for day care.

Day care for carpentry ... meat for mechanics

Bartering is alive and well in MV

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Trading for goods and services could be as old as humanity. European settlers in the New World bartered furs for tobacco, coffee and other foodstuffs. Along the Oregon Trail, bartering helped fill the gap when wagon wheels broke or travelers needed eggs.

Today, while tax implications keep many secretive about their trading — under income tax laws, those who engage in barter exchanges must file Form 1099-B — bartering is alive and well.

Phil Auth of Berger, south of Twin Falls, made his first such transaction in 1976 when he needed his wisdom teeth pulled but was low on dough. Auth took a chance.

"I was a new cabinetmaker and just asked him if he wanted to trade services," Auth said. "My wife and I raised eight kids and never paid a dentist bill."

A relationship ensued, and the bartering continues. "Last month I fashioned him a new TV stand," Auth said. "Whenever he needs something built he just calls me."

At Who's the Boss 'day care, run by Kathy West in Buhl, working parents who need day care but can't pay the bill sometimes trade their services. West has had carpet and house cleaning, and French doors and windows installed in her home-run facility. "Though she doesn't barter much anymore, due to tax-filing requirements, she did allow a mother recently to build her a new set of steps."

"I have nothing to barter with except day care," West said. "We both benefit. When I had the doors and windows done I would of had to pay for them anyway, and he still needed me to watch the kids."

For Frank Wensveen of Jerome, bartering is a fun way to help keep his business, and family, afloat.

"It happens all the time, although it isn't the majority or rule of thumb in how I run my business," said Wensveen, owner of Amanda's Antiques and Uniques. Wensveen will trade only when he thinks the item he's getting could sell faster, or for more money, than what he's giving in return.

"An item is really only worth what you can get for it," he said. "But if we are both smiling, who's to say who got the upper hand?"

Sometimes, bartering is the only way to get by. Ed King of Jerome raised three children as a single father and said the practice was key to their survival. "It was tough, raising three kids on my own, and most of the time I would just trade mechanical work on a car, for instance, for meat in the freezer," King said. "Even without money, there are always ways to work out a situation for people to survive."

Across the country, Web sites like Craigslist put together the two sides needed to make a transaction faster than ever. Rusty Bowman of Twin Falls has his



Amanda's Antiques and Uniques owner Frank Wensveen says that all the items in his Jerome store are up for barter — in exchange for the right piece.



This wooden sculpture by Rusty Bowman of Twin Falls could be yours in exchange for items listed on his Web site, www.artbarterpros.com. Bowmans encourages bartering as a way to promote sustainability and living green.



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Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker

Client wishes hairdresser would cut short tale of woe

DEAR ABBY: My hairdresser, "Natasha," owns the shop where I have had my hair done for more than 15 years. I love the way she does my hair.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

of her finances. The second is to find another hairdresser — which, if Natasha tests you as a businesswoman as you have described, you may have to eventually do anyway.

Natasha obliges me when I can't come for my regular appointment, and I am always generous with my tip. The problem is, she can't handle money. Because I'm a longtime customer, Natasha feels she can tell me her money troubles. Every time I'm there, it's a steady stream of woe. Over the years, I have seen her jump into one hare-brained scheme after another, losing thousands along with way. She's always in trouble with the bank, creditors, etc.

She's the type who, if her money problems were wiped out today, would be back tomorrow. That's what has happened all along. She's a fine hairdresser; she just has poor business judgment. What's the best way to get out of this sticky situation?

— DROWNING IN HER SORROWS
DEAR DROWNING: If Natasha is in the kind of hot water you have described, your problem may resolve itself. An employer who fails to pay her employees their wages (or the government its withholding taxes) usually does not stay in business. In fact, she could wind up doing hair in Cell Block Nine.

With that in mind, you have two choices: The first is to tell Natasha in plain English that you come to her not only for her talents, but also to relax. Therefore, she should no longer stress you out by giving you an ongoing commentary about the state

DEAR ABBY: I am a teenage boy, soon to be 18. I have Asperger's syndrome, and I'm in special ed. I currently have a learner's permit and have been looking forward to driving. I have been practicing for a long time and still have great difficulty.

My mother, who is always in the car when I drive, gets frustrated and panics because I make so many mistakes. She is not very confident in me and thinks I have not made any progress in my driving skills. She has told me to just give up and find someone else to transport myself. I really want to be able to use a car. What should I do?

— DRIVEN MAD IN NEW JERSEY

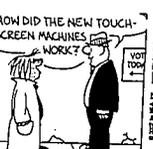
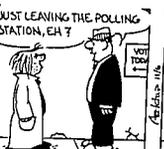
DEAR DRIVEN MAD: You should practice, practice, practice — preferably with a licensed adult driver who won't panic when you make a mistake. But if that's not possible, then you should enlist the help of a professional driving instructor.

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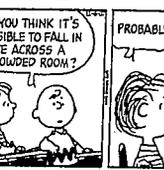
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS



Director Mike Nichols is 78. Co-singer Stonewall Jackson is 75. Singer Eugene Pitt (The Five Five) is 70. Singer P.J. Proby is 69. Co-ly singer Guy Clark is 66. Actress Sally Field is 61. Pop singer-musician Glenn Frey (The Eagles) is 59. Singer Rory Block is 58. Jazz musician Arturo Sandoval is 58. TV host Catherine Crier is 53. California's first lady, broadcast journalist Maria Shriver, is 52. Actress Lori Singer is 50. Actor Lance Keenan is 47. Best musician Paul Brindley (The Sandlays) is 44. Rock singer Corey Glover is 43. Actress Peter Onorati is 41. Actress Kelly Rutherford is 39. Actor Ethan Hawke is 37. Actress Thandie Newton is 35. Model-actress Rebecca Romijn is 35. Actress Zoe McLellan is 33. Actress Nicole Dubuc is 29. Actress Mercedes Kastner is 18.

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"The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age."

— Lucille Ball, American actress-comedian (1911-1989)

"Grandma doesn't care for toys in her cereal. She looks for fiber."

"I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN IT WAS JUST ME ON YOUR LAP-TOP"

Terms for lawn and garden learning

By Joel M. Larner
Special to The Washington Post

Here is a brief glossary of common landscape terms that may come in handy.

• **Arthropod.** A phylum of animals every gardener is familiar with, it includes many-legged creatures with hard outer skeletons (and jointed legs). This group includes insects; arachnids (spiders, scorpions and ticks); myriapods, such as millipedes and centipedes; and land crustaceans (sow and pill bugs) that aren't bugs at all but are related to lobsters and shrimp.

• **Bug.** People call most insects they see "bugs." This is incorrect. A true bug is an insect from the order Hemiptera, which means half-winged. They often have scent glands that exude unpleasant odors. Several are plant pests, such as lace bug, chinch bug and squash bug.

• **Drainage.** There are two types in the landscape, surface and soil. Surface drainage means draining water away from your house by sloping the soil downhill

away from walls. Soil drainage is the percolation of water into the soil as it flows away, keeping the water on your property and around your plants but away from your house.

• **Espalier.** This is a method of training fruit trees on trellises or any network of lattice. Usually, the plant is flat against the trellis with openness between the branches to allow maximum light and air to flow. Fruiting branches are trained to grow from the main trunk in formal patterns. The term "espalier" has come to be more loosely used to mean any woody plant trained to grow on a vertical plane like a vine.

• **Fertilizer.** Any material that supplies nutrients to plants. It can be synthetically derived, naturally derived, slow-release or water-soluble for faster availability to plants. Major nutrients are nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). Analysis is shown as N-P-K, with the percentage of each nutrient given as three numbers. A few examples you might see are 10-6-4, 18-10-5 and 5-10-5. Additionally, many

trace minerals and organic materials are necessary for plants to have a healthy growth environment. Test the soil to see what is needed. If spreading dry fertilizer, use a sprinkler to move it to the roots because plants absorb fertilizer only in liquid form.

• **Green manure.** These are plants grown for the purpose of being plowed under (incorporated into soil) over a short time to enrich the soil. Often, the plant is one that will have further benefits. Legumes like peas, clovers, vetches and alfalfa fix nitrogen in their roots that they take from the air as they grow and are an excellent way to add organic material. These young green plants decay quickly. Annual rye grass won't fix nitrogen, but it is fast germinating and can be planted late in fall and dug in after early spring growth. Leaving grass trimmings on the lawn when mowing is another way to use green manure, without the digging.

• **Heeling in.** This is a common way to store plants through winter by protecting

their roots. The most critical part of protecting hardy plants that are not in the ground is to keep roots moist by placing the plants in a trench and covering their roots with soil or mulch. Or place plants in a protected location and heap soil, compost, shredded bark or other mulch over and around their roots.

• **Kitchen garden.** This is an area on your property to grow fruits and vegetables that will supply exercise and fresh produce. It's best located near the kitchen, but it should also fit into your overall landscape design. A fence covered with lattice or wire with openings no larger than one inch will discourage most wildlife, as will marigolds, native tansy and

lavender. Plant crops with Vole Block, a coarse slate product, mixed into your soil, because burrowing animals avoid it.

• **Loam.** A texture of soil between fine-particle clay and coarse-textured sand. It remains friable and well drained but holds moisture, and terrestrial plants thrive in it. Loose-textured clay is described as "clay loam." Loam with many large particles in it is categorized as "sandy loam." Over many years, loam has come to be called topsoil and vice-versa, but it is a particle gradation, not a description of fertility.

• **Mulch.** A gardening term that has gone through many incarnations. It originally referred to manure, straw or leaves laid over new plant

roots to hold moisture. Next, young roots were "mulched" to keep them from heaving from the ground because of continual freezing and thawing. Now it is also used as compost tilled into the soil, supplying organisms necessary to make plants thrive.

• **Native.** This term means indigenous to the region. For plants, this means growing where they were before the settlers arrived — 150 to 200 years ago or longer. Other authorities write "prior to European influence," which could be 400 or 500 years ago. The same question can be asked about what is native and nonnative wildlife. Balance among indigenous plants and wildlife is necessary for healthy biodiversity.

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Bartering

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own site, www.ethenexchange.com, which outlines his services and products and what you can barter with.
For instance, Bowman creates sculptures and offers carpentering and other ski hut rentals. While cash is accepted, Bowman has a list of items from solid wood

timber, trusses and water tanks to solar-power components and power tools that he needs, and would consider trade.

"Bartering is the most ecologically and financially friendly way to do business," Bowman said.

While he hasn't had any takers for bartering yet, curiosity is bringing

viewers to his site. "I've never bartered formally in a situation like this, just friend to friend for informal things," Bowman said. "I just created the site this spring. We'll see where it goes."

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Hobby

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to give everyone breathing room, faces Mt. Baldy.
The ranch holds their three-bedroom house; separate pens for the 25 llamas; pens for five goats and three peacocks; sheds; apple, apricot, peach, pear and pistachio trees; and 20 grapevines.
Nanci Sutton's income from her business helps the couple pay for the animals' feed and care, which cost about \$4,500 per year, up at dawn every day to feed the animals, clean the pens and sometimes train the llamas on obstacle courses and in other show maneuvers.
Weekdays, Nanci Sutton drives an hour and a half each way to Glendora to run the store.
So why do it?
"The llamas," said Sutton, as she cuddled long-inhales, 1-year-old froquillo in his pen, where a sign warned: "Caution. Our llamas will capture your heart."
Rodney and Joy Chow

haven't missed the city for a single day since they started farming their 5 acres of fruit trees full time in Carpinteria, Calif., seven years ago.
Rodney Chow, 77, spent his earlier adult life in urban Los Angeles toiling as a civil engineer and helping to raise three children, but he "always grew things" in a little patch of the backyard. The engineer turned developer, who said he would have studied agriculture in college if he had known then the joy of farming, bought the land in Santa Barbara — near

1987 for \$220,000.
Chow and wife Joy, 77, still live in the mobile home they put on the property two decades ago, not sure then that they would last there. They're building a 1,200-square-foot house. Their original enterprise of a few trees has turned into a 600-tree farm of Fuji apples, peaches, Heritage Kentucky Wonder Beans and some flowers too.
"I'll do farming until the day I can't walk," said Rodney Chow, who receives income from a pension plan. "I love it."

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