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No leads emerge in T.F. rape cases

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Dana Turner used to leave her doors and windows unlocked. But since two women reported that a stranger had raped them in recent weeks, her days of comfortable living in Twin Falls' president street neighborhood have been thrown into uncertainty. She locks everything. She doesn't walk alone at night — even to take out the trash. She feels safer after moving in with



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her boyfriend.

What's more, despite tracking 30 leads, police are no closer to finding a suspect, and yet Turner's heard the many false rumors that abound.

"I heard he's driving a black Chrysler 300," she said. "I heard he's Mexican. My mom ... told me she heard on the news he was at Kmart. I haven't heard anything about him for a week, so I figure he's just hiding."

Turner is one of hundreds, maybe thousands of women in Twin Falls who've heard every story imaginable but not the one they want to hear: that the rapist has been caught. Violent rapes by strangers are uncommon

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Disa-Peery-ing

CSI hoops coach leaves

By Eric Larsen
Staff writer

After winning 85 games in 104 attempts as the College of Southern Idaho's head men's basketball coach, Barret Peery resigned Monday afternoon.

Peery, 37, accepted an appointment as an assistant coach at the University of Utah, clearing the path for CSI to name Peery's top assistant, Steve Gosar, as the 15th head coach in program history. Peery spent the previous five years at CSI, the last three at the helm of the national junior college power. During his tenure at the top, CSI qualified twice for the NCAA Division I national tournament, and finished fourth in the nation during the 2006-07 season.

Under Peery, CSI sent 23 former Golden Eagles players on to NCAA Division I programs.

"Barret did a great job of promoting integrity both on and off the court, and did a tremendous job in maintaining that integrity with his student athletes," CSI athletic director Joel Bate said in Monday's press conference.

Peery grew up in Payson, Utah, and will join a Utah



College of Southern Idaho head men's basketball coach Barret Peery barks instructions to his players during the 2007 national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. College officials announced Monday that Peery has accepted an assistant coaching position at the University of Utah.

Peery at CSI

- 85-19 record (42-11 conference), three seasons
- Fourth at 2006-07 NJCAA Division I national tournament
- Two Region 15 Tournament championships
- Two Scenic West Athletic Conference championships
- 2007-08 SWAC Coach of the Year
- 23 players sent on to NCAA Division I programs

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Feds issue plan to run dams, preserve salmon

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

The Bush administration Monday issued its final court-ordered plan for making Columbia Basin hydroelectric dams and irrigation projects safe for endangered salmon, calling them the most robust and comprehensive effort yet. But salmon advocates

blasted them as a step backward, saying they depend too much on restoring habitat in tributaries to boost fish numbers and not enough on reducing the high numbers of young salmon killed by 14 dams on their way to the sea.

Once an expected challenge is filed, it will be up to U.S. District Judge James Redden to decide whether the plans — known as biolog-

ical opinions — meet the demands of the Endangered Species Act to put salmon on the road to recovery.

Late last year he warned the original proposal was seriously flawed, and he would turn the job over to an independent panel of experts if it falls again.

Each of the dams kills only a small percentage of the millions of young salmon head-

ed downstream during their spring and summer migrations to the ocean, but that adds up to a major death toll. Fish get lost and become easy prey for birds and bigger fish in the slow waters of reservoirs behind the dams. Fish going through turbines and spillways can be killed by turbulence or abrupt pressure

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3 healthy babies Olson triplets breathing on own; mom's fine, too

By Melissa Davis
Staff writer

Crystal and Marcus Olson of Twin Falls are celebrating Mother's Day early this year — with a family almost twice as big as last week.

Crystal was still hospitalized Monday after delivering three healthy girls shortly before midnight Saturday at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center. Identical triplets, Melva, Makenzie and Madalynn Olson, were born via Caesarean section after 34 weeks' gestation and were in incubators on Monday.

Each baby is breathing on her own, and each is over 3 1/2 pounds. Crystal is recovering and will be hospitalized in Boise until at least Thursday.

"It was kind of crazy," Marcus said moments after the

Baby, baby, baby

Times-News reporter Melissa Davis and photographer Ashley Smith are following the Olson family of Twin Falls through the birth of the triplets and the first few months of the girls' lives. Watch for more stories on Sundays in Family Life.



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Check in on the Olson family and leave messages or offer help — on the Baby-Baby Blog at Magicvalley.com/blogs/familylife.

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About 12 hours after Madalynn Olson's birth, she is greeted by her grandmother Cella Anderson Sunday morning at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center.

Official-media: 10,000 dead in 1 town from Myanmar cyclone

The Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar — Myanmar's official media said Tuesday that 10,000 people were killed by a powerful cyclone in just one town, confirming fears of a spiraling death toll from the storm's 12-foot tidal surges and high winds that swept away bamboo homes in low-lying coastal regions.

The ruling junta, an authoritarian regime which cut the nation off from the international community for decades, appealed for foreign aid to help in the recovery from Saturday's disaster, the country's deadliest storm on record.

The casualty count has been rising quickly as authorities reach hard-hit islands and villages in the Irrawaddy delta, the country's major rice-producing region, which bore the brunt of Cyclone Nargis's 120-mile-per-hour winds.

Foreign Minister told diplomats in Yangon Monday that more than 10,000 people may have died when Cyclone Nargis struck Saturday.

On Tuesday, state television confirmed fears of a rapidly rising toll, reporting that 10,000 perished in the town of Bogalay and raising concern that the country's overall death toll will rise significantly.

Residents of Yangon, the former capital of 6.5 million, said they were angry the government failed to adequately warn them of the approaching storm and has so far done little to alleviate their plight.

"The government misled people. They could have warned us about the severity of the coming cyclone so we could be better prepared," said Thin Thira, a grocery store owner.

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Rape

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In Twin Falls — none were reported last year. That's on par with what Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks calls a "very low" overall violent crime rate. Usually, the rape suspect knows the victim.

Embellished by rumor, however, these two reported rapes easily outweigh positive statistics.

"I think a part of the fear is, 'how do I prepare for someone who might just approach me outside my home or inside,'" Hicks said.

Police say they may be looking for a single suspect — a man with a small bare space in his left eyebrow — in both

incidences. The man is described as in his mid- to late-20s, 6 feet, 1 inch in height and about 200 pounds.

One victim told police she was awakened in her home on the 600 block of Shoup Avenue on Feb. 29 by an unidentified male who sexually assaulted her.

In an incident the night of April 13, a man approached a woman outside her home in the 100 block of Fillmore Street as she was arriving home from work. He struck up a conversation, then forced his way into the home and sexually assaulted her.

By psychologically profiling the suspect by his "bold" initiation of a conversation police believe the man has raped before.

"Most people do not start their careers committing crimes like this," Hicks said. Among the 30 leads given to police, none have produced an actual suspect.

Although both women said they don't know their assailant — one said he looked familiar — detectives are currently "backgrounding" the victims to identify possible suspects from their past.

Given the apparent randomness of the crimes, terrified women have recently bought 75 canisters of pepper spray and three guns from West Addison Sporting Goods alone — a record high for the store, according to owner Clayton Clough. Clough, who has lived most his life in Twin Falls, said he

has never seen so many panicked women enter his store, including "mothers" and daughters and, sometimes, four customers at once.

Clough said that when his own wife decided she wanted a gun to protect herself from a rapist, he offered the same advice he gives other frightened "women": seeking a firearm to prevent a rape.

"You don't just pull it (a gun) out and aim it," he advised. "It's not a scare tactic. You use it as a last resort." Later he said, "It can't hurt to have one of these," displaying three models of pepper spray.

Male employees at Swensen's market at 115 Addison Ave. have for some time escorted women leaving

the store at night to their cars. That gives store worker Heather Benap a feeling of safety she might not otherwise have.

Rose and Bryari Pierce, who live on the president streets, say that for them it's business as usual.

They keep their doors and windows locked. Inside, Rose keeps a baton and handcuffs at easy access. They also gain peace of mind from the presence of an animal control officer who lives nearby and knows that their neighbors keep vigilant watch over each other's property.

On top of that, Bryan Pierce said, swinging on a rocking bench with his wife, "The police do pretty good patrols around the area."

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Peery

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the Salt Lake City area shortly. "It was going to have to be a special situation to leave, no question," Peery said. "The opportunity I have to go home, recruit that area, and also be a part of a program that is one of the better programs in the West, is a good one. It had to be a special situation, and it was."

At Utah, Peery will head under second-year head coach Jim Boylen. After coaching a team that led every scholarship-offering level of collegiate basketball in scoring the previous two seasons, Peery is expected to help jump-start a Utes offense that averaged 68.5 points per game last season.

"This is a great hire for us," Boylen said in a Monday

release. "Barret is a quality coach and an outstanding recruiter. He has national recruiting connections, is aggressive and sharp. We want to be a running team, and Barret will help us become that."

Prior to arriving at CSI, Peery served as the top assistant at Portland State University from 2000-03, and was an assistant at Southern Utah University from 1998-2002. He also coached one year each at Snow College (Utah) and Utah Valley State, and served as a graduate assistant at Southern Utah, where he played two years after transferring from Snow.

Gosar, 38, takes Peery's place after serving as CSI's top assistant for three years. After growing up in Pinedale, Wyo., Gosar both played and coached at the University of

Wyoming prior to serving as an assistant coach at Portland State from 2002-05.

He and his wife Lu have a one-year-old son, Jacob. Gosar has been a key member in installing the frenetic full-court pressing style CSI plays. Monday, he assured a crowd of boosters that little will change in terms of program philosophy as he takes the reins.

"We're not going to reinvent the wheel," he said. "I've learned from Coach Peery that you can win here, you can win big, and you can win with good people. That's what we're going to continue to do: recruit the best players, but we're not going to compromise the quality of individual."

Calls to University of Utah officials regarding Peery's salary at his new position were not returned Monday.

Dead

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Some in Yangon complained the 400,000-strong military was only clearing streets where the ruling elite resided, while leaving residents, including Buddhist monks, to cope on their own against the huge tangles of uprooted trees.

The death toll would be the highest from a natural disaster in southeast Asia since the tsunami of December 2004, which killed 229,866 people

as it devastated coastlines in Indonesia, Thailand and other parts of southeast and south Asia.

Foreign Minister Nyan Win told Yangon-based diplomats the death toll could rise to more than 10,000 in the region. Hundreds of thousands were left homeless and without clean drinking water, said Richard Horsey, a spokesman in Bangkok for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The diplomats said they were told Myanmar welcomed international human-

itarian aid, including urgently needed roofing materials, medicine, water purifying tablets and mosquito nets. The first 10-ton shipment was scheduled to arrive from Thailand today.

The appeal for outside assistance was unusual for Myanmar's ruling generals, who have long been suspicious of international organizations and closely controlled their activities. Several agencies, including the International Red Cross, have limited their presence as a consequence.

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Salmon

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changes. Adult fish returning to spawn become easy prey for sea lions that congregate around fish ladders.

"The challenge is to boost the survival of young fish migrating to the ocean while still allowing the region's primary source of power to operate profitably from the restoration effort.

These problems are compounded by climatic conditions that in recent years have produced a collapse of the ocean food chain, which contributed to a shutdown of commercial and recreational salmon fishing this year in the ocean off California and Oregon.

NOAA Fisheries Service, the agency in charge of salmon restoration, concluded that without any changes, the dams jeopardize the survival of 13 threatened and endangered species of salmon and steelhead, but that with enough additional help, the fish can one day thrive.

"It is my deepest hope that those who traditionally continue to litigate might be willing to look beyond the litigation and support a 10-year effort in which we focus on trying to recover fish rather than arguing about methods or standards," said Bob Lohn, northwest administrator of NOAA Fisheries.

Norm Semanko, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association, told a state water coalition the plans represent "continued, long-term

certainty for Idaho." The coalition includes his group, the Farm Bureau, city/county organizations and others focused on keeping Idaho water in-state.

"The new upper Snake biological opinion continues the essential components of limiting the amount of water coming from Idaho for flow augmentation, adherence to state law, and acquisition of water only from willing sellers," Semanko wrote.

Three different biological

opinions have been found in violation of the Endangered Species Act since 1994, and salmon advocates who brought the latest court challenge said their initial review of the latest one was no better. Salmon advocacy group Idaho Rivers United criticized the plans as ignoring science and offering too few changes from the prior plans. The group again urged removal of four dams on the lower Snake River, something not included in the plans. It

also lamented a recent deal with the Bonneville Power Administration that it said "silenced" scientists with four American Indian tribes. The tribes will receive \$900 million for salmon recovery in return for dropping out of the lawsuit over dam operations.

"This is the same ineffective plan in a new dress," said Bill Sedivy, the group's executive director, in a statement. "The government's continual failure is paving a path for

wild salmon extinction. I feel certain that the courts will see right through this latest federal smokescreen."

Staff writer Nate Poppino contributed to this report.

Jeff Barnard covers the environment from his office in Grants Pass, Ore.

On the Net:
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Babies

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girls were born Saturday night. During the procedure, he held Crystal's hand while taking photos of the delivery with his other hand. His parents, sister and in-laws spent the night in a hospital waiting room, waiting for Marcus' triumphant announcement.

The identical triplets were conceived without fertility aids, buting odds of one in two million, or one in 200 million, depending on the source.

The birth is so extraordinary that St. Luke's will hold a press conference at 3 p.m. Wednesday at its Boise hospital. After the *Times-News* reported on the pregnancy in March and April, an outpouring of support came from the community, including donated diapers and formula from Costco. Wholesale employees and free cleaning service from Merry Maids — help the Olsons are grateful for.

"We're excited about that," Marcus said.

The future is still uncertain, though. The triplets will be in neonatal intensive care until they can maintain their body temperatures without the incubators — probably one or two weeks, but perhaps up to six — and Crystal plans to stay in Boise until then. At home in Twin Falls, Marcus is looking for a family van, working full time and caring for his stepchildren, Emily, 5, and Ethan, 6.

"One step at a time, I guess," he said. "One step at a time."

Monetary donations can be made at any Washington Mutual branch under the Olson Triplet Fund. To donate diapers, formula or other items, contact Marcus at papadetriplets@hotmail.com.

For an inside look at the drama of the births — and more on the family's adjustment — watch for a special package of stories and photos in the *Times-News*'s Family Life section May 18.

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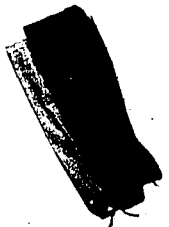
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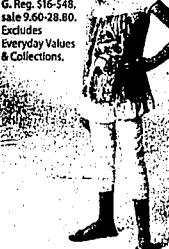


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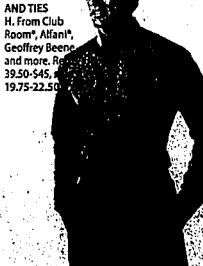
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Day-long meeting today for hospital trust board

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

Members of the Health Initiatives Trust board will meet all day today to plan ways to spend a \$15 million fund aimed at addressing health and medical needs in the Magic Valley.

Officials said that the retreat is not directly tied to lingering unresolved legal issues — such as whether the money or the board are public or private — but will focus on strategic planning. Still, one board member said the issues will be addressed during a private luncheon closed-door meeting with their attorney.

The trust was created after vot-

ers in 2006 overwhelmingly approved the sale of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to the St. Luke's Health System. The trust was initially endowed with \$15 million, but will grow to \$20 million.

A consultant will advise the board on ways to apply its bylaws in creating sub-committees on finances and programs, said Curtis Eaton, a board member who is also executive director to the College of Southern Idaho Foundation. The board will also look at devising a grant-writing process.

"In strategic planning, often we ask someone to facilitate the discussion and that's what we're

doing," he said. He said no final decisions will be made until a follow-up meeting next week.

"We will hopefully make some strides in development toward the community plan we're required to develop," Eaton said.

The meeting begins at 9 a.m. at the Jerome Priory, 541 E. 100 S., and will finish in the afternoon. It is open to the public.

During lunch, the board will meet with Twin Falls attorney Tom Robertson, who was hired to advise the board on whether it and its funding are public or private. The money came from St. Luke's — which is private — to the hands of the trust board. An unanswered question is whether the

funds are public with limitations or are private and can potentially be invested in various ways.

Twin Falls County appoints the board members, meaning the trustees are essentially serving at the pleasure of the county commissioners. But it's also a nonprofit organization. The difference has not been clear to the board.

County Commissioner Tom Mikesell said that planning has to be begun, regardless of whether the entity is public or private.

"We have to move forward," he said. "This board has work to do." Eaton said that board members have had several recent conversations with Robertson but aren't sure what will be said.

Continuing the fight

Anti-drug SIPAD carries on despite chairman retiring

By Nata Poppino
Staff writer

It's official: Southern Idaho Partners Against Drugs will live on.

Five years and several town hall meetings into the faith-based anti-drug coalition's work, its members said they are far from ready to quit. But they'll have to carry on without chairman George Brown, who is retiring due to health concerns.

Brown was frank with the nearly 20 people at a lunch meeting Monday. It was time, he said, to decide SIPAD's future. It could disband. Or, it could carry on — a decision that means finding a volunteer to replace Brown.

He found overwhelming support to continue, and the group is now looking for two or three volunteers to serve as "team chairs," who will share Brown's duties. Donna Stalley, a Kimberly High School counselor and chairwoman of SIPAD's youth education committee, compared such an arrangement to a marriage.

"You just have to decide who's going to do what, and work as a partnership," Stalley said.

The group also decided to schedule another of its town hall meetings for June 5, amid warnings from Twin Falls Dr. David Hadlock that heroin is headed for the Magic Valley. The meeting will focus on victims of drug abuse — including families and the community at large — and was originally planned for January.

Reflecting on those and other meetings, Brown told the group that SIPAD has accomplished "an awful lot." But after the meeting, he expressed regret at where the group has fallen short. In particular, an ambitious plan to reward local students for pledging not to take drugs is still taking shape several months after it was to launch.

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KEEPIN' IT CLEAN



Corey Hobbs, right, and K.C. Meyerboeffer wash windows Monday on the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is partly sunny conditions with a high of 74.

High Desert milk plant to modify air permit

By Sven Berg
Staff writer

BURLEY — As its Burley milk processing plant moves closer to coming on line, High Desert Milk Inc. has applied for a modified air quality permit for the facility from Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

"High Desert's request raises the possibility of a 30-day public comment period if a written request is submitted before May 15.

Morrice Lewis of DEQ said the changes High Desert seeks are relatively minor. They require a permit for permission to install a larger emergency generator and smaller boilers. Lewis said the additional capacity High

Desert is seeking for the generator will likely be more than offset by shrinking the plant's boilers.

"This isn't being triggered by an increase in emissions," he said. "Overall, if you were to add the changes together, there would be a decrease in emissions."

Lewis said the generator is to be used for emergency purposes only when the plant's standard power source is down. Outside emergencies, the company would be allowed to run it for up to 100 hours per year for maintenance and testing.

High Desert General Manager Karl Nelson said the request for permit

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Record showing for Times-News at Idaho Press Club

Staff report

The *Times-News* won 19 awards — including five first place finishes — in the annual Idaho Press Club journalism contest, a single-year record for the newspaper.

The *Times-News* received second place in the General Excellence category, and took top honors for the Special Coverage category with "Castle Rock Fire," which documented one of the largest fires in Idaho history. Both awards went to the entire staff.

The newspaper also received first place for a series for its three-day package on education for middle-school and junior high students, "Passing on Failure." The award went to Joshua Palmer, Jared S. Hopkins, Cassidy Friedman, Ashley

Smith and Megan Otto. The Idaho Press Club Best of 2007 Annual Awards were presented Saturday evening at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise. Entries are accepted from all Idaho daily and weekly newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and student publications, as well as the *Spokane Spokesman-Review*.

Only one other newspaper, the *Idaho Statesman*, received more awards than the *Times-News*. It collected 51, including first place in General Excellence. Columnist Dan Popkey was named Idaho reporter of the year.

First place for the First Amendment Award went to Idaho Public Television, Idahoans for Openness in Government, The Idaho Attorney General's Office, Joe Golden and Tom

Willmorth, Idaho Public Television, "Open Idaho."

Times-News awards:

General Excellence: second place, Staff

Special Coverage: first place, Staff, "Castle Rock Fire"

Series: first place: Joshua Palmer, Jared S. Hopkins, Cassidy Friedman, Ashley Smith and Megan Otto, "Passing on Failure"

Religion Reporting: first place, Ariel Hansen, "When faith meets war"

Feature Photography: first place, Megan Thompson, "Belle of the Ball"

Photo Essay: first place, Megan Thompson, "Sisters in a Strange Land"

Light Feature Report: second place, Cassidy Friedman, "60-minute escape"

Agriculture Reporting: second place, Matt Christensen,

"The right choice?"; third place, Joshua Palmer, "Selling out"

Headlines: second place, Bill Wambke, "Stuffing away bad memories; Good gourd; 'Tiny kernels, big possibilities'"; second place, Megan Thompson, "Firestorm"; third place, Ashley Smith, "Castle Rock Fire"

Political Reporting: third place, Jared S. Hopkins, "Eating his words"

First Amendment: third place, Cassidy Friedman, "In the silent pursuit of justice"

Rookie of the Year: third place, Nate Poppino

General-News Story: third place, Matt Christensen, "Chared and scarred"

Sports News Coverage: third place, Bradley Gure, "The Canyon Ridge effect"

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Stealing from the law: Cassia County sheriff candidates are missing signs

By Sven Berg
Staff writer

Stealing political signs is as old as politics itself, but a fresh rash in Cassia County has candidates for sheriff a bit irritated.

"As voters prepare to go to the polls for the Republican primary May 27, both L. Randy Kidd and Undersheriff Cary Bristol of the Cassia County Sheriff's Office say their signs have been stolen. "Bristol appears to have taken the brunt of it.

According to a police report filed Monday, Bristol reported a loss of 45 to 50 signs. Kidd said he has lost "probably a dozen," but decided not to file a report on the loss.

While the candidates both condemn the thefts, their opinions as to why signs are being stolen are almost direct opposites. Kidd said he believes his signs have been stolen by mischievous youth. Bristol guessed politics may have played a part.

"A reasonable person would believe that that is the

"I'm not accusing Randy (Kidd) of doing it. It could be one of his people that are helping him."

— Cassia County Undersheriff Cary Bristol

case," he said. "I'm not accusing Randy of doing it. It could be one of his people that are helping him."

Bristol pointed to at least two instances in which his sign, posted near a sign for Kidd, had been stolen and Kidd's sign left untouched.

But Kidd said he believes the thefts were random acts, possibly by Burley High students.

"I don't think there's a thing political about it," he said. "I'm thinking it's kids that have seen them, and after dark they're going over and stealing them."

Kidd said Bristol has not accused him directly, but he has heard others imply he or his supporters were involved in the thefts.

"I kind of resent some of the accusations that are being made," he said.

Beyond the frustration of losing the signs, Bristol said, there is the question of money.

"I'm looking at about a \$300 loss so far," he said. "When you get down to the end of the campaign the money gets kind of tight."

Bristol said he has ordered 40 new signs and hopes they arrive in time to "do some good."

Both candidates said they are annoyed by the thefts and just want to run a clean campaign.

"People just need to leave them alone whoever's doing it," Kidd said.

Bristol agreed. "It's pretty disgusting, actually," he said. "It just makes me really angry that I can't go out and campaign without a lot of thievery."

Walter L. 'Pat' McCaughey

JEROME — Walter L. "Pat" McCaughey, 87, of Jerome, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2008, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome surrounded by his family. He was born Dec. 7, 1920, in Butler, Mo., the son of Wilbur and Hattie Rednour McCaughey. He was raised in Missouri and then served his country in the United States Army during World War II. Walter married Margaret B. Dwyer on Nov. 23, 1946, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. They moved to Jerome in 1950 and then settled in Jerome, where they raised five children. Most of Walter's working-life was spent dairy farming. He enjoyed riding horses and working on his farm. He belonged to the American Legion and was a member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Walter is survived by his wife of 61 years, Margaret

McCaughey of Jerome; their children, Bill (Diana) McCaughey of Jerome, Tom (Melanie) McCaughey of Jerome, Jim (Linda) McCaughey of Hagerman, Joe (Sherry) McCaughey of Jerome and Donna (Curtis) Davis of Jerome. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; one sister; his infant son, Bobby Joe McCaughey; and two grandchildren. A rosary and vigil will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 8, also at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Wekerle presiding and Father Boniface Lautz, OSB, assisting. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Jerome's Pack 193 holds Pinwood Derby

Pack 139, sponsored by the Jerome United Methodist Church Men's Group, ran their Pinewood Derby races at the St. Jerome's Catholic Parish Hall on March 15. The Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos participated in the race. Each scout had to follow the official rules of construction for their derby car. Each scout has a chance to race their car in double elimination. Winner's for the Tiger Cub division were: 1st place: Mason Rue; 2nd place: Aaron Klimes; 3rd place: Rayne Reynolds. Wolf division winners were: 1st place: Shawn Thomas; 2nd place: Zachary Johnson; 3rd place: Korbin Coyer. Bear division winners were: 1st place: Hunter Cunningham; 2nd place: Brandon Pilkenton. Webelos division winners were: 1st place: Esteban Aguado; 3rd place: Forrest Cunningham.

An overall championship race was conducted and the top three winners from each division raced against each other. The top 3 winners were: 1st place: Garrison Rojas; 2nd place: Esteban Aguado; 3rd place: Korbin Coyer. The Pinewood Derby was directed by John Wyatt.

Sportsmanship Trophy went to JT Kelly (Pack 97). Best Design trophies for their cars went to: Tigers: Mason Rue (Pack 139); Wolves: Jacob Koyle (Pack 31); Bears: Hunter Cunningham (Pack 139); Webelos: Daniel Lauritzen (Pack 107). Judges for the Best Design were employees from Con Paulos and they were: Cameron Wells, Josh Rydalish and Ross Mason.

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Many get awards at Northside District Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

Con Paulos hosted the Jerome United Methodist Church Cub Scouts annual Pinewood Derby race on March 29 in Jerome. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and Best Design car were awarded in each division: Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos. Awards were also given out for Sportsmanship and Overall Champion. Winners in each division were: Tigers: 1st place: Travis Lopes (Pack 107); 2nd place: Blade Bryant (Pack 97); 3rd place: Aaron Klimes (Pack 139); Wolf's: 1st place: Morgan Squires (Pack 31); 2nd place: Jacob Koyle (Pack 31); 3rd place: Ben Chapman (Pack 107); Bears: 1st place: Ronnie Stephenson (Pack 97); 2nd place: Brandon Pilkenton (Pack 139); 3rd place: Hunter Cunningham (Pack 139); Webelos: 1st

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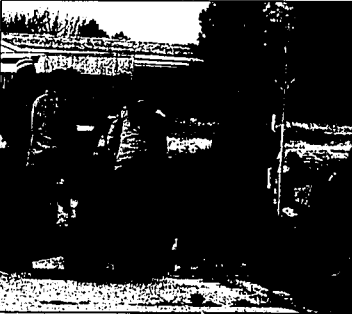
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Margaret Rose Manz

JEROME — Margaret Rose Manz, 95, passed away Monday, May 5, 2008, at Jerome. She was born in Sioux City, Ia., on Feb. 2, 1913, the youngest of six siblings, and raised in South Dakota and Kansas, much of it with her favorite "Aunt Lena." She moved to California in the early '30s. She survived by two daughters, Jacquelyn (Larry) Floyd and Joan (Ken) Hall; grandchildren, Sharon (Bill) Johnson, Bill (Gail) Mulder, Laurie Ters, Ian Hall, Alan (Maryann) Floyd, Patrick (Sherry) Floyd, Joe (Jessica) Floyd; great-grandchildren,

Jennifer (Ben) Taubisha, Johnathon, Joshua, Andrew, Emily, Brandon, Charlee, Alana, Matthew, Michael, Ellic, Eathan, Madelyn and Joseph; and great-great-grandchildren, Peyton, Christopher and William. A memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Interment will follow at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, Calif. No viewing is planned. Arrangements under the direction of the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

PLANTING TREES



On April 19, 25 young people from Modern Woodmen of America clubs joined efforts in planting nine trees and an assortment of flowers and shrubs at the developing park site at the Twin Falls Labor Camp, under the oversight of the Community Council of Idaho and El Mirago. The trees were provided by Modern Woodmen of America. That afternoon, another gathering of children, adults and representatives of the Idaho National Guard dedicated the recently installed Bridge of Hope. The bridge was designed by John Peterson, welding instructor at the College of Southern Idaho, and constructed by the 2007-2008 welding classes. El Mirago provides a safe, happy, fun and educational environment for all ages and cultures.

SW Idaho dog owners could face leash laws on trails

BOISE (AP) -- A pet owner's in the wide-open West -- unleashed dogs is being targeted by southwest Idaho officials who say dog owners aren't picking up droppings left by their trail-hiking buddies. The Foothills Dog Policy Working Group has recommended requiring leashes for dogs on the popular trails in the foothills just outside Boise.

alongside the trails," said Julia Grant, Foothills Open Space Manager for Boise. Some dog owners who use the trails aren't pleased. "This has gone overboard," said Susan Marston. "I wouldn't be opposed to more enforcement (of the existing guidelines). There's no enforcement now. I'm totally behind training and doggie trail passes."

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DEATH NOTICES

Nola Brodeen -- Nola Brodeen, 93, of Boise, died Monday, May 5, 2008, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Farnner Funeral Chapel in Buhl; visitation one hour before the funeral at the mortuary.

Weaver, 80, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 4, 2008, at Park Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Virda McAtee

Virda McAtee, 90, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 4, 2008, at The Caring Place in Twin Falls.

Kenneth Gordon

BURLEY — Kenneth Edward Gay "Pete" Gordon, 75, of Burley, died Monday, May 5, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

John Larribeau

John Larribeau, 84, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, May 3, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Mel O. Nessa

Mel O. Nessa, 89, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at his home. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 2, at the Filer Cemetery in Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

William Hicks

BURLEY — William Hicks, of Burley, died Monday, May 5, 2008, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Marshal Weaver

Marshal "Mike" "Doc"

SERVICES

Hall Scott Peterson of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Alysce D. Verhoef of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; celebration of life at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Twin Falls Reformed Church; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Robert "Bob" Jackson of Gooding, graveside interment service at 2 p.m. today in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Bridin William "Will" Lickley, infant son of Dustin and Kim Lickley of Jerome, service at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 E. Third in Jerome. Tommy "Tom" Preston Asher of Albion, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

SIPAD

Continued from page A5 "What I wanted to do was just the world, all these plans," Brown said. Working with an all-volunteer coalition is a slow process, he said. And while he commended the coalition's board, he did point out how easy it's been for him and others to come up with idea after idea. The board has been aggressive, he said, about applying for as many grants as it can. But "We were just guessing at what organizations would do with the money. The SIPAD board had discussed fundraising goals as high as \$1 million. Currently, SIPAD has a \$7,000 budget, including

about \$4,000 from St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. About 60 voting members determine what to do with it. For now, the money help, continue existing projects, including an outreach program that brings church leaders together to fight drug addiction. The effort, Brown said, has expanded the reach of SIPAD's message by educating pastors and encouraging them to coordinate with each other. Organizers envisioned the drug-pledge program -- which would reward students who pass random drug tests -- encompassing schools across the Magic Valley. For now, the Twin

Falls and Minidoka school districts are the pilot programs, and they're still getting going after the official heading the program had to back out. Even if SIPAD only ever establishes the program at Minidoka, Brown said it will have made a difference. And it's given that the coalition has gotten the word out about meth, he said. "Sometimes when you're down in the gutter with the pigs, you don't realize that you've risen up a bit," he said. Nate Poppino may be reached at 208-735-3237 or nppoppino@magicvalley.com.

Permit

Continued from page A5 modification stems from the fact the plant is nearing completion. When the company submitted its original applications, exact specifications for items such as boilers and generators were unknown. "We were just guessing at that because we didn't have all the engineering done," he said. Nelson said he the plant could come on line by the end of June. It is expected to

process about 2 million pounds — almost 241,000 gallons of milk per day, converting milk from 14 dairies into powdered milk for distribution worldwide. Nelson said the plant will employ about 40 workers, 15 of which have already been hired. Comments, questions and requests for a public comment period may be submitted until 5 p.m. on May 15 to Shelley Lundstedt, Air

Quality Division, Dept. State Office, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise 83706.

Awards

Continued from page A5 General Column: third place, Steve Crump, "Don't ask me." Graphics: third place, Megan Otto, "No more guesswork." In addition, two new Times-News reporters received student awards for their work at the University of Idaho's student newspa-

per, The Argonaut. Serious Feature: (tie) second place, Melissa Davlin, "Committed in College." Sports News Report: third place, Melissa Davlin, "Balancing Act." Editorial: third place, Nate Poppino, "SBOE: Try again; Steel should look to future. Protest could lead to more than POP."

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Senate hopeful Risch to skip live Idaho Public TV debate

BOISE (AP) — For a second straight election, Jim Risch will forego a live Idaho Public Television debate, opting instead for a taped commercial network debate where candidates in the May 27 Republican U.S. Senate primary will field questions from a panel but won't directly query each other.



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Risch, Idaho's lieutenant governor, will participate in the taped May 14 debate at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa organized by a coalition of news organizations, including TV stations KTVB in Boise, KTFE in Twin Falls and KPVI in Pocatello.

Risch passed on the live May 22 debate hosted by the Idaho Press Club, the League of Women Voters of Idaho and Idaho Public TV.

Risch's son, Jason Risch, Risch's son and a campaign spokesman, said the taped debate format works better to reach undecided voters than the live debate. In a letter to the League of Women Voters this month, Risch said live exchanges between candidates can deteriorate into

negativity and aren't appreciated by voters.

"The campaign has received overwhelming comment from voters in the format used by KTVB was very helpful to them," Jason Risch told The Associated Press on Monday. "The fluid format of the public television debate was less so. We prefer one format over the other."

Risch is among eight GOP candidates for the Senate seat now held by Larry Craig, a three-term senator who declined to run again after his 2007 Minnesota airport bathroom arrest in a gay sex sting.

Last year, Risch skipped the Idaho Public TV League of Women Voters debate in the general election when he ran for lieutenant governor against Democrat Larry

LaRocco. Also skipping the debates were C.L. "Butch" Otter, who went on to become governor, and Donna Jones, who was elected state controller.

Risch "certainly has first-class debate skills. But if you're leading, you have less to gain out of it," said Randy Stapilus, who managed Democratic candidate Bruce Perry's losing lieutenant governor contest against Risch in 2002. Then, they debated three times.

Representatives of the Idaho Press Club, the League of Women Voters and Idaho Public TV, which have staged political debates in Idaho for four decades, said they were disappointed to again be spurned by Risch. Skipping the live debate undermines healthy political discourse, they said.

"We believe our format is an actual debate, one that benefits Idaho voters interested in seeing the candidates, a format that's been tested and has worked over many decades in both primaries and general elections," said a statement from

the three groups. "Despite Mr. Risch's refusal to participate, our debate will be held as scheduled" May 22.

Jim Gilchrist, executive news director at KTVB, said his station's debate will be taped May 14 but not edited for content. It will be broadcast later without commercials and will be distributed over the Internet and radio, he said.

The debate will be moderated by KTVB anchorwoman Dee Sarton with questions posed by a four or five member panel comprised of members of the coalition, which also includes the Idaho Business Review and the Idaho Press Tribune newspapers.

U.S. Rep. Bill Sali, R-Idaho, and Matthew Salisbury, his GOP rival in the 1st District GOP congressional primary, agreed to appear in the taped debate put on by KTVB, KTFE and KPVI as well as Idaho Public TV's live debate. The KTVB debate between Sali and Salisbury was taped at Northwest Nazarene last week, while the public TV debate is set for May 18.

N. Idaho wolf plan sets limits on wolf deaths

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — State officials are recommending that a quota of 25 wolf deaths annually be allowed in Idaho's Panhandle region, with hunting stopped once that limit is met.

"We feel it's an honest shot at maintaining current levels," Jim Hayden, regional wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, told The Spokesman-Review.

Officials say there are 87 gray wolves in the region now.

The 25 deaths would include, besides hunting, natural mortality, accidents, and wolves killed because they had been preying on livestock.

Statewide, officials have suggested a quota of 228 wolves for the 2008 season that would begin this fall. Game officials say that would leave a total wolf population of 550 to 600 in the state.

Most of the recommendations last week by the state began a public comment period that expires May 16. After reviewing comments and making any changes, final rules and season dates will

be submitted to the Fish and Game Commission to review May 21.

Hayden said if wolf populations in the Panhandle region exceed what he called their "social carrying capacity," attacks on livestock and dogs, now rare, would likely increase.

"There's little doubt that left alone the wolf population would continue to grow for a while," he said.

The number of wolves in the region has increased from 43 to 87 since 2005, officials said. Eight wolf packs have been documented and seven other groups of wolves observed. Most of the wolves are found along the upper St. Joe River.

Wolves in the region, Hayden said, are a mix of animals that migrated from Canada and Glacier National Park, and descendants of wolves released into central Idaho in the mid-1990s.

Environmental groups have sued the federal government in an effort to overturn a decision in March to remove an estimated 1,500 wolves in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana from endangered species status.

N. Idaho two-room school may shut down

WHITE BIRD (AP) — A two-room school house in northern Idaho that first opened in 1888 may have to close if voters don't pass a school district levy later this month.

"If we lose this school, there isn't much left," said Ray Stowers, the school board member who represents White Bird on the Mountain View School board.

The district also includes Kooskia, Elk City and Grangeville. If the school in White Bird closes, the 18 stu-

dents there will be bused to Grangeville.

"I can only beg and plead so much when there is a bus that runs from here to Grangeville," Stowers told The Lewiston Tribune.

Superintendent Wayne Davis said the district recognizes the need for schools in small communities. But he said students at White Bird can be served in Grangeville.

The school board, a third-grader, is one of three sisters attending White Bird. "This school is fun," she said.

"Now I'm not the only third-grader," said Emily Kernutt, sitting nearby.

Students each morning line up inside rope barricades surrounding the school grounds to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem.

In 1895, enrollment at White Bird was 41 in the first-through 12th-grade school. A fire destroyed the building in 1913, and a flood damaged the replacement building in 1917.

Because of a shortage of teachers, students were

bused to Grangeville in 1942.

Clarence McReynolds owns Hoots Cafe in White Bird. He said his two children attended the school as did four grandchildren. Now three of the students at the school are his great-grandchildren, and two more are set to become students.

He wants White Bird to stay open.

"Without little kids in town something is wrong," he said. "I'll do everything possible to keep this school. I want to see little kids running up and down the street."

Company to pay \$9 million for damage to Rocky Mountain Park

ESTES PARK, Colo. (AP) — Federal officials say a Fort Collins water company is to pay \$9 million for damage to Rocky Mountain National Park from a ditch that overflowed in 2003.

The Justice Department said Monday it is the largest settlement in the history of a 1907 park protection law.

The Justice Department sued Water Supply and Storage Co. last year over the breach in the Grand River Ditch

that scoured a mountainside and forced the temporary closure of trails and campsites.

Officials of the company did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

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AROUND THE WEST

IDAHO

Authorities identify drowning victim

BOISE — Authorities say a woman who was camping with friends suffered a head injury before drowning in the Payette River.

The Sevier County coroner identified the victim Monday as Sarah M. Herrera, 22.

Investigators say Herrera suffered a head injury in a fall from a cliff downstream of where she was camping with friends last weekend along the Sevier Fork of the Payette.

Coroner Pamela Sue Garlock says results from toxicology tests are pending.

Friends reported Herrera missing early Saturday morning and called for help. Her body was found early Sunday morning.

Suspect killed in Idaho police shooting

BLACKFOOT — Blackfoot authorities say a man who was shot by police after a traffic stop has died from injuries.

Blackfoot Police Chief Dave Moore says the shooting occurred Monday after the 24-year-old man fled the scene then later threatened a police officer with a handgun.

Moore says the officer was forced to fire his weapon at the suspect.

Police have not yet released the name of the victim or officers involved.

Moore says the shooting was witnessed by at least three other officers. All four officers have been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation by officials from area police departments.

The man was pronounced dead at the Blingham County

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

LaRocco campaign HQ hit by break-in; nothing appears stolen

BOISE — U.S. Senate candidate Larry LaRocco says somebody broke into his Boise campaign headquarters but didn't appear to have stolen anything.

LaRocco staffers say a former congressman filed a police report, though thousands of dollars of equipment including computers appeared to be intact.

Damage to the office floor was about \$200.

Bob Stout, campaign manager for the Democratic candidate, says he won't know if this was a politically motivated intrusion at least until the Boise police conclude their investigation.

Stout doesn't know if the intruders inspected campaign documents or computer files.

LaRocco was in Idaho Falls at the time of the break-in.

HUD awards \$2.6M in housing grants

BOISE — The Boise housing authority is getting some federal help to give 20 homeless veterans permanent homes.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is awarding the Boise authority more than \$107,000 in grant money for the effort. It's part of about \$2.6 million that the department is giving to housing authorities in Idaho, Alaska, Oregon and Washington to provide permanent housing for 440 homeless veterans.

Regional Director John Meyers says the program demonstrates the department's commitment to serve veterans as they once served

UTAH

Toyota SUV plunges from parking garage

SALT LAKE CITY — A sport utility vehicle landed on its roof Monday after plunging from the third level of a parking garage.

A 51-year-old woman who was driving the Toyota RAV 4 was taken to a hospital. Her injuries were not considered to be critical, police spokesman Jared Whihongi said.

Parking attendant Dave Robertson said he heard a loud crash around 8 a.m. and thought it was a car wreck on a street in downtown Salt Lake City.

The SUV crashed through a rail on the third level. Whihongi said the driver doesn't remember much.

"To go through a railing ... you would have to give it

COEUR D'ALENE

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issued a statement saying she "was a great lady, a great friend and a great idealist. No one had more knowledge, insight or wisdom about our state or our people."

"Louise shared her energy and enthusiasm with everyone she met, and she inspired generations of people to get involved with public service."

She became the first woman in the U.S. to serve at a state cabinet level when Gov. Robert Smylie appointed her secretary of commerce and development in the late 1950s, according to the National Federation of Press Women.

In 1998 the state named a new Idaho Department of Lands building for her in Coeur d'Alene.

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EDITORIAL

Let's skip the Western Days gay float controversy this year

Last summer, the *Times-News* published letters well into August condemning and supporting efforts by gays and lesbians to be included in the annual Western Days Parade, which had been held in June.

This summer, we hope the Western Days Committee learned from that experience and will let the Southern Idaho Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Bisexual Community participate in the community celebration from the start.

Of all the recent dust-ups over cultural differences, last year's may have been the most nonsensical. After the Western Days Committee rejected the SIGLBC, the group parked its float on Shoshone Street North and participated passively.

What harm did they do? Did their presence frighten away family-oriented church groups who might otherwise have participated in Western Days? Did they intimidate those who disagree with gay participation in any community event?

Of course not. As devoutly as some people wish there were no gays, lesbians, transgender or bisexual people in Twin Falls, there are many. The community has the option of treating them as neighbors or making a spectacle of itself in trying to make believe.

What are we, as a community, so afraid of? Our cherished Western values are built on the bedrock of individualism. That means we let people be who they are and yet welcome into the community those who go their own way without harming others.

This year, instead of embarrassing ourselves by spending the first week in June trying to shut out our neighbors with bureaucratic folderol, let's let Western Days be what it is: a celebration of the community we are, not the myth some people wish it could be.

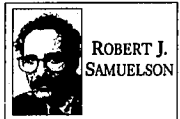
Inclusion is the true meaning of Western Days, and of Twin Falls' Western values.

Our view: Of all the things that the Twin Falls community should celebrate, differences should be at the top of the list.

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

America has oil reserves; time to use them

WASHINGTON—What to do about oil? First it went from \$60 to \$80 a barrel, then from \$80 to \$100 and now to \$120. Perhaps we can persuade OPEC to raise production, as some senators suggest; but this seems unlikely. The truth is that we're almost powerless to influence today's prices. We are because we didn't take sensible actions 10 or 20 years ago. If we persist, we will be even worse off in a decade or two. The first thing to do: Start drilling.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

It may surprise Americans to discover that the United States is the third-largest oil producer, behind Saudi Arabia and Russia. We are producing more, but Congress has put large areas of potential supply off-limits. These include the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and parts of Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico. By government estimates, these areas may contain 25-30 billion barrels of oil (against about 30 billion of proven U.S. reserves today) and 80 trillion cubic feet or more of natural gas (compared with about 200 trillion reserves).

What keeps these areas closed are exaggerated environmental fears, strong prejudice against oil companies and sheer stupidity. Americans favor both "energy independence" and cheap fuel. They deplore imports who want to pay foreigners; — but oppose more production in the United States. Got it? The result is a "no-pain energy agenda that sounds appealing but is bogus in reality," writes Robert Bryce in "Gusher of Lies: The Dangerous Delusions of 'Energy Independence.'"

Unsurprisingly, all three major presidential candidates tout "energy independence." This reflects citizen ignorance (unlikely) or pandering (probable). The



United States now imports about 60 percent of its oil, up from 42 percent in 1990. We'll import less more for the foreseeable future.

The world uses 86 million barrels of oil a day, up from 67 mbd in 1990. The basic cause of exploding prices is that advancing demand has virtually exhausted the world's surplus production capacity, says analyst Douglas MacIntyre of the Energy Information Administration. The result: Any unexpected rise in demand or threat to supply triggers higher prices.

The best we can do is to try to influence the global balance of supply and demand. Increase our supply. Restrain our demand. With luck, this might widen the worldwide surplus of production capacity. Producers would have less power to exact ever-higher prices, because there would be more competition among them to sell. OPEC loses some leverage; its members cheat. Congress should start a small step last year by increasing fuel economy standards for new cars and light trucks from 25 to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. (And yes, we need a gradually rising fuel tax to create a strong market for more-efficient vehicles.)

Increasing production also is important. Output from older fields, including Alaska's North Slope, is declining. Although production from restricted areas won't make the U.S. self-sufficient, it might stabilize output or even reduce imports. No one knows exactly what's in these areas, because the exploratory work is old. Estimates indicate that production from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge might equal almost 5 percent of present U.S. oil use.

Members of Congress complain loudly about high oil profits (\$40.6 billion for ExxonMobil last year) but frustrate those companies from using those profits to explore and produce in the United States. Getting access to oil elsewhere is increasingly difficult. Governments own three-quarters or more of proven reserves. Higher prices perversely discourage other countries from approving new projects. Flush with oil revenues, countries have less need to expand production. Undersupply and high prices then feed on each other.

But it's hard for the United States to complain that other countries limit access to their reserves when we're doing the same. If higher U.S. production reduced world prices, other countries might

expand production. What they couldn't get from prices they'd try to get from greater sales.

On environmental grounds, the alternatives to more drilling are usually worse. Subsidies to ethanol made from corn have increased food prices and used scarce water, with few benefits. If oil is imported, it's vulnerable to tanker spills. By contrast, local production is probably safer. There were 4,000 platforms operating in the Gulf of Mexico when hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit. Despite extensive damage, there were no major spills, says Robble Diamond of Securing America's Future Energy, an advocacy group.

Perhaps oil prices will drop when some long-delayed projects begin production or if demand slackens. But the basic problem will remain. Though dependent on foreign oil, we might conceivably curb the power of foreign producers. But this is not a task of a month or a year. It is a task of decades: new production projects take that long. If we don't start now, our future dependence and its dangers will grow. Count on it.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bryan has experience to be precinct chairman

Beth Bryan is running for precinct committeeman for Buhl Precinct 5 on May 27. Bryan is and has been an active Republican helping with numerous campaigns. Before transferring to Buhl, she ran for Oregon state

senator. Vote for Beth Bryan to get an experienced, conservative, long-time Republican. Buhl Precinct 5 members vote at the Buhl Christian Church on Broadway on May 27. EILEEN BANHOLZER Filser

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Photo took narrow view of prayer gathering

I attended the prayer gathering at the Twin Falls City Park on Thursday, May 1. Judi Mellon was the event organizer. She presented the event and warmly welcomed about 100 who attended from a variety of religious backgrounds, not only evangelical Christians. Sheriff Tinsley began the program with an encouraging talk in appreciation of our government, our president and our leaders, and thankfulness for this opportunity to gather in the park.

I was disappointed that the *Times-News* focused on a small group praying "for gas prices to go down" and "convict those that are gouging." This did not represent the majority and was not the intent of this gathering. What a privilege to live in America, where we have this freedom to pray. Everyone who attended was given a guide for prayer, which included the government,

military, media, business, education, church and family. It was a privilege to see many small groups gathering to pray for these areas and especially to pray for the coming election.

MARDI NEWMAN Twin Falls

DEQ missing real cause of air pollution

—Read an interesting news piece dated April 29 by Rocky Barker of the *Idaho Statesman*. The heading of the article is "DEQ officials are calling on Valley residents to take steps to help reduce air pollution."

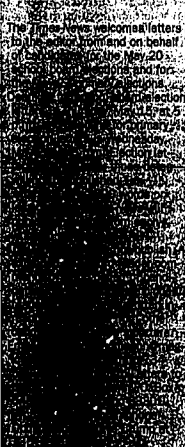
I just about choked on my coffee! The Department of Environmental Quality is worried about the pollution caused by lawnmowers. Yes, you read that right, lawnmowers. Please, Ms. (DEQ Director Toni) Hardesty, come to my house now on this fine windy day and smell the air that I have to breathe. The odor from the lagoon that

sits a few hundred feet from my home is beyond description. And you are worried about my lawnmower.

"When you call the state about an air problem, the standard answer is "normal agricultural practice." Funny, we are in agriculture, but we don't have anything that smells like that! We don't destroy our neighbors' enjoyment of their property, and we don't choose my hat and this one is almost comical.

So first, Ms. Hardesty, don't have your office call me and ask what can be done. We already know that there is nothing you can or will do. Second and finally, I would like to see someone come to my home, stand in my front yard with the "stink of all stink" and tell me to turn off my lawnmower. Much more than I really get run out of property and my final words would be, "You can take my lawnmower from my cold, dead fingers!" KIM HELSLEY Buhl

About election letters



QUOTABLE

"I would say that we're in a recession clearly."

— Warren Buffett, the chairman Berkshire Hathaway Inc., at the annual shareholders meeting

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS



U.S.-China cooperation could dent oil prices

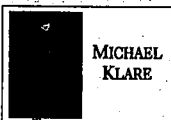
Among the many reasons given for the recent surge in gas prices is China's soaring demand for petroleum. Because the Chinese are running around the world buying up every available barrel of oil, the theory goes, we Americans have to pay that much more to outfit them for the leftover pools of crude. And the fact that the Chinese yuan has been growing stronger while the American dollar is shrinking in value has only exacerbated the problem.

Unquestionably, there's some truth to this. China's consumption of oil rose from about 4.2 million barrels a day in 1997 to 7.8 million barrels in 2007, an increase of 86 percent, the U.S. Department of Energy reported in this year. More to the point, a percentage of this oil that had to be imported grew even more. In 1997, China supplied all but 1 million barrels of the oil it consumed each day from domestic fields; by 2007, that fell from domestic output and consumption had jumped to 4 million barrels, all of which had to be imported.

To obtain these additional barrels, the Chinese have, in fact, been shopping in some of the same foreign oil bazaars as the United States — and, with more demand chasing a finite supply, prices naturally tend to rise.

But let's put this in perspective. In 2007, according to Energy Department figures, the United States consumed about 21 million barrels of oil a day, nearly three times as much as China. Even more significant, we imported 13 million barrels every day, a vastly greater amount than China's import tally. So, although it is indeed true that Chinese and American consumption are competing for access to overseas supplies, there's no question that Chinese and American consumption still sets the pace in international oil markets.

Peer into the future, however, and the China factor



MICHAEL KLARE

starts looming much larger. With its roaring economy and millions of newly affluent consumers — many of whom are buying their first automobiles — China is rapidly catching up with the United States in its net oil intake. According to the most recent projections, Chinese petroleum consumption is expected to jump from 8 million barrels a day in 2008 to an estimated 12 million in 2020 and to 16 million in 2030. American consumption will also climb, but not as much, reaching an estimated 27 million barrels a day in 2030. In terms of oil imports, moreover, the gap will grow even smaller. Chinese imports are projected to hit 10.8 million barrels a day in 2030, compared to 15.4 million for the United States. Clearly, the Sino-American competition for foreign oil supplies will grow ever more intense with every passing year.

Now, then, should we respond to this challenge? One answer, favored by many officials in Washington, D.C., is to step up American political, economic and military involvement in Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere to enhance America's competitive advantage in the struggle for access to the world's remaining untapped supplies of crude oil.

This, in fact, has been the approach adopted by the Bush administration over the last seven years. It has involved repeated visits to key oil suppliers including Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Nigeria by top U.S. officials, including President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, along with promises of economic aid and, on occasion,

increased levels of military assistance. China, sad to say, has responded in kind, inflaming regional tensions and sparking a series of local arms races.

A far wiser course, I believe, would be to promote energy cooperation with China, rather than competition. Given that the United States and China are the world's two biggest users of petroleum — a fuel whose worldwide availability is likely to peak at 100 million barrels or so per day in the next five years or so and then commence an irreversible decline — it makes great sense for us to collaborate in the development of oil alternatives and energy-saving technologies.

Such collaboration could take the form of joint ventures to develop advanced technologies in such areas as food crops and transportation fuels extracted from coal (without releasing heat-trapping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere). It could also include the development of super-light vehicles, advanced hybrid engines and other energy-saving systems. Such endeavors have been discussed on a preliminary basis by U.S. and Chinese officials, so it is hardly surprising to find a more elaborate and constructive undertaking of this sort.

Make no mistake: Intensified competition between the United States and China for access to the world's remaining supplies of oil (and other sources of energy) will inevitably add to the forces pushing gasoline prices skyward and will generate an increased risk of regional instability, owing to tight competition for oil. The wiser approach, we'd both be better off by cooperating in the search for petroleum alternatives.

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Where every day is Patriot's Day

WASHINGTON — In the rehabilitation unit at Walter Reed Army Medical Center there are nine "Rehab Rules" on the wall and the first commandment is: Share Your Story.

And so they do. "I was riding shotgun in a Humvee and it came right through the door," Sgt. Ken Butler, 82d Airborne, was saying.

"My right arm was almost shredded off. The charge entered the right side of my chest and it came out the left. I woke up a couple of weeks later."

"When he woke up, he was in a five-foot by 200 miles from the road near Baghdad where he got hit, and his right arm was gone. He is 28 years old. How he survived, nobody knows. A chunk of molten metal went right through him."

"I was kind of out of it at first," Butler said, smiling. "I thought they had my arm on ice and were going to put it back on."

Five months ago, Sgt. 1st Class Connors McDermott was jumping out of a truck in Afghanistan with a 50-caliber round in his hand when he fell.

"Damn thing went off," McDermott said.

"Even if they had been able to find the right kind of fins they wouldn't have been able to reattach it."

"To be honest," he said, "I was more (expletive) they pulled me out of country than I was having my finger blown off."

McDermott is 30 years old.

What happened to him was as threatening to his career as a concert pianist wrecking his hand.

But he shrugs and says "It's done."

There are 160 inpatients at Walter Reed.

There are 700 outpatients, what they call the Warrior Transition Brigade, trying to get back to where they were before Iraq and Afghanistan. Sgt. Scott Mitch is an occupational therapist and works with amputees. She was in Iraq, as was Maj. Matt St. Laurent and so they carry an unspoken bond with the wounded warriors they tend.



KEVIN CULLEN

"Some guys, we start from scratch," St. Laurent said. "We've got young soldiers who can't dress themselves."

"St. Laurent looked around. "It's an honor to work with these guys," he said softly, almost to himself.

Off to the side, a young soldier, one leg missing, the other a mangled mess, tried to negotiate a tight space in his wheelchair. He kept backing up, then moving forward, like his car was stuck in snow. He didn't curse, but it sure looked like he wanted to. He looked like he was 15.

Coming face to face with the cost of war, it is easy to get angry.

Angry that so many honorable men and women will never be the same.

Angry that almost everybody in the White House and Congress who put these sol-

diers in a position to lose a limb or a chunk of their minds never had any intention of allowing their own flesh and blood to shed a drop overseas.

But anger isn't the emotion you feel walking around Walter Reed. Humility is a better word.

If you are not a soldier, if you don't love or know a soldier, you will never in a million years understand this, but many of the soldiers here would give anything to get back to their units.

Many have given an arm and a leg and they'd give the other one to get back.

McDermott talks like it's only a matter of time.

"We were sitting in the cafeteria, having lunch, and I pointed out that his trigger finger was missing."

"What would you shoot with?" I asked.

Sgt. Connors McDermott smiled.

And then he flashed his middle finger.

If you're Special Forces, you can shoot.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Billington right candidate for precinct chairman

To be a good precinct chairman, you must be willing to attend a meeting once a month. You must be a loyal political party supporter of all the activities sponsored by the party, such as parades, picnics, fundraisers, fair booths, dinners, etc. You should also have a strong desire to make a difference in your community, state and nation.

I am proud to support Tom Billington. Tom is such an individual. Tom is courteous, dependable, cooperative and has many other commendable leadership qualities. Those of you who know Tom Billington know what a good man he is. Tom deserves to be elected again

as your Republican precinct chairman in Precinct OT23. Please vote for Tom Billington on May 27. **MARVIN HEMPLEMAN** Twin Falls

Truth and deception of American economy

Deceive: (1) to cause to believe an untruth; (2) to deal with dishonestly; (3) to use or practice dishonesty.

Truth: (1) honesty; (2) the real state of things.

Deception (D): The Federal Reserve is run by the U.S. government.

Truth (T): The Fed is a private institution, with shareholders. Some of the shareholders include JP Morgan Chase, GE, Rothschild, Rockefeller. Do shareholders in a corporation always have

the best interest of the public at heart?

D: There's a two party political system in the United States and you have a say in the matter.

T: The three candidates (puppets) running for president all work for the same people and are all working towards the same goals of taxing you more and taking more of your freedoms. All three candidates work for the international financiers who also own the Fed.

D: The economic stimulus package; your \$1,200 check will boost the economy.

T: This money created out of thin air will only devalue the dollar you have in your pocket right now by diluting the flat money already in the system.

D: The United States is not

in a recession and inflation is only 6 percent.

T: Inflation is currently 15 percent. The government's stats do not include food or fuel, which you use every day.

D: The U.S. dollar is a strong currency.

T: The buying power of the U.S. dollar is half of what it was four years ago. Your gasoline prices haven't just shot up; that dollar in your pocket is worthless.

D: We're in Iraq to fight a "war on terror."

T: All wars throughout history have been for profit. This one not excluded.

Above is not even the tip of the iceberg. People please wake up. Turn off the TV and get informed. God bless you and your family.
SEAN MALLETT
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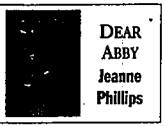
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Humor is disabled woman's defense against rude remarks

DEAR ABBY: May I offer a response to the letter from "Pettie's Mom in Salem, Va." (Feb. 25), whose daughter "Claire" is the target of rude comments due to her size?



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

—MIMI IN MAUL, OKLA.

I was born disabled and walk with a limp. All my life, people have demanded the most outrageous information, including the standard, "What's wrong with you?" or, "Do you take medicine for that?" And my favorite, "But ... can you have sex?"

I have found the best defense against rudeness is a sense of humor and compassion. Many people say things without intending to insult, and sometimes they speak before they have a chance to think.

When someone asks me a rude question, I'm likely to respond with one of your gems: "Why do you ask?"

—LINDA IN MATHEWS, VA.

DEAR LINDA: Thank you for the reminder that a snorty retort can be as effective as one that's confrontational. Many readers "weighed" in with similar experiences and suggestions for Claire. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Pettie's Mom" was resonant of many years of my life. I grew up in the '30s and '40s. I have never weighed more than 110 pounds and, at 5 feet 4 inches tall, had endured similar questions and comments my entire life. Example from a stranger: "You're the skinniest person I have ever seen!"

I used to make me feel inferior. How things have changed. Recently, as I was leaving a restaurant, I overheard a woman say, "I would kill to be that size!" How sweet it is.

—GLAD I LIVED TO SEE THE DAY, ORANGE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I told a very small kindergarten, "You sure are small to be in kindergarten." She must have heard it many times before, because she replied, "My mommy says it's not how big you are; it's how much you KNOW." From the mouths of babes, and I have never commented again about a person's size.

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Clinton, Obama duel on gas prices

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Dueling over gas prices, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama strained for every last vote on Monday, the eve of the Indiana and North Carolina primaries that are the biggest prizes left in their epic Democratic nomination fight.

Her TV ads promoted her plan for a summer-long gas-tax holiday and contended she was the candidate who "gets it." He said the plan was just another Washington stunt.

A combined 167 delegates are at stake in the two states, nearly half of the pledged delegates left with eight primaries to go before voting ends in a month.

Obama was the favorite in North Carolina, but both candidates campaigned vigorously there with polls showing a tightening race since Clinton's win in Pennsylvania two weeks ago. Indiana was considered a tighter race, with most polls in the final days showing Clinton taking the lead.

Pain at the gas pump has become a big issue in the long campaign that started out focusing on the Iraq war.

Oil futures reached a record of more than \$120 a barrel Monday, raising con-

Elections Delegate race heads to Indiana, N.C.

Sen. Hillary Clinton had a net gain of 12 pledged delegates from her win in Pennsylvania two weeks ago. Since then, Sen. Barack Obama has picked up a net gain of 11 superdelegates.

Delegate totals, as of 6 p.m. EDT, May 8

Candidate	Pledged	Superdelegate endorsements	2,025 needed for nomination
Clinton	1,745.5	1,745.5	
Obama	1,607.5	1,607.5	

At stake in upcoming contests: MAY 8

State	Clinton	Obama
Indiana	112	112
North Carolina	112	112

At stake in upcoming contests: MAY 9

State	Clinton	Obama
Alabama	11	11
Arkansas	11	11
Colorado	11	11
Connecticut	11	11
Delaware	11	11
District of Columbia	11	11
Florida	11	11
Georgia	11	11
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Texas	11	11
Utah	11	11
Vermont	11	11
Virginia	11	11
Washington	11	11
West Virginia	11	11
Wisconsin	11	11
Wyoming	11	11

NOTE: Delegate count based on event results and AP reporting. Includes projections from non-binding caucus states; Obama favored split delegates.



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cerns about even higher prices for gasoline. In a new 30-second ad featuring drivers complaining about the price of filling up, Clinton touted her plan to cut gas taxes over the summer and said Obama was just attacking her idea "because he doesn't have one."

"Barack Obama wants you to keep paying \$8 billion in all," an announcer says. "Hillary is the one who gets it."

Obama responded with his own spot that said Clinton was offering "more of the same old negative politics." It points out a *New York Times* editorial that said she's taking "the low road" and that her criticism does "nothing but harm."

The ad didn't point out that the same editorial said Obama is contributing to the negative nature of the campaign by "increasingly rising to Mrs. Clinton's bait, undercutting his own claims that he is offering a higher, more inclusive form of politics."

Obama said the proposal to suspend the 18.4 cents-a-gallon gasoline tax and the 24.4-cent diesel tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day would provide little in actual

savings to motorists. He said oil companies would quickly raise prices to make up the difference.

Obama's stance was backed up by 230 economists who released a letter Monday opposing the gas tax holiday. The signers included 10 Nobel Prize winners and economic advisers to presidents of both parties.

A CNN-Opinion Research Corp. poll released Monday found six in 10 saying gas prices have caused financial hardship for their families. Eight in 10 said they consider it likely they'll be paying \$3 a gallon sometime this year, and nearly half said they expect prices to hit \$5 a gallon.

North Carolina and Indiana are important because they are the largest states left to vote, but they cannot mathematically set the nomination. A candidate needs 2,025 delegates to win, and Obama had 1,745.5, Clinton's 1,607.5 Monday.

Obama continued to court Clinton's long-held left among superdelegates, the party leaders who are bound by the outcome of state contests. He picked two from Maryland Monday, leaving him trailing Clinton 269-255.

More than 3.5M new voters, AP survey finds

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Voter excitement, always up before a presidential election, is pushing registration through the roof so far this year — with more than 3.5 million people rushing to join in the historic balloting, according to an Associated Press survey that offers the first national snapshot.

Figures are up for blacks, women and young people, rural and city. South and North.

Overall, the AP found that nearly one in 65 adult Americans signed up to vote in just the first three months of the year. And in the 21 states that were able to provide comparable data, new registrations have soared about 64 percent from the

same three months in the 2004 campaign.

Voters are flocking to the most open election in half a century, inspired to support the first female president, the first black or the oldest ever elected.

Also, the bruising Democratic race has lasted longer than anyone expected, creating a burst of interest in states typically ignored in an election year.

New voters are generally less reliable. So there's no guarantee this year's newcomers will stick around in years to come — or even cast ballots in November if their candidate doesn't make it.

Even if some discouraged new voters drop off, the numbers are striking.

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Wolverines outlast Burley in extras to win GBW championship

By John Derr
Staff writer

JEROME — The Wood River Wolverines came into the West softball tournament as the Great Basin Conference West softball tournament as the second seed.

They went out as champions. After being forced to the first inning, Wood River captured the district crown by winning a 6-5, eight-inning thriller over Burley Monday afternoon earning a berth to next week's Class 4A state tournament in Twin Falls.

The Wolverines made the play when they had to. With the top of the lineup up in the bottom of the seventh inning and down by one, the Bobcats got right to

work. Cinthia Rios, who scored four of the five Burley runs, reached on an error. Stacy Campbell's double to left center brought her home.

Pitcher Sam Engel walked the Bobcats best two hitters, Molly Mills and Tyanne Searle, to load the bases with no outs so that the double play was in order. Engel then recorded a strikeout, threw a runner out at home and induced a pop-up to shut down the rally.

"Sometimes it is good to be in a pressure situation. I was shaking in my boots, but I trusted my coaches and my teammates," said Engel.

Said Wood River coach Dale Martin: "That's softball.

We loaded the bases to set up the force. We have great seniors and they didn't quit, they had the desire."

In extra innings, the last batter from the previous inning starts at second base. That put freshman Madison Gove in scoring position. A single by Angela Coleman moved her to third. After a strikeout, Engel smashed a sacrifice fly to center bringing Gove home.

"I knew if I got it out of the infield she would score," added Engel.

In the bottom of the eighth Burley's Shari Hoskins advanced to third, but a fly out to first ended the game.

The loss overshadowed an amazing performance by Mills. The Bobcat pitched 22

innings in less than six hours, going 2-1 on the day. "My arm hurts," said Mills.

"We played hard and took Wood River to eight innings, that's got to say something. We just need to practice hard and get ready for Saturday."

Burley coach Tim Campbell was proud of his pitcher and team.

"You can't ask for any more from Molly, Wood River just beat us, they executed and we didn't," said Campbell. "This team wasn't supposed to do much being the fourth seed. We took Wood River to the championship game and carried the momentum we had from last week."

The Wolverines will play at Please see GBW, Page B2



Wood River pitcher Hannah Gove throws during the first of two Great Basin Conference West championship games between the Wolverines and Burley in Jerome on Monday. Wood River won the second game to win the GBW championship and advance to the state tournament in Twin Falls.

Staff photo by MIKE CHRISTENSEN

Dream come true

Gosar, career assistant, gets top job at long last

By Eric Larsen
Staff writer

Steve Gosar sat in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium, his friend Barrett Peery's wife, Tracy, beside him. He watched as Dan Hazut and the 2003-04 Golden Eagles flew across the hardwood, as his friend and future CSI head coach Peery barked orders from the bench, as all those people on the sidelines.

Draped in his black and green, Portland State University gear, the Vikings' top assistant tried to focus on the game, on recruiting the next player that would help him. He watched, however, creep into mind.

Monday afternoon, after Gosar was introduced as the 15th CSI head men's basketball coach in program history, the recollection of that moment came flooding back, brought with it an upheaval of emotion.

"I remember just thinking to myself, 'What a special, special place. Like no place I've ever been. And I thought I'd never be so lucky.' Gosar paused, his voice cracking, to have the honor of to coach here, how blessed I would be."

Big dreams don't die. Sometimes, they're just put on hold.

Two years after his first visit to CSI, Gosar was hired as Peery's top assistant only 19 days after his friend and now University of Utah assistant was named the Golden Eagles' 14th head men's coach. From Bill Burt to Pindale (Wyo.) High School, to his college alma mater, the University of Wyoming; to



Steve Gosar is congratulated by Kathy Deahl Monday afternoon after it was announced he will be the new College of Southern Idaho head men's basketball coach.

Portland State and CSI, Gosar was a career assistant coach. That career spanned 10 seasons until everything changed at Monday's press conference after CSI athletic director Joel Burtie gave a simple introduction: "The 15th head coach in CSI men's basketball history, Steve Gosar."

Finally, Gosar is a head coach. The head coach of arguably the top junior college basketball program in the nation.

"It's surreal. It's almost like I can't believe it's happening because it's a realization of a dream," Gosar said, reliving his first visit to CSI. "... You just have a split-second thought that I'd like to be a coach here. This is unbelievable. Six years later, you're here and it's happened."

Now that Gosar's dream is a reality, the dreamer's hardest work lays ahead. There is a team to recruit and as always with CSI, a national championship to strive for. The two players set to return and three ready to make their CSI debuts in the coming season know of the hire. Gosar said they're all on board.

There is a record-setting recruiting class of six NCAA Division I signees to replace, and a Salt Lake Community College team that finished second in the nation this year to contend with. There is great pressure involved in following Peery's act.

"I'm proud of how we're leaving it," Peery said. "I have great confidence in Steve in taking the ball and rolling

with it. There won't be a beat missed around, I'll be going to be fantastic."

Monday afternoon, the soft-spoken Gosar's life changed. A long-held dream became reality in a shower of handshakes and hugs.

Now the real work begins.

"I've tried to prepare every day, and you're still not prepared for when it happens," Gosar said of becoming a head coach.

"... It'll hit me. It's really going to settle in after all this settles down. It's going to settle in, the weight of this program, probably a few minutes after I walk out this door."

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Gosar fits coaching mold CSI has built

Sometimes you get a good coach. Sometimes you get a good guy. Seldom do you get both. The College of Southern Idaho athletic department has either been extremely lucky or extremely smart in that regard. Across the department's six collegiate sports offerings, seven new head coaches, plus one athletic director, have been hired over the past half-decade. The department has been completely retooled, and still it succeeds.

Today Boomer Walker takes his CSI baseball team to the Region 18 World Tournament, his fourth winning season in as many tries already locked up.

Next week, Nick Baumer and the softball team will make his first trip to the NCAA Division I World Series in its second season.

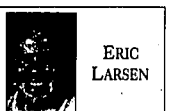
Steve Birle will take the women's rodeo team to the College National Finals Rodeo for the second straight year. In June, Heidi Carrisser got CSI volleyball back to the national tournament after a turbulent two-year span, while Randy Rogers' women's basketball team brought home his second national tournament trophy in five years this season.

Barret Peery won 82 percent of his games in three years as CSI's head men's basketball coach before being named an assistant coach at the University of Utah on Monday.

Now, Steve Gosar is expected to follow in his counterparts' footsteps. More importantly, he's expected to do things the right way. Over the past five years, the opportunities to criticize CSI athletics have dwindled.

The teams win, players go on to great success at the NCAA Division I level, and most importantly, players graduate.

It's unlikely there will ever be another time in CSI history that mirrors the astro-



ERIC LARSEN

nomical graduation rates of head men's basketball coach Fred Thrulke's teams. In 10 years at CSI, 70 of Thrulke's 71 players graduated.

This year, nine of CSI's 10 sophomores will graduate and go on to play NCAA Division I basketball, Daren Jordan being the lone exception. It's not 70 of 71, but it's darn good.

Even Jordan, this year's exception, illustrates part of the conscience CSI has developed. Jordan was given a chance at CSI. He scuffled with injuries, was kicked off the team and sent home. He didn't turn into ticky Clemons in Twin Falls because Peery and CSI wouldn't let him.

Junior college has always been a place for second chances, a place for young men to try and figure their lives out. In his three years here, Peery let CSI be exactly that without turning Twin Falls into a depository for the junior college crowd.

Monday afternoon, college President Jerry Beck, only half-jokingly, had imparted a bit of advice on Gosar, his newest coach.

"Steve, you've got big shoes to fill," he said. "And I'll say it the way President (Jerry) Meyerhoff said it to me as he went out the door, 'Don't screw it up.'"

The safe bet is that Gosar won't. He's cut from the same cloth as the rest of CSI's current head coaches. He knew how high the bar would be set when he accepted the job, when he thanked the college's administration for their faith, and said, "It will not be misplaced."

If the last five years of hires hold true to form, it won't be.

Bruin baseball, softball teams hope home cookin' nets state berths

By Mike Christensen
Staff writer

Today, the Twin Falls baseball team will play for a tangible reward for an 8-0 run through Region Four-Five-Six play. But home-field advantage at Bill Ingram Field doesn't mean the Bruins are overconfident entering a 4:30 p.m. contest with fifth-seed Skyline (2-6 Region Four-Five-Six).

"We're approaching it as every game is our most important game from here on out," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico.

At No. 2 seed Madison (4-4). The Bobcats offered the Bruins their toughest test in region as Twin Falls escaped with a 7-6 win in nine innings on April 10.

Regardless, the Bruins' focus isn't centered on the opposition. Said Federico: "If we throw strikes and field the ball and play well, we'll be fine."

The good news: The Bruins still have Amber Petersen.

Softball

The bad news: Twin Falls junior pitcher Katelyn Fjeld will miss this week's Region Four-Five-Six Softball Tournament.

"There's worse things than being down to one pitcher when it's that one," Twin Falls coach Ken Johnson said of Petersen, the UNLV-bound senior who boasts an 18-0 record for the 22-1 Bruins and has yielded just three runs this season.

Fjeld is out with torn ligaments in her hand. She'll get her cast off on Thursday forays. Johnson said she's doubtful for next week's Class 5A state tournament.

But first things first: The Bruins still have to qualify for state.

That's the focus this week as they host the region tourney. Please see BRUINS, Page B4

Region Four-Five-Six Baseball Tournament

High school baseball

Friday, May 9, 2008

6:00 p.m. - Twin Falls vs. Skyline

7:00 p.m. - Idaho Falls vs. Pocatello

8:00 p.m. - Boise vs. Caldwell

Saturday, May 10, 2008

6:00 p.m. - Boise vs. Idaho Falls

7:00 p.m. - Pocatello vs. Twin Falls

8:00 p.m. - Skyline vs. Boise

Sunday, May 11, 2008

6:00 p.m. - Boise vs. Pocatello

7:00 p.m. - Idaho Falls vs. Twin Falls

8:00 p.m. - Skyline vs. Boise

SCOREBOARD

GAME PLAN

Game 2: Skyline vs. Highland, 1 p.m. Game 3: Loner 1 vs. Loser 4, 4:30 p.m. Game 4: Twin Falls vs. Winner 3, 9 p.m. Game 5: Winner 3 vs. Loser 4, 4:30 p.m. Game 6: Winner 4 vs. Winner 2, 5 p.m.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., AB, R, H, E, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, RFP. Includes American League and National League results.

CHICAGO TORONTO

Baseball scores for Chicago vs Toronto, including pitcher and batter statistics.

LOCAL BASEBALL

Class A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament... Girls Golf... Boys Golf... Softball...

Baseball scores for Los Angeles, Kansas City, and other teams.

SOFTBALL

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament... Softball scores for various teams.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

National League baseball scores for Philadelphia, New York, etc.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

American League baseball scores for Minnesota, Detroit, etc.

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Baseball scores for Detroit, Houston, Boston, etc.

RODDE

Pro Rodde Legends... Golf schedule for Rodde events.

GOLF

PGA Tour FedEx Cup Leaders... Golf scores and standings.

BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS

NBA Playoff brackets for Western Conference and Eastern Conference.

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Eight Belles' trainer deflected in the face of PETA criticism

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The trainer of euthanized filly Eight Belles adamantly defended the way jockey Gabriel Saez handled the Kentucky Derby runner-up...

In a statement Monday, Saez said Eight Belles never indicated anything was wrong. "All I could sense under me was how eager she was to race," Saez said.

Kentucky Horse Racing Authority on Tuesday, arguing for major changes, including a ban on using the whip or racing horses younger than 3...

KHRA executive director Lisa Underwood said Monday that racing stewards found no evidence of wrongdoing by Saez. The race's board of directors is not currently responding to PETA's proposals...

Sports Shorts

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North Side offers junior golf lesson

GOODING — CSI North Side will hold a one-session introductory golf class for students ages 6 to 12 on Friday, May 30, from 9-11 a.m. Local golf professional Troy Vittek will teach golf etiquette, rules of the game and the correct way to swing a golf club...

Sawtooth Relay news

KETCHUM — The 17th annual Sawtooth Relay will be held Saturday, June 14. The relay is open to anyone 18 and older. Six-person teams travel 62 miles from Stanley to Ketchum with each athlete completing two legs, averaging five miles each. The entry fee is \$330 per team. Solo runners and small teams may also enter with fees of \$75 for one person, \$150 for two, \$225 for three and \$300 for four. The entry fees increase after May 14. Entry forms are available at www.sawtoothrelay.com and at area sporting goods stores and health clubs. Visit the website or call 853-1221 for more information.

Physicals offered for Rupert students

RUPERT — The Mini-Cassia Occupational Health clinic will offer physicals for student-athletes from Minidoka County Schools on Wednesday, May 7, and Tuesday, May 13. Physicals will be offered from 5:30-7:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$10. Student-athletes must bring a filled-out prescreening form, which is available at each school. — Staff and wire reports

Gooding holding sports physicals

GOODING — Sports physicals for all 2008-09 Gooding student-athletes and cheerleaders will be held at Gooding High School's gymnasium on Tuesday, May 13. Physicals for pee wee football (upcoming fifth- and sixth-grade boys) and middle-

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and warm. Highs 70s.
Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy. Lows 40s.
Tomorrow: Perhaps a brief passing of light rain. Cooler. Highs 60s.

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and warm. Highs 70s.
Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy. Lows 40s.
Tomorrow: Breezy and cooler with a slight chance of showers developing. Highs low 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

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Weather statistics including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Moon Phases.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with regional forecasts for Sun Valley, Boise, and other areas. Includes text about mountain showers and regional weather patterns.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and other regional locations.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for major national cities like New York, Los Angeles, and others.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for international cities like London, Tokyo, and others.

U.V. INDEX

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REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. Includes a photo of Regg Middlekauff and his quote about success.

Bruins

Continued from page B1. —As the No. 1 seed, Twin Falls (8-0) Region Four-Five-Six) opens play at 3 p.m. today against the winner of the 1 p.m. game between No. 4 Madison (4-4) and No. 5 Madison (3-5). Second-seeded Skyline (4-4) and No. 3 seed Highland (4-4) also play at 1 p.m. Today's busy slate concludes with a pair of 5 p.m. games: the championship semifinal and a loser-out contest. Johnson believes the Bruins are poised to continue their winning ways and reach Thursday's 3 p.m. championship contest. "We've been having good practices and they seem pretty focused," Johnson said of his players, who have broken out offensively since a loss to Boise earlier in the season. "We have good senior leadership and they keep everyone focused in to make sure we don't have any letdowns." Johnson said his squad was "built for double-elimination tournaments" with both Petersen and Field in action. Despite Field's absence, the Bruins are still the clear-cut favorite this week to complete the wire-to-wire sweep. Petersen has pitched both halves of every recent doubleheader without slipping in the second game.

Large graphic advertisement for P & P Pet Care Service featuring a dog and a cat, with the text 'Come To P & P Pet Care Service'.

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Stocks end lower after Microsoft pulls Yahoo bid

NEW YORK — Wall Street pulled back Monday following Microsoft Corp.'s decision to withdraw its bid for Yahoo Inc. and as oil prices rose to a new record over \$120 a barrel.

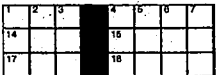
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Otter promotes Idaho agriculture in Mexico, secures sales

Idaho bean seed topic of discussion

Times-News
Bean growers in south-central Idaho received additional support from Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, who met with Mexican officials to promote Idaho certified bean seed. A delegation of 16 Idaho companies led by Otter

returned from a week-long trade mission to Mexico with verbal sales commitments of more than \$1 million, trial orders with some of Mexico's largest companies and new contacts for future sales, according to a statement from the governor's office. In addition to meetings with Mexican companies, the governor met with Mexican officials to discuss bilateral trade relations. In a meeting with

Agriculture Secretary Alberto Cardenas, Otter expressed appreciation to Cardenas' agency for its support of field trials of Idaho bean seed in Mexico. He also discussed unjustified trade restrictions against fresh potatoes and the prospects of expanding market access beyond the 26-kilometer border zone. Seth Pensler, vice president of retail and international sales for the Idaho Potato Commission, said, "I believe

"The Mexican market offers great opportunities for Idaho companies."
— Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter



The governor and his wife, Lori Otter, also participated in a television cooking show in Monterey with celebrity chef Lulu Pedraza, featuring an Idaho Cattlemen's Pie. The entree included Idaho dehydrated mashed potatoes, beef and onions along with Idaho wine. In Culiacan, Otter and Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Celia

the governor's trade missions open doors that could never be opened without his support. I have been traveling to Mexico for three years and in one week, did more to expand our success than the

other eight visits combined. Part is due to the access a governor's visit creates: meetings with the senior people usually CEO level, versus the three to five layers below that we generally get to."

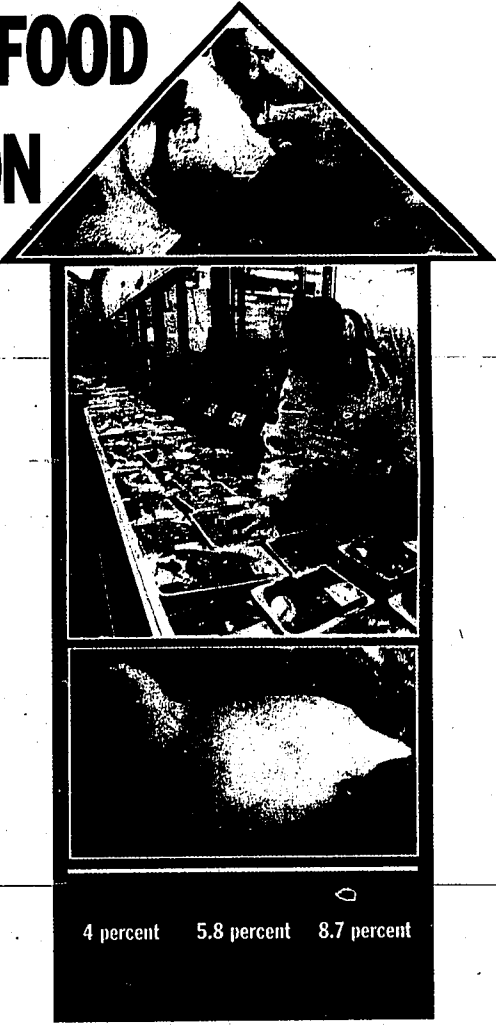
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FACING FOOD INFLATION

Feed, fuel costs likely to send pork, chicken prices higher

By Ellen Simon
Associated Press writer

Americans may be getting another helping of food inflation, and it seems likely to come from higher prices for chicken and pork. Overall food inflation could double this year, lifted by the rising costs of fuel, corn and soybeans, some analysts predict. Food inflation hit 4 percent last year, up from 2.4 percent in 2006. While beef prices were already high, chicken and pork prices didn't reflect record costs for feed and fuel. That's poised to change as chicken and pig producers who have been losing money slaughter more animals to decrease the supply and raise the prices they can charge. Higher food inflation would further challenge shoppers who are already limiting themselves to sale items and store brands as they contend with the worst food inflation since 1990. Mary Lee Ryzdewski, a retired Amtrak engine dispatcher who lives in Cheshire, Conn., says she has already switched to store brands and sale items because of higher food prices. If they increase more, she plans to cut back again. But Karen Leedah, a pastor who lives in Latrobe, Penn., said she always bought store brands and shopped for sale goods. Two weeks ago, she started walking more than a mile round-trip to the grocery store instead of driving. If prices increase more, "I'm kind of in trouble," she said. "I was already trying to save." U.S. shoppers spent 5.8 percent of their income on food in 2006, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture — a lower proportion than any other nation. In the United Kingdom, consumers spent 8.7 percent of their income on food, and in most of the world it's at least 10 percent. But the U.S. portion seems certain to rise, as chicken and pig producers say prices have to go up as feed costs increase. "American consumers are only just beginning to feel the impact of sharply



4 percent 5.8 percent 8.7 percent

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Yahoo shares fall Internet icon down 14 percent after Microsoft withdraws bid

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo shares fell 14 percent Monday as hopes for the once-dominant Internet icon dimmed following Microsoft's withdrawal of a \$47.5 billion takeover bid. The downturn left Yahoo's market value about \$13 billion below Microsoft's last offer after talks between Yahoo and Microsoft were fruitless, leading Microsoft to walk away from a deal Saturday. In early-afternoon trading Monday, Yahoo shares shed \$4.04, or 14.1 percent, to \$24.63, below Friday's close of \$28.67, when investors were still hopeful about a deal. Despite the backlash, analysts doubt Yahoo shares will fall back to their \$19.18 pre-bid price, partly because some investors may still be holding out hope that the software maker will renew its takeover attempt if Yahoo continues to struggle. Microsoft shares rose less than 1 percent, or 18 cents, to \$29.42. The shares had declined 10 percent to \$29.24 since the bid, reflecting concerns that the proposed marriage would turn into a complicated mess that would enable Google to grow even stronger. Yahoo Chief Executive Jerry Yang remained convinced that the company he started in a Silicon Valley trailer 14 years ago, was worth more than the money Microsoft had offered. Now he may only have a few months to convince Wall Street that his rebuff of Microsoft's takeover bid was a smart move — and if he can't, analysts won't be surprised if Yang is either replaced as CEO or forced to consider accepting a lower offer if Microsoft comes

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Workforce Development Alliance kickoff event at College of Southern Idaho Thursday

The Workforce Development Alliance will hold its kickoff event Thursday from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Herrett Center on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. The event will focus on preparing southern Idaho's workforce for current and future needs.

T.F. to discuss Historic BID reorganization

The City of Twin Falls will hold a town hall meeting on the townsite at noon May 10 at the Toro Viejo restaurant located at 164 Main Ave. N. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss the reorganization of the Historic Business Improvement District and how to make the organization more effective.

— from staff reports

Senators call for EPA to reconsider ethanol output mandate

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans have asked environmental regulators to use their power to halt the country's plans to expand ethanol production amid rising food prices. Twenty-four Republican

senators, including presidential candidate Sen. John McCain of Arizona, sent a letter Friday to the Environmental Protection Agency suggesting it waive, or restructure, rules that require a fivefold increase in ethanol production over the next 15 years. Congress passed a law last

year mandating a ramp-up to 15 billion gallons of corn ethanol by 2015 and 36 billion by 2022. But McCain and other Republicans said those rules should be suspended to put more corn back into the food supply for animal feed, and to encourage farmers to plant other crops. "This subsidized (ethanol)

program — paid for by taxpayer dollars — has contributed to pain at the cash register, at the dining room table, and a devastating food crisis throughout the world," said McCain, in a statement. A spokesman for the Environmental Protection

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Lithia Mo.	9.41	▲ .34	Micron	8.27	▲ .03	Supervalu	32.96	▼ .18

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Live cattle	91.20	▼ .98	June Oil	119.97	▲ 3.65
June gold	874.1	▲ 16.1	May Silver	17.47	▲ 3.65

What to expect today in business No reports are scheduled for a release today.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for Name, Last Chg, %Chg, and various fund names like Fidelity, Vanguard, and American Funds.

COMMODITIES REPORT

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Experts say Red Square parade masks weakened Russia military

MOSCOW (AP) — For the first time in post-Soviet Russia, tanks and nuclear missile launchers are to rumble across Red Square on Friday, in a seemingly fearsome parade of military might.

The message to the world, two days after Dmitriy Medvedev succeeds Vladimir Putin as president, should be clear: Russia is again a major military power.

"This isn't saber-rattling," Putin insisted Monday. "We are not threatening anyone."

And indeed, for all the investment in the military — an eightfold increase to an annual \$40 billion during Putin's eight years in-office — experts say it still has a long way to go to restore its Soviet-era might.

"Our armed forces are merely a bad copy of the Soviet army," said retired Gen. Vladimir Dvorkin, a former arms control expert with the Russian Defense Ministry.

The annual Victory Day parade that marks Nazi Germany's defeat may look impressive, but some Russian commentators think much of the military spending has been eaten away through corruption, cronyism and mismanagement.

Although in 'better shape



Russian army tanks and howitzers are seen in Red Square in Moscow on Monday during a final rehearsal of Victory day parade. The inauguration of president-elect Dmitriy Medvedev will mark the start of three days of pomp and circumstance that will include President Vladimir Putin being named prime minister Thursday and the annual Victory Day parade Friday in Red Square.

than in the years immediately after the Soviet Union dissolved, the military remains an example of Russia's inability to use its eight-year oil bonanza to overhaul decrepit infrastructure and institutions.

The Soviet Union was bankrupted two decades ago by centralized planning and state dominance of the economy. After the sale of public assets in the 1990s, the state under Putin has expanded its role, and plans to create huge

new government-owned military and technological conglomerates.

But the army, the pension system, public health, secondary education and the road system have all eroded on Putin's watch, former government ministers Boris Nemtsov and Vladimir Milov wrote in a recent report, "Putin: The Bottom Line."

The main cause, they charge, is "Russia's dive into an unprecedented mire of corruption" that flows

throughout the government.

INDEM, a Moscow-based research foundation, has reported that the volume of corrupt business conducted in Russia rose from \$36 billion in 2001 to around \$319 billion in 2005, its latest published data.

The military budget accounts for around 4.6 percent of gross domestic product, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, roughly on a par with China

and the U.S.

But the generals don't let cash reach the grass roots, where it's most needed, says security analyst Andrei Soldatov, and this "is leaving Russia's rapid-reaction armed forces in particularly bad shape."

The military's problems may be one reason why Medvedev repeatedly sounds the alarm about corruption, calling it "the gravest disease which has struck our society."

Putin's Kremlin has poured \$150 billion into its armed services, yet those services remain saddled with old weaponry and facilities.

As part of an effort to reclaim Russia's previous status as a great military power, Putin has resumed long-range bomber patrols, boasted of developing a new strategic missile and threatened to deploy missiles closer to the heart of Europe.

But only a handful of new combat jets and several dozen tanks have been added in recent years. Soviet submarines still frequently need repair and rarely leave their bases.

A new nuclear sub, the Yary Dolgoruky, cannot be deployed because the Bulava ballistic missile it was supposed to carry has failed

tests. When the vessel eventually sails, it will likely only make training cruises, according to a report by the Federation of American Scientists.

Military service is mandatory, but conditions are brutal and less than 10 percent of males end up in uniform, according to a 2007 study for the Swedish Research Institute of National Defense.

Russia's declining population has also left it with a shrinking pool of draftees. According to population expert Murray Feshbach at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, young men being inducted into the military today are neither as healthy nor as educated as they were in the Soviet times.

Military communications also lag. The introduction of Russia's answer to America's GPS satellite navigation system was postponed this year due to equipment shortages. Basics like night-vision goggles, portable radios and satellite phones are scarce.

So Russia increasingly relies on its nuclear missiles for defense. The weaker its army, the quicker it might resort to atomic weapons in a crisis, some analysts fear.

Saddam feared disease in prison, according to 'diary'

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Saddam Hussein is said to be catching AIDS and other diseases, during his U.S.-supervised captivity, a leading Arab newspaper said Monday in publishing excerpts of his prison writings.

The London-based Al-Hayat said the comments came in portions of Saddam's prison dairies that it obtained from U.S. authorities. The U.S. military confirmed some of the late Iraqi leader's writings had been released.

Saddam's captives found out his U.S. military guards were also using his laundry line to dry clothes, he wrote that he demanded they stop, according to the excerpts.

"I explained to them that they are young and they can catch young people's diseases," Saddam wrote. "My main concern was to not catch a venereal disease, an HIV disease, in this place." He said some soldiers ignored his request.

A U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, Maj. Matthew Morgan, declined to describe the writings as a formal diary, but said the former Iraqi president produced thousands of pages of writing while in custody.

"The select material that has been previously released was viewed here by Arabic speakers and reported on accordingly," he said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Saddam was captured by American soldiers on Dec. 13, 2003, just over eight months after his regime was toppled by a U.S.-led invasion. An Iraqi tribunal convicted him of crimes against humanity and he was hanged at the end of 2006.

In the excerpts, Saddam also described having an intimate conversation with his American doctor about women and said his English gradually improved by talking to his captors.

"I was speaking it using my hands and signs if I could not find the exact word," he wrote. "But our language (Arabic) is more beautiful and deeper."

Saddam also wrote how hard it was to have to ask for things, such as once when he requested a flower.

"It was a serious sacrifice from me to ask for the first time in my life," he wrote.

Al-Hayat also published excerpts from what it described as poetry written by Saddam in his prison.

In April 2004, the world had the first glimpses of Saddam's cell when two newspapers printed pictures of him emerging from the bathroom in his underwear after a long clothes. The Sun, in London and the New York Post said the pictures were provided by U.S. military sources to "undermine the Iraqi rebellion."

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Kimberly School District #414 - Twin Falls County, Idaho Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Kimberly School District #414, Twin Falls County Idaho, that the annual school trustee election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

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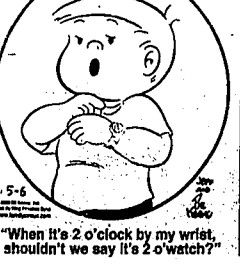
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A Child under the age of eighteen, THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: JOHN DOE

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You are notified that service of the attached Petition upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of this child, confers personal jurisdiction in the Court upon you and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

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You are notified that the parents, guardian, or a custodian may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the child. You have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choosing or, if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the Court to represent the children or the parents, guardian, or custodian in your absence. If you request to have an attorney appointed at county expense, you must appear before the date of the hearing given above at which time the Court shall consider appointment of an attorney for the children and inquire whether the parent(s), guardian, or custodian require a writ appointing appointment of an attorney.

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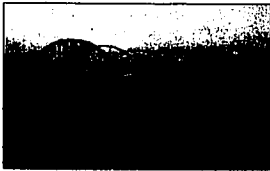
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Courtesy photo by BOB BRYANT
Joey Bryant captured this frozen irrigation scene in Minidoka County on Thursday morning — that's May 1. 'Only in Idaho,' she says.

Four days remain in spring photo contest

You have just four more days to capture the winning image of spring.

Here in Country Roads, the *Times-News* showcases some of its readers' best photographs of rural topics. We don't offer prizes, but we publish our favorites along with our judges' comments. The current round of entries ends Friday.

Here's how to enter:

- Photos must be taken in Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.
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Cody Henslee, left, shows off penstemon while Ambrosio Nava displays spicy oregano. Hagerman High School agriculture students will offer a variety of plants, including hanging baskets, at the Mother's Day plant sale beginning Saturday.

Hagerman High plant sale opens Saturday

Staff report

At the annual Hagerman High School Mother's Day plant sale, beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, expect lines to form as many as 30 minutes before the doors open, organizers say. That's because of bargain prices — such as \$23.81 for a hanging basket of flowers grown by students in the agriculture class.

The sale runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman High greenhouse, 150 W. Lake St., with hanging baskets; bedding plants; perennials in 6-inch pots; melon, cucumber, squash, tomato and pepper plants; and koi fish raised by agriculture and aquaculture classes. It continues from 3 to 5 p.m. May 12, 13 and 15, and from 9 a.m. to noon May 17.

In its fifth year, the sale now has a corporate sponsor. This spring students began working with Dr. Jim Z Secret Formula fertilizer, conducting experiments on the effect of its natural fertilizer and other products.

"We see companies sponsoring football coaches at high schools," Joe Zamzow, vice president of Terra Life Inc., which distributes the products, said in a press release. "But I've never heard of anybody sponsoring a gardener who grows prize vegetables or sponsoring a class. We thought we should try it."

Zamzow, whose family has been in the nursery and feed business in the Boise area for four generations, heard about the Hagerman greenhouse through Idaho's Bounty, which delivers locally grown foods in the Wood River Valley. Hagerman High has supplied tomatoes and herbs.

He met with Daniel Knapp, Hagerman agriculture teacher, and both saw opportunities. Next fall classes also will evaluate the Dr. Jim Z.

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Tomato temptation

University offers help choosing varieties

By Arlef Hansen
Staff writer

Salsa. Marinara sauce. Caprese salad.

In these dishes that rely on the tomato's essence, finding the best fruit is not only important, it's critical. And for the most demanding cooks, this means using tomatoes that are fresh off the vine, perhaps even still warm from the summer sun.

In southern Idaho, though, that's easier said than done. Our late springs and early winters create short growing seasons, while desert heat can stress the vines during the middle of summer. It's easy to be disappointed when the seedlings planted with such high hopes in May result in only hard, green fruit in September.

So what's the best way to increase your odds of getting bushels of rosy red globes? There are growing techniques, of course, to get the plants into the ground early and keep them producing late. The best thing to do, though, is choose a variety well suited to local conditions — a tomato you want to grow and the southern Idaho climate. The University of Idaho recently released a study conducted last year at its Aberdeen research center describing the qualities and production times of 27 varieties of tomatoes.

"Growing tomatoes is very frustrating for people who live in short-season areas," said Stephen Love, consumer horticulturist with the university. "They're actually not a real hard crop to grow if you have the climate to do it; we're just marginal on climate."

One variety stood out, for both the qualities of the fruit and the speed of production.

"We did a taste test with a bunch of people who worked at the stations, and the Sweet 100's were far and away the people's favorites for flavor, heads above everything else," Love said. The fruit was ripe by the third week of August, putting it in the third of tested varieties that ripened soonest.

"It's a cherry tomato, it's a very profuse producer, lots and lots of tomatoes, and they're just good to eat. They're really sweet, and that's probably why they call it that," said Bill Bohl, an extension educator in Bingham County who participated in the study. He noted one of the surprises of the trials: that numerous varieties produce sooner than what he'd expected.

"There's plenty of them that come on before Early Girl does."

The earliest tomatoes to ripen, in the first week of August, were Gem State, the seeds for which are difficult to find, and Fourth of July, which Love described as having a long picking season and good, but smallish, tomatoes. The last tomatoes to ripen, in the third and fourth weeks of September, were the heritage varieties, including Brandywine, Armana and Caspian Pink.

Heritage tomatoes, which come in unusual shapes and colors, are the favorites of Clay Schull. Schull recently moved to Jerome from a similar high



Photo courtesy of the University of Idaho
A heritage variety, the Brandywine tomato is distinctively plink, with a multi-lobed shape. With other heritage varieties, it bears fruit in the last two weeks of September, which makes it one of the latest successful tomatoes to grow in the high desert, the University of Idaho found — and the lateness may mean it needs extra help to survive early frosts.

INSIDE:

Get the skinny on how to get more fruit from your tomato plants.
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Staff photo by MIMI BROWNE
Starts of Early Girl tomatoes await buyers at the College of Southern Idaho horticulture club sale last week. Early Girl, while a favorite Idaho variety with a reputation for early-season fruit, was shown in a recent University of Idaho study not to be among the earliest varieties to bear. Other varieties, including Fourth of July, Oregon Spring and Sweet 100, resulted in earlier fruit.

desert climate in Susanville, northern California, where he was a longtime tomato grower.

"This spring has been really difficult for people to plant," he said, standing near the community garden on the north side of the College of Southern Idaho campus. Schull, a horticulture student at the college, was helping plant raspberries in the garden last week, buffeted by the cold wind that has come and gone this spring as the weather shifts.

"To get the longest tomato season," Schull has started his favored heritage varieties in a cold frame already, but he worries about the summer heat and dryness. "You've got to have plenty of water. If you have a drought, you can lose them pretty easily."

If you don't have a greenhouse or cold frame, hot caps or Wall O' Water plant protectors can enhance the effects of the spring sun, extending your growing season.

"You have to use all kinds of tricks to keep them from freezing and keep the plants growing a little longer," Love said.

Hold plant starts

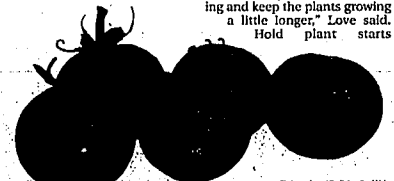


Photo courtesy of the University of Idaho
Of all the varieties that the University of Idaho tested last season in Aberdeen, the tomato with the most popular flavor was the Sweet 100, which also bears fruit early, by mid-August.

Pick a tomato, any tomato

To read the full study, visit the University of Idaho Extension Web site at extension.uidaho.edu/idahogardens. Click "Choosing tomato varieties" on the right, then follow the link at the bottom of the page to the PDF file. The study includes growing information about each variety as well as details on the average yield, weight and a taste rating.

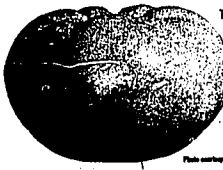
What's the verdict?

- These varieties were tested last year by the University of Idaho to determine growing season and appeal. They're listed in order of when the fruit was ripe, starting the first week of August.
- Gem State
 - Fourth of July
 - Northern Lights
 - Sasha Alhai
 - Marglobe
 - Oregon Spring
 - Phoebe's
 - Subarctic
 - Early Girl
 - Better Boy
 - Big Beef
 - Champion
 - Consiolito
 - Genovese
 - Early Goliath
 - Heatwave II
 - Northern Exposure
 - Sanmarzano
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 - Armana
 - Black Brandywine
 - Brandywine
 - Burgess Stuffed
 - Caspian Pink

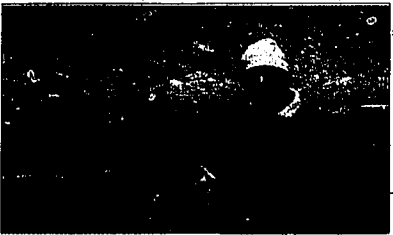
indoors or in cold frames until they're as tall as a foot, or buy them at that height, but make sure they are in big enough pots that the roots aren't bound. "If they've gone through a lot of stress then they have a lot of yellow leaves."

Another point about transplanting: "I recommend people always take off all the flowers and fruit when they transplant

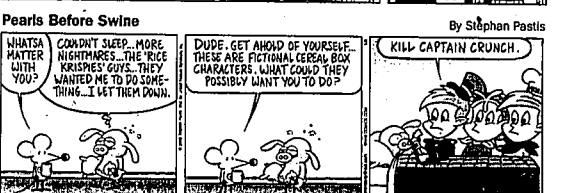
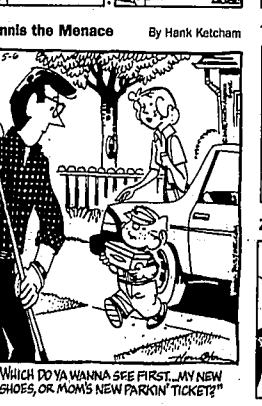
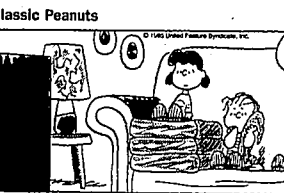
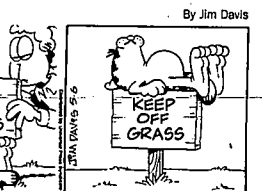
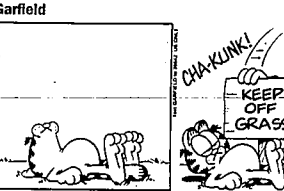
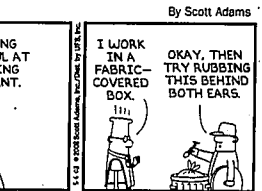
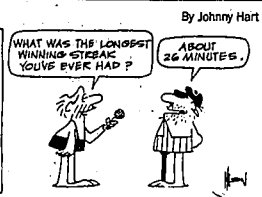
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This Armana tomato is one of several heritage varieties that the University of Idaho tested in a study determining when tomatoes bear fruit in a high desert climate. The Armana here is at full ripeness, with an unusual yellow-orange color.



Staff photo by MIMI BROWNE
Clay Schull of Jerome stands at the fence of the community garden north of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. He was there on Thursday to help plant raspberries, but he has a passion for tomatoes and plans to raise enough heritage varieties to sell them at local specialty grocery stores.



IN YOUR GARDEN

Charmed even by snake plants

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

The snake plant is named for the dotted patterns on its swordlike leaves. Even without the serpent connection, many people find this houseplant distasteful. The blades are menacing in a subconscious way, after all.

Or do we dislike it for what it represents? The embodiment of the 1970s houseplant phase or, simply and perversely, the one plant that refused to die. It was the zombie-like survivor in a dark, overheated apartment where all the other plants had the decency to croak.

Marianne Raub, a florist in Old Town Alexandria, Va., said she is reminded of the one in her dad's office, and one thinks of a lone, morose plant lit only for coffee dress. "It's one of my least favorite plants," said Raub. "Very upright and boring."

The sentiment is widely held and understandable, especially when you consider the most cliché snake plant named Laurentil, with its thick yellow leaf margins. But what if we were to see the snake plant (also disdainfully called the mother-in-law's tongue) with fresh eyes? We could start by using its fancy botanic name, *Sansevieria*, and think about the varieties on the market today that elevate Laurentil and the basic unimagined species, which is characterized by green leaves marked with wavy bands in a darker green.



Most snake plant species are native to tropical forests of Africa and India that get rainy seasons but are dry much of the year. That makes the plant singularly suited to neglect in the home. Here, snake plant Black Gold.

Mass merchandisers and independent garden centers continue to sell a variety of *Sansevieria*, although the latter type of retailer is more likely to stock a more interesting selection.

There are two basic forms: the tall, narrow-leaved varieties growing to four feet, and low-growing plants with wider leaves, called birdnest. The plant's basic form is more clearly seen in the stouter versions, with leaves in clustered growths that eventually fill the pot. If you were to remove the soil, you would see the growths connected and emerging from rhizomes.

Most snake plant species are native to tropical forests of Africa and India that get rainy seasons but are dry much of the year. That makes the plant singularly suited to neglect in the home: A thick-skinned succulent, it can go for weeks without watering and endures some overwatering but that was back in the day. For most houseplants, such trying conditions would induce pest outbreaks at best. "You can feel that thick, waxy cuticle," said Elliott Norman, a gardener at the University of Georgia, running his thumb over a leaf.

The plant used to share its lowly ironclad status with another shade-tolerant foliage plant, the aspidistra, but that was back when houses were drafty and cool, said Norman's colleague William McLaughlin. In today's sealed, overheated homes, the aspidistra soon gets attacked by spider mites. The snake plant, by contrast, is nearly indestructible. "There's nothing in the modern house that's genetics haven't seen" in the wild, McLaughlin said.

I asked the pair to show me the range of snake plants at the botanic garden's production greenhouses in D.C. Village.

Among the tall types, Black Gold is dramatic in its contrasts, with leaves an almost solid deep green edged with yellow. Golden Coral, which also grows to four feet high, is more snakelike, with reticulated patterns, but like Black Gold it is variegated with a yellow margin. Just to confuse, there's another named Black Coral, which is far less black than Black Gold.

Moonshine is a light, silver-leaved variety that banishes all trace of the serpent. I also like Futura, which is a lush, variegated version of Laurentil.

Varieties developed in the 1930s and 1940s by a grower named Sylvan Hahn are called birdnest types for their smaller clusters of wide leaves. Golden Hahn is a heavily variegated yellow and green form. I find a variety named Silver Hahn to be supremely elegant. The leaves are a silver-green suffused with faint green bands. The leaf margins are a fine, dark green.

Another interesting snake plant is called Bantel's

Sensation after its discoverer, Gustav Bantel. An upright form, it has slender leaves that are heavily streaked in green and white. It looks more like a variegated pond iris than a snake plant, which counts against it in my book.

With all these varieties and more, it is perhaps no surprise that some floral designers are beginning to take a fresh look to this workhorse. Rene Hofstede is a designer in New York who is struck by the number of new varieties available in his native Holland. Ironically, this stand plant can have a futuristic look. For a high-tech electronics display in Manhattan called the Samsung Experience, he put snake plants in 14-inch-square stainless-steel containers that he designed. "There's a whole new generation of people who haven't had that experience at all" with snake plants, said Hofstede. "There are a lot more varieties out there that are really beautiful."

Grown under optimum conditions, the tall varieties are prone to flower. They send up a spike that is covered in white tubular blossoms that are sweetly scented, especially at night.

The plant should be watered only when dry and committed or experienced growers.

"Generally what we found is they're not easy to grow here, they tend to be very long-seasoned tomatoes. But a lot of them tasted good and they were unusual in a lot of ways: color, size, shape," he said. "If you're an avid gardener and you know the

Rugged, resilient houseplants

There are thousands of houseplants out there but relatively few that will put up with the rigors of rooms that are too dark, too dry and too hot, not to mention distracted owners. The five listed here are good bets for such hostile environments.

Snake plant (*Sansevieria trifasciata* var. *laurentii*)
Light: Direct, bright indirect, moderate or low.
Heat: Above 55 degrees.
Care: In winter, water only when dry. Increase watering slightly the rest of the year. Feed every four to five weeks in spring and summer. Move to a slightly bigger pot with fresh potting soil when crowded, every three to four years.

Peace lily (*Spathiphyllum wallisii*)
Light: Bright indirect to moderate.
Heat: Above 65 degrees.
Care: Keep slightly moist. Water more frequently from spring to fall. Feed twice a month at half-strength from spring to early fall, but cut back to once a month in winter.

Corn plant (*Dracaena fragrans*)
Light: Bright indirect to moderate.
Heat: Above 65 degrees.
Care: Keep evenly moist from spring to fall but allow to dry out a little between winter waterings. Between spring and fall, feed twice a month at half-strength.

Heartleaf philodendron (*Philodendron scandens*)
Light: Moderate to low.
Heat: Above 60 degrees.
Care: Allow soil to dry slightly between watering. Feed monthly from spring to fall, every six weeks in winter. A similar easy-going plant is the pothos or devil's ivy (*Epipremnum aureum*).

Chinese evergreen (*Aglaonema commutatum*)
Light: Moderate to low.
Heat: Above 65 degrees.
Care: Keep soil slightly moist and away from drafts. Feeding regimen is the same as for philodendron.

Chinese evergreen.

fed four times between early spring and late summer, using a soluble fertilizer at half the recommended rate, Norman said. It likes to be a little pound, but it should be repotted in a slightly larger pot, before it becomes congested. "When they get a pot full of rhizomes, they're hard to water," Norman said. If the leaves on one side are stunted, the rhizomes probably are crowded in that area. He said he removes the dust on the leaves by holding the plant in the shower for a few seconds. Like most houseplants, it is best repotted in the spring. Norman recommends finding a sheltered, shaded spot for it outdoors for the summer months. Make sure it is in a free-draining pot.

Prune them as little as possible.

The buds at the top of the flowering stems sometimes freeze and die in winter. Cut stems with dead terminal buds back to live wood.

Joel M. Lerner is president of Environmental Design in Capitol View Park, Md.

Getting more fruit from your tomato plants

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q. Each spring, I enrich the soil in my tomato beds prior to planting. The compost I use is high in nitrogen, and as a result my plants grow large and leafy but don't produce a lot of fruit. I heard that you can increase the yield by removing most of the leaves from the plants. Is that an option? How many leaves does a plant need to continue to grow?

A. You don't need to enrich the soil every spring with compost. Frequent watering also helps to the development of luxurious foliage at the expense of fruits, as will lack of good sunlight for any portion of the day.

The amount of foliage that your tomatoes produce is also partly a function of variety. Determinate tomatoes grow to a given size and then produce a lot of fruit that ripens over a short period. Indeterminate varieties con-

tinue to grow as long as conditions of light and temperature allow, setting new fruits as they grow. Many heirloom varieties are indeterminate. They provide a small number of tomatoes for fresh use over a longer period of time and are inherently leafy.

All tomatoes benefit from sucker removal. Suckers are new growths that appear in the axils between the leaf and the stem. This is the same point from which flower clusters arise, and often both a flower cluster and a sucker may grow in the same axil. By removing the sucker, you direct the plant's energy into fruit production and also create the sort of open plant that is better equipped to resist foliar diseases.

Pinching out the suckers is a task that must be done frequently as the plants are growing. Removal of large, well-developed suckers may create large wounds along the stem and is of little benefit to fruit development.

Prune hydrangeas after they flower

By Joel M. Lerner
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Q. When do I cut back hydrangeas?

A. I assume you have a bigleaf florist's hydrangea (*H. macrophylla*) that forms large blue, red or pink globe-shaped flowers. If this is the case, prune after flowering because florist's hydrangeas bloom from buds that formed last year. Flower buds are shiny green or brownish and are larger and plumper than leaf buds. There is one at the top of each flowering stem. Flower buds usually form along the entire stem, but only the uppermost flowers open because hydrangeas are apically dominant, meaning they focus their resources on opening the buds at the top of the stems. Prune them as little as possible.

The buds at the top of the flowering stems sometimes freeze and die in winter. Cut stems with dead terminal buds back to live wood.



Bigleaf florist's hydrangeas bloom from buds that formed last year.

Prune to about an inch above a flowering bud. Remove dead canes. Cut about one-third of the shrub's thickest, oldest canes to the ground, selectively pruning one at a time. This will renew the hydrangea over a period of three years without sacrificing flowering value.

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Tricolor beech trees grow slowly, not too big

By Scott Aker
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Q. We planted a tricolor beech tree three years ago. It is beautiful, and we love it, but now we realize it will get too big for our small property. Will it grow slowly enough to be all right, can we keep it down in size, or do we have to replace it with a smaller tree?

A. Tricolor beech grows exceedingly slowly, particularly in a hot site. Even in cooler conditions, it is not a

large tree, growing to about 30 feet with a 20-foot spread after many years. Tricolor beech will manage only about six to eight inches of growth per year on average. You may have been looking at information relating to the species European beech, which can grow much larger, to 60 feet in height with a 40-foot spread.

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Tomatoes

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It, otherwise it's putting energy into growing fruit that's not going to be very good," Love said.

As I don't over-fertilize. Once you've used fertilizer when you transplant the plants into your garden plot, don't add more, or the plant will be encouraged to grow vines rather than fruit. A lot of people like to spoonfeed their tomatoes, keep giving them Miracle Gro," Love said. "They need to be encouraged to complete their life cycle instead of

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— Stephen Love, consumer horticulturist with the University of Idaho

growing and growing."

Among Love's favorite mid-season tomatoes were Big Beef, Champion and Early Goliath, while the late-season tomatoes he favored were Armana, Brandywine and Caspian Pink. Many of these later-season fruits were heritage varieties, which he said could be rewarding for

tricks, some of them are very interesting, and might be worth trying to grow."

"Whether you opt for the change of a heritage variety, or just want shiny red fruits in your garden all summer, there's a variety for you. So head on down to a store, plant sale or farmers market, breathe in the distinctive scent of tomato leaves, and make your choice.

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Sale

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fertilizer's effectiveness in providing trace minerals to hydroponic tomatoes, grown in a mixture of perlite and water.

Zamzow's classroom demonstration prompted a discussion of applying fertilizer to leaves versus soil, as well as how to tell when plants are ready to be harvested.

"You apply foliar fertilizer to the leaves when you want rapid growth," student Tommy Stowell said in the release. "But if you apply too much, it can burn the leaves."

"When leaves turn yellow, plants may need more nitrogen," Jake Lage added.

The sale usually grosses \$2,000 to \$3,000, benefiting the classes about \$4,000 after paying for supplies, overhead and sales tax.

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IN YOUR GARDEN

In landscape design, practical doesn't have to mean ugly

By Joel M. Lerner
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We often overlook the practical components of landscape design. These include the utilitarian areas of your property and the utility lines that provide electricity, gas and water. They are the elements that make your garden function.

Utilitarian features that might be considered in a landscape design can include firewood — that is, a place to stack it. Don't leave it in a heap in the yard. A stacked pile not only looks nicer but also seasons better, keeps the bottom layer from rotting and allows air circulation between logs, keeping them dry. During the months you intend to use, keep some covered to have a dry supply. Stack it as a design element to separate two garden rooms.

A potting table provides valuable work space and tool storage. It should be within reach of your garden hose to have running water. Depending on placement, use a trellis as the back with a plant trained on it. Build it to double as a bar for entertaining.

Composting is a given for your utilitarian area. Choose an out-of-the-way location, because, from a design standpoint, it's difficult to do anything but hide compost. Even using a state-of-the-art compost barrel, bin or other receptacle, it's still yard debris.

Parking is a necessity in the American landscape. It can take innovative thinking to work parking into your landscape design in an aesthetically pleasing way. Driveways are usually a harsh expanse of paving, and parking on the grass is unsightly as well as bad for the lawn. But there are ways to improve the appearance of your parking space. Permeable pavers allow percolation of water. Grassy pavers allow grass to grow through them. Some are made of concrete. Others are heavy-duty plastic and of honeycomb-like structure capable of bearing considerable weight. The honeycomb is filled in with soil so that you can grow grass, and the structure prevents a vehicle from compacting the soil. They are useful for establishing and maintaining turf in areas where foot or vehicle traffic are available from garden, home improvement or building supply centers. Constant traffic



Air conditioners, meters and junction boxes can be camouflaged.

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will still break down plant material.

To soften the appearance of a driveway, consider expanding it into the service area to keep both cars and utilities out of view from your ornamental garden spaces. Or consider curving it to disappear behind a grove of trees or shrubs.

If you are building a home, include the garage in your landscape design. Try to keep it from facing front or dominating the front of the house. Provide a screen for the garage, especially when carrying groceries or moving items in and out of your home.

If you looked at a garden without its plants, it would be a mass of wires, pipes, steel, plastic, soil, wood and concrete. Through this tangled network run the utilities that make your home and garden work. You wouldn't have landscape lighting, irrigation, an outdoor kitchen, a water garden, a deck, a swimming pool or security without an infrastructure of utilities.

Fortunately, almost all utilities are now installed underground and, therefore, much easier to hide. The challenges keeping track of where they are so you don't accidentally dig into them.

Here are general guidelines for utility depths. Confirm these with your local utility companies.

- Electricity: Minimum of 18 inches, 36 inches preferred.
- Gas: No standard depth, 24 to 36 inches preferred.
- Sewage: 24 to 36 inches in most parts of the country.
- Water: 36 inches is the standard, but can be any depth if not subject to freeze.
- Telephone: If line is in conduit, it can safely be placed at any depth; without

conduit, it should be at least 24 inches.

• Cable television: Can be at any depth, even just under the surface.

These guidelines are often compromised, and when lines are buried too close to the surface, garden tools can easily cut through them. Edging a bed can knock out computers, televisions and telephones.

Low-voltage lighting and irrigation need not be buried deep. These wires and tubes are not a safety hazard if cut. A five-inch depth is sufficient to bury low-voltage lighting wires to keep them out of the way of aerators and edging tools. An irrigation company will provide the specifications for the type of system you're installing, such as drip, spray or pop-up heads.

The grading of land can change, and a utility line that was installed 30 inches deep might have had the top layer of soil skimmed down 15 inches without your knowledge. Gas lines installed with pipe that can be punctured with a digging shovel. The gas company responds within minutes because gas leaks pose a serious threat.

Keep a record of underground lines that are outside the scope of the utilities' responsibility. You might cut a low-voltage line to lighting, a watering system for a clay tennis court, a pipe for a water feature or irrigation tubes for plants. These records are cri-

cial to have and provide to anyone working on your property so they can avoid cutting through lines.

From a landscape design standpoint, it's easier to focus on the aesthetics without telephone poles, but there is still above-ground evidence of utilities. The gas meter can use screening, especially during fall and winter, when you begin to notice it. Electric and water meters must remain accessible to the utility companies. You also need access to cables, transformers, junction boxes, air conditioners, driveways and other utilitarian features.

If you are fortunate enough to be able to make utility placement decisions from the start, when building a home, locate junction boxes and meters where they will be easy to screen with plantings. Don't stick an air conditioner or heat pump in the perfect spot for a patio or outdoor dining area.

However, if your house and the utility areas are already established, here are some suggestions:

First, mark locations of all utility lines you know. Once located, underground lines can be marked on a piece of paper and file with your tax plat and other property records. This information will be relevant when undertaking any project involving digging, including building walls and patios or installing plants. Remember, more soil can be disturbed planting a shrub or tree than laying a patio.

There are ways to mask boxes and meters attached to your underground lines. Arrange plantings so they look as if they belong. Do this by strategically placing vines, trees or shrubs on several parts of the property where they also happen to screen a meter, heat pump or other eyesore. Don't call attention to what you intended to hide.

Once you have successfully tucked all of your utilitarian structures and utilities into the landscape and designed them out of sight, they will be out of mind.

Alocasias thrive in right indoor conditions

By Joel M. Lerner
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lem to cause such a drastic reaction?

Q. Can you provide advice about an alocasia cultivar? I seemed healthy given standard watering, fertilizing and cleaning, and even produced a few flowers. Over the past month or so, it has been dying — only two leaves remain. Beginning with a brown spot near the edge of the leaf, it gradually turns yellow over several days. Would a floor register near the plant, largely covered, be enough of a prob-

A. Alocasias are considered temperamental houseplants, but when conditions are right, they will thrive. They need 70 to 80 degrees by day and not less than 60 degrees at night with high humidity. The vent nearby could easily cause a drying problem. Place a pot of water on the vent, releasing humidity as the heat runs. Keep soil moist but well-drained. The plants are very sensitive to cold, even an open door or window.

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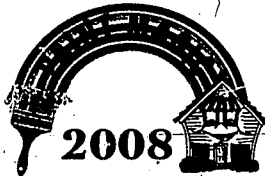
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