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Businesses eye improvements

Many are willing to pay for them

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Business owners might have to help pay for \$767,340 worth of improvements to a six-block section of downtown if plans go forward — a cost that many merchants welcome.

Randy Bombardier, director of the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District, Monday asked for the City Council's support for the plan to improve Main Avenue in downtown.

Improvements on the 200 and 300 block of Main Avenue North and West, 2nd Street and 3rd Street would include a lower street grade, new curbs, gutters and

sidewalks, new landscaping and street lights.

The city agreed to come up with \$102,340. But the plan depends on approval from the Idaho Department of Commerce for a \$375,000 community development block grant that would pay a majority of the cost.

The business improvement district will submit the application in November. If it's approved, the district and the city can take the next steps. If the application is not approved, business owners will have to rethink their idea, Bombardier said.

The business improvement district

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A look at the proposed downtown improvement project

What's the cost and who will pay?
The project will cost an estimated \$740,800. CI \$375,000 from a community development block grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce.
CI \$63,468 from Main Avenue property owners — at \$40 per street-side linear foot; if each block (less a 25-foot break for corners, the cost would be \$45 over the rest of the block.)
CI \$50,000 from Second and Third Street property owners — at \$25 per street-side linear foot.
CI \$120,000 from the city's Urban Renewal agency, which would pay for street lights.
CI \$102,340 from the city of Twin Falls.

Who is affected?
About 30 businesses in the 200 and 300 block section of Main Avenue North and West, 2nd Street and 3rd Street in downtown.

What are the concerns?
Many business owners say the slope of Main Avenue North presents parking problems during winter weather. They also are concerned about poor lighting and deteriorated sidewalks.

What's next?
The business improvement district, with the help of Carolyn Herzig, Region IV Development Association's manager of economic development, will submit the plan and a grant application to the Idaho State Department of Commerce. The deadline is Nov. 15.

(Source: Historic Downtown Business Improvement District Director Randy Bombardier)

PLIGHT OF THE FARMER



Montana wheat farmer Helen Waller holds a loaf of bread during a rally at the U.S. Capitol while she says that the current price of wheat is lower than cost of production. Farmers gathered Monday to urge Congress to damp the 1996 Farm Bill, saying the legislation is causing economic ruin in much of rural America. Please see story on Page A-3.

TF mayor won't seek re-election

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After 17 years, Gale Kleinkopf is stepping down from the City Council.

He will not seek re-election this year. He said he has accepted additional administrative responsibilities at the University of Idaho's Research Center in Kimberly that will take up much of his time.

Though he will not be on the council, Kleinkopf will continue to be interested in the city's business.

"I will continue to hold a close interest in the administration of the city, but will do so from the side line," he said.

Kleinkopf was first appointed to the Twin Falls City Council on Jan. 3, 1982, by then-Mayor Chris Talkington, who said Kleinkopf was the best mayor he has ever worked with.

"Gale is low-key and always looking to solutions incorporating the greatest number of people's opinions, he's a real team builder," Talkington said. "I think the city will miss him a lot."

Kleinkopf was elected mayor by the council in 1994-1995. He then spent two years as a rank-and-file council member under Jeff Gooding's leadership. The council elected him mayor again in 1998, after Jeff Gooding was

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Gale Kleinkopf

CSI budget grows to \$20.8 million

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Faculty members at the College of Southern Idaho will receive 5 to 6 percent pay raises this school year, the college's board decided Monday. Board members approved a \$20.8 million budget that reflects an increase of more than 8 per-

cent in revenues and expenditures over last year.

A 5.5 percent increase in state revenue to \$74 million included a 3 percent increase for raises, CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said. But CSI directed additional money to boost the average faculty wage to about \$40,000 to bring it near the midpoint among 55 mountain

states colleges.

"We were approximately a few hundred dollars behind," Meyerhoeffer said.

The midpoint for average faculty wages among the 55 schools was about \$39,000 last school year, he said. This year's report is due in November, but he projected about 3 percent salary increases this year at other colleges.

Administrative salaries will go up by about 3 percent, Meyerhoeffer said.

Local property tax revenues will increase by 5.5 percent, to about \$4 million dollars. By law the college is allowed a 3 percent increase in revenues from assessed property values, and it

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Monster hurricane bears down

Floyd looks like Andrew's big brother

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — More than 1 million people were told to evacuate the Atlantic coast Monday and NASA said but abandoned Cape Canaveral as Hurricane Floyd — one of the most powerful storms ever to threaten the United States — charged toward Florida with potentially catastrophic 155 mph winds.

Floyd was much larger than Hurricane Andrew, which smashed into South Florida in 1992, causing \$25 bil-

lion in damage, killing 26 people and leaving 160,000 homeless.

Forecasters said Floyd would brush past the Bahamas overnight and could hit land in the next couple of days between central Florida and South Carolina. They predicted it was capable of causing enormous damage.

"It's scary. It's very scary," Gov. Jeb Bush said. "Andrew hit Miami in the middle of the night and it was raining. This is as strong as I've ever seen."

Bush declared a state of emergency Monday, giving him the authority to activate the National Guard and allowing the state to order evacuations and suspend tolls on the highways.

The storm could be dangerous even if it does not come ashore. Floyd's hurricane-force winds — at least 74 mph — extended for 125 miles. Andrew's hurricane-force winds extended about 25 or 30 miles.

With a hurricane warning in effect Monday from Florida City, south of Miami, to Brunswick, Ga., residents along 400 miles of coastline packed stores to stock up on canned food, bottled water, plywood and aluminum shutters. Navy ships left port to ride out the storm at sea, and aircraft were sent inland.

Officials said 1 million people were urged to evacuate in Florida, including 272,000 in Miami-Dade County alone.



Members of the Savannah, Ga., Fire Department use a scissor lift to board up windows of a downtown fire station Monday in preparation for Hurricane Floyd, which is forecast to strike the East Coast in the next few days.

Researchers put hope on gene therapy to battle Alzheimer's disease

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Aged brains had shrunk in elderly Rhesus monkeys, said Dr. Mark H. Tuszynski of the University of California, San Diego.
Tuszynski is senior author of a study appearing Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.
The studies reinforce a new understanding of how the brain ages and suggest that neurons in the older brain don't die at first, but go into shrunken atro-

phy, he said.
"We've all heard the dogma that we lose 10,000 neurons a day after the age of 20," said Tuszynski.
"Well, that is false. That doesn't happen."
An actual count of the cells in the cortex, a key area in the thinking part of the brain, shows that very few cells are lost with age, he said. Instead, he said, his team found that it was control neurons in another part of the

brain, called the basal forebrain, that were most dramatically affected by aging. These cells, Tuszynski said, had shrunk in size and had stopped making some regulatory chemicals, a change that seriously affects the thinking cortex.
"These cells are like the air traffic controllers of the brain," he said.
"They are on the ground, deeper in the brain, controlling the activities of cells up there in

the cortex. They control the flow of information in the cortex."
The researchers found that about 40 percent of the basal forebrain cells could not be detected in old monkeys, and the other 60 percent had shrunk in size by 10 percent.
But the cells were not dead, Tuszynski said. "By inserting genes for nerve growth factor, or NGF, into the brain, he said, the cells were revived and restored to nearly full vigor."

Farmers union lobbies for change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of farmers lobbied lawmakers Monday for an overhaul of the market-oriented farm reforms of 1996.

The group is pressing for such short-term solutions as the Senate-passed \$7.4 billion emergency aid package and long-term solutions to lessen a worldwide oversupply of grain that has driven down prices.

"These assistance packages are kind of a Band-Aid, but it's not even enough of a Band-Aid to stop the major bleeding that we're going on," said Dave Carter, presi-

dent of the Denver-based Rocky Mountain Farmers Union.

Farmers from California to Pennsylvania descended on lawmakers' offices one day before a House Agriculture Committee hearing on the troubled farm economy. Commodity prices are down for the second year because of the grain glut.

"What sense does it make to stay the course when the farm program has failed farmers two years in a row?" said Leland Swenson, president of the National Farmers Union, which has traditionally aligned with

Democrats on agricultural matters.

In the short term, the NFU and other groups want measures to smoothen out the market. They want to change the way disaster payments are allocated to producers.

In the long term, the groups want more trade in their products, more depressed prices.

Since 1996, prices have dropped 25 percent for wheat, 28 percent for corn and 25 percent for soybeans, according to USDA projections, while world stocks have doubled, soybean stocks have tripled and corn stocks have grown 100 percent.

The 1996 law removed planting restrictions and reduced crop-based farm subsidies. Critics say that left them without adequate assistance when prices dropped. The law's sponsors blame the problems of U.S. farmers on lagging exports and the continued Asian and Russian economies.

The Senate approved \$7.4 billion in farm aid last month to improve recovery for depressed prices, and the White House is preparing its own proposal that could add up to \$900 million to the measure.

Ramsey's lawyers criticize police detective's remarks

DENVER (AP) — Remarks by a police detective present when the body of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey was found are the latest in a series of unsubstantiated attacks on the family, attorneys for John and Patsy Ramsey said Monday.

Former Boulder Detective Linda Arndt said in an interview broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday that she feared for her life as she spoke with Ramsey shortly after JonBenet's body was found.

No one has been charged in the slaying, but authorities say the Ramseys remain under suspicion. They have denied any involvement.

"Linda Arndt's bizarre speculations are the latest in a seemingly endless series of attacks on the Ramsey family by people who seek to justify their own conduct at the Ramseys' expense," said a statement from the law firm headed by Hal Haddon, the Ramseys' lead defense attorney.

The Ramseys' attorneys took exception with Ms. Arndt's comments that she was afraid when talking to Ramseys after arriving at their home.

"Her psychic impressions... are no substitute for evidence and do nothing to advance the search for JonBenet's killer," the statement said.

Starr escapes trial for media leaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court on Monday overturned a ruling that Kenneth Starr's office was prosecuted by the Justice Department for alleged grand jury leaks to the news media.

The decision, which President Clinton's lawyer said he will seek to appeal, undercut one of the most frequent complaints by the president's defenders against Starr — that he leaks grand jury information to the press.

In a 3-0 vote, the appeals court reversed U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson who directed that the Justice Department act as prosecutor for civil and possibly criminal contempt proceedings she ordered against Starr's office as well as its former spokesman, Charles Bakaly, for leaking a story to the New York Times.



Kenneth Starr

Times article do not constitute a prima facie violation of the grand jury secrecy rule, said the court.

The information actually presented to the grand jury is "core" grand jury information.

"material that is afforded the broadest protection from disclosure," said the three judges.

But "prosecutors' statements about their investigation, however, implicate the 'secrecy' rule only when they directly reveal grand jury matters," the court added.

and were not matters before the grand jury.

Kendall said he will ask the entire Court of Appeals to consider the case.

"We believe that the decision of the panel is inconsistent with the precedents of the Court of Appeals," said Kendall.

Starr's office said that "today's decision rejects defense claims of seeking to obstruct an investigation through accusations of illegal leaks."

Starr praised the appeals court for "making the important role of prosecutors protecting public information regarding criminal investigations."

Bakaly left the office when Starr asked the Justice Department to investigate him about the leaks to the Times.

Unknown until Monday was that Starr had wanted a retrial of the scenes court battle some 18 months to build Johnson from launching contempt proceedings against Starr's office.

Johnson issued an order on July 24 directing the Justice Department to serve as prosecutor of contempt charges against Starr's office as well as Bakaly.

First car fatality remembered

NEW YORK (AP) — The grand-grand-grandfather of Henry Ford's first mass-produced car, the Model T, was placed on display Monday on the spot where he died, marking the 100th anniversary of the first recorded automobile fatality.

Since then, more than 30 million people have met a similar fate.

On Sept. 12, 1899, Bliss was struck by an electric automobile near the corner of a trolley car on 7th Street and General Park West, according to a report in The New York Times.

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"The Times' story on Jan. 31, amid the Senate impeachment trial, stated that Starr had decided to let the authority to seek an indictment against the president while Clinton was still in office.

"We conclude that the disclosures made in The New York

The ruling may prove helpful to Starr regarding other allegations of grand jury leaks revealed by Clinton lawyer David Kendall in the Monica Lewinsky investigation. Johnson ruled last year that there were 24 instances of possible grand jury leaks by Starr's office.

Some of those dealt with negotiations with Lewinsky's lawyers

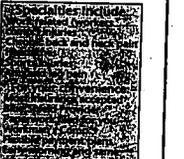
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Teen who busted parents can return home

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — A teen-ager who told police about marijuana growing in her house can return there to live with her parents, even though she is the lead witness in the case against them, a county court judge ruled Monday.

"The most important thing, I think, is the child and the stability of this child," Judge C.J. Vaughney of Montgomery County, Md., District Court.

Vaughney overruled a decision of a court commissioner that

Kerry twice told him she wanted to return to her parents.

"They were charged with grooming and possessing marijuana after police in Takoma Park, Md., reported finding 42 marijuana plants in their home."

Court documents show police searched the home after Kerry Tucker showed them photos of the plants.

Alvarez was fired from the job as a senior policy adviser at the U.S. Department of Energy, Kupferberg said.

barred Robert Alvarez, a former government official, and Kathleen Tucker, a well-known anti-nuclear activist, from contact with their 16-year-old daughter, Kerry. Vaughney ordered the parents not to discuss the case with the girl.

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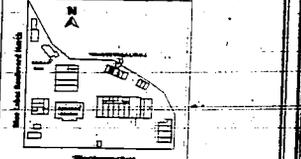
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By Brandon Lewis

TWINS FALLS, ID — This information-packed workshop may well be the turning point in your financial future. In just 90 minutes you will learn how it is possible to build the perfect business using the Internet. Forget hiring employees, having a retail establishment, high overhead and other normal business expenses.

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These entrepreneurs come from three success stories. It is now a lifetime opportunity for individuals and small businesses to become involved in what could very well be the most revolutionary development in business since the invention of the Internet.

Second, product, service and information can be sold online. This is the perfect marketing opportunity. Thirdly, the participants at this 90-minute, non-competitive Internet workshop will be able to see the real success stories which have been used by individuals like one of our students who generated nearly \$100,000 in sales in just one month!

Remember, success is everyday people just like you will be amazed explaining how quickly and

easily lucrative your Internet business can be... literally overnight. Despite these extraordinary successes, a problem exists. A company spokesman for Galaxy Mall, Inc. explains the dilemma: "Most individuals have never been exposed to a marketing opportunity that can be started for next to nothing, requires only a few hours a week to run, and provides literally thousands of dollars in regular cash flow. They have never heard how they could be traveling or vacationing anywhere in the world while still earning an income of thousands of dollars a month. Where can the aspiring entrepreneur learn how to build their profitable business on the Internet that others have already proven successful?"

In this upcoming 90-minute, information-packed workshop, Galaxy Mall, Inc. has invited a nationally renowned instructor who will show how easy it is to get started making money on the Internet. By the end of this extraordinary workshop you will understand why the Internet is considered by experts to be the road to riches, and more importantly, how you can get on that road. Amazingly, your instructor will show you how it is possible to receive an income 24 hours a day, and you don't even have to have a computer to get started. When you attend this amazing money-making and information-packed workshop you will find out how to get a second paycheck (that could amount to thousands of dollars) without getting a second job.

Attend A Workshop In Twin Falls

Two workshops will be held in Twin Falls on Wednesday, September 15, at 1 pm and 7 pm, at the Shilo Inn, located at 1586 Blue Lake Blvd. North. The admission fee will be paid at the door, but Galaxy Mall, Inc. has agreed to waive the admission fee if you call their toll free number and pre-register now. Seating is limited. Call 1-800-441-4990 for pre-registration and you will avoid the admission fee and attend for free.

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NATION



Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray talks to reporters before entering the courthouse for the start of Lawrence Russell Brewer's trial Monday in Bryan, Texas.

Second trial set to begin for Texas dragging death

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — A white supremacist charged with dragging a black man to his death was so proud of his participation in the gruesome act that he bragged in a jailhouse letter that it was a "rip" and "I'm still licking my lips for more," a prosecutor said Monday as the man's murder trial began.



James Byrd Jr.

"I'm the ... hero of the day," Lawrence Russell Brewer wrote to another inmate while being held at the Jasper County Jail in the June 1998 slaying. Brewer is the second of three white men charged with killing James Byrd Jr., 49, by dragging him behind a pickup truck. One of the men has already been convicted and sentenced to death. "Well, I did it," Brewer wrote in the July 1998 letter, which was intercepted by a deputy. "And no longer am I a virgin. It was a rush and I'm still licking my lips for more." In the letter, Brewer referred to "rolling a tire." A witness described "tire" as a derogatory

opening statement. Defense attorney Doug Barlow, who declined to make an opening statement, said Brewer was writing about sex and not a slaying.

Brewer, 32, could get the death penalty if convicted.

Brewer and John William King and Shawn Allen Berry, both 24, are accused of abducting Byrd, 49, chaining him and dragging him to pieces.

Byrd's shredded torso, minus a head and right arm, was left on the bumpy county road between a black church and black cemetery.

Chair warns party about soft money Ban could hurt Republican Party

WASHINGTON (AP) — With campaign finance legislation looming this summer, Republican chairman Jim Nicholson and a key GOP House lawmaker make a private appeal aimed at the political self-interest of the party's rank-and-file. Passage of the bill would strip the party of a \$40 million "soft money" advantage over Democrats.

Democrats, including Nicholson and Rep. Tom Davis, the Virginian who chairs the Republican House campaign committee, according to GOP sources. The two men added that the bill's proposed ban on soft money would leave GOP candidates vulnerable to unlimited expenditures by unions and other groups laboring to overturn the narrow Republican majority in the House.

Soft money donations, unlimited in size and unregulated by the federal government, are used by the parties and some politicians to advance their causes.

"During the 1998 election cycle, soft money helped fund over 32 million phone bank calls, over 27 million GOTV (get out the vote) mail pieces, over 18 million absentee ballots and over 4.5 million issue and GOTV calls," said material prepared for the two men's presentation.

In addition, Republican used soft money to transfer \$34.3 million to state parties and to make \$5.8 million in direct contributions to state and local candidates.

"Democrats know that eliminating soft money will give them an electoral advantage," the material went on to say. "They will always have massive union funds and manpower to make up the difference."

The session marked another phase in a long effort by GOP leaders to kill the bipartisan measure. The bill, due on the House floor on Tuesday, enjoys the support of the White House as well as most House Democrats and a minority of Republicans.

Prospects appear to favor House passage. But sponsors of the measure, speaking at a news conference on Monday, cautioned that the outcome was not assured.

"This is the moment of truth for all who support reform to our corrupt campaign finance system," said Rep. Christopher Shays, the Connecticut Republican. "It is a debate that is long overdue."

The House approved a nearly identical measure last year over fierce opposition, then the lobbying tactics of the GOP leadership.

the bill's proposed ban on soft money could leave GOP candidates vulnerable to unlimited expenditures by unions and other groups laboring to overturn the narrow Republican majority in the House.

Smithsonian gets new head

WASHINGTON (AP) — A leading figure in the financial world on Monday was named head of the 16 museums of the Smithsonian Institution and the National Zoo.

Lawrence M. Small, 58, will become the 11th secretary of the Smithsonian in January. He is leaving his job as president of Fannie Mae, one of the principle U.S. home mortgage financing companies.

The Smithsonian, founded in 1846, runs the national museums of American History, American Art, Natural History, Air and Space and others in the capital. It employs 6,400 people and annually hosts more than 30 million visitors at its 17 facilities.

Small will succeed L. Michael Heyman, 69, a former law professor, who is retiring.

"With distance learning so important today, with means of communication that never existed in the past, with the ability to take parts of the Smithsonian's 142 million ... items of art and artifacts and move them around more," he told reporters, "I can see an institution that is far more involved with local communities and the representatives of those communities in Congress."

Small, who studied Spanish literature at Brown University and the flamenco guitar in Spain, is a longtime collector of art from the rain forests of South America and Africa.

He has served on the boards of the Joffrey Ballet, the National Building Museum and on the council of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial, and he was treasurer of Morehouse College.

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Church, state clash over lottery issue

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gov. Don Siegelman is asking Alabama voters to ignore their church leaders and get in line with other Southern states that are tucking the Bible Belt image and cashing in on gambling to help pay for schools and college scholarships.

Ministers are condemning the Democratic governor's proposed state lottery, saying it would replace respect for hard work with quick-quick dreams.

But they aren't able to stop the cheers Siegelman gets when he points to neighboring Georgia, where a lottery that funds college scholarships and other education programs has been a huge success since its creation in 1993.

"It's helping the kids with college," said Ray Tarver, a school custodian in Montgomery. "They can at least get something I didn't get."

Tarver said Siegelman's proposed lottery is the only way his three children will go to college, unless they get some kind of military assistance.

"I can't afford it," said Tarver, 39. "That's the only thing I hope for is a lottery."

Siegelman wants to use lottery proceeds to give high school students with at least a B average scholarships to a private or public college in Alabama. Lottery money would also go toward pre-kindergarten programs and school computers.

Siegelman used the lottery issue to help out the Republican governor last November. His plan moved through the Legislature with little resistance and on the ballot Oct. 12. Recent polls show the public is strongly in favor.

As the governor told state lawmakers, Alabama practically has a lottery already. "Eighteen out of 24 Alabama daily newspapers carry the Georgia or Florida lottery numbers. Why? Because they know what you and I know: Their readers are buying lottery tickets and they want to know if they won."

The money Alabama residents now spend on the lottery in Florida and Georgia needs to stay

in Alabama to create a better-educated workforce, Siegelman said.

"If the people opposed to the education lottery have their way, things will stay just as they are," he said. "They ought to be ashamed of themselves."

Alabama already allows gambling at four dog tracks, and it is only a short trip to riverboat casinos in Mississippi.

The pitch to keep the gambling money at home was also used successfully last year in South Carolina, where Democrat Jim Hodges was elected governor over a GOP incumbent and a proposed lottery is set for a statewide vote in November 2000.

Thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia run lotteries, while commercial casinos operate in 10 states and Indian tribes run casinos in at least 22 states.

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Company to plead guilty

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Pennsylvania company agreed Monday to plead guilty to illegally giving China technology that could help improve the accuracy of missiles.

Orbit/FER planned to plead guilty in U.S. District Court to violating the Arms Export Control Act, according to papers filed in court Monday. Orbit/FER will be fined \$500,000 and could be banned from exporting products for up to 10 years, U.S. Attorney Michael R. Stiles said. Charges against at least one company official are likely to follow, he said.

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U.S. launches air attack against drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) - Coast Guard sharpshooters for the first time are firing from helicopters to disable fast drug-carrying boats on the high seas, officials said Monday. The previously classified operation has already netted more than 6 tons of cocaine and led to arrests of 13 accused smugglers.

Adm. James M. Loy, Coast Guard commandant, said the operation is part of increased efforts to stop drugs from coming into the United States. The entire effort netted a record 53 tons of cocaine in the last year, officials said.

Loy said the sharpshooters pose no risk to fisherman or pleasure boaters in the Caribbean, where helicopters have stopped three boats in the last month.

The operation uses MH90 Enforcer helicopters leased commercially and specially equipped by the Coast Guard. Crews use nonlethal force to warn the boats and, if necessary, disable their engines with gunfire.

"We will use tactics whenever it is appropriate," Loy said at a news conference with Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater and White House drug-control adviser Barry McCaffrey.

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EDITORIAL

TF County Commission should just say no to CAFO moratorium

Wednesday is decision day for a moratorium request on large livestock operations in Twin Falls County. County commissioners should consider the facts, ignore emotional appeals, and deny the request.

As they deliberate, commissioners should keep in mind that state officials are developing technical standards to determine which areas are—and which areas aren't—suitable for big livestock operations. The siting criteria are based on measurable, objective data, which provide a far sturdier foundation than emotional rhetoric.

They also complain about bright lights shining into their homes, noise, flies, dust, increased truck traffic past their homes, and the seemingly inextinguishable pollution of their well water.

Those might be legitimate complaints. Then again, they might be overblown. We don't know.

The Twin Falls County Commission will decide a moratorium request for confined animal feeding operations at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

That's the appropriate way to decide off-rancorous questions over confined animal feeding operations, which include dairies, hog farms and chicken farms.

Rather than science, a moratorium request plays to vague, bogeyman fears about diminishing quality of life for rural residents. It is driven by anecdotal horror stories, rather than empirical, honest science. It features country people who say they can't barbecue outdoors anymore because of the stink from dairies down the

road. They also complain about bright lights shining into their homes, noise, flies, dust, increased truck traffic past their homes, and the seemingly inextinguishable pollution of their well water.

Those might be legitimate complaints. Then again, they might be overblown. We don't know.

Neither does the Twin Falls County Commission, which is why Commissioners Dennis Maughan wants to see some cold, hard facts before he'll vote for a moratorium.

There is no conclusive evidence that livestock operations in areas zoned for agriculture. If anyone can prove that allowing more big livestock operations in such areas is a threat to public safety, let them make their case with facts.

Until then, a moratorium is inappropriate.

He and the other commissioners are bound by the law, which allows big livestock operations in areas zoned for agriculture. If anyone can prove that allowing more big livestock operations in such areas is a threat to public safety, let them make their case with facts.

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LETTERS

Gary Stone has plenty of talent

Regarding the article on Gary Stone: Faint the town Gary Stone has a talent which has proven itself over and over again in and out of our Magic Valley that someone new always has to make waves and change everything around.

Gary Stone, you definitely don't have to prove yourself or play competition in your art form. After 30 years and all you've done for our Magic Valley, shame on anyone to question what was already enjoyed.

Twin Falls Fair Board superintendent, why change the good things?
So he didn't want to compete; new artists need this chance. I know I entered once and I'm "bad." I sure would have never had a chance against him or Floyd Brown, etc. So people have this special talent that we should just love and promote as Gary does. He didn't take it and move away. He stayed here in the Magic Valley and let us appreciate our talent. So many people say "the good things are out of the 'big cities.'" I disagree. We just need to back our local talent and hang his paintings everywhere.

I admire your patience and time you've put behind your paintbrush, and you can hang your painting anywhere if I had the say so.

We love your talent, Gary.
LINDA SCHOEPP
Twin Falls

Let's hear from the people

Will someone please let me know why it looks like petty jealousies had a big part in no paintings by Gary Stone.

We pay to get through the gate to see whatever we like and enjoy, not to have the good mood dampened by not seeing a complete display by all the local artists, and Mr. Stone's art does draw a lot of people into one art building.

Maybe the people who set the new rules will get caught in their own web next year and can have the last laugh on them.

From more people on this.
BURT PERRINE
Twin Falls

F-22 elimination won't be good

The authors of the piece calling for the elimination of the F-22 reach the wrong conclusion, even though some of their facts are correct.

Sale or transfer of advanced aircraft technology (software-source codes to UAE) is every bit as wrong as the administration's approval of transfer-sale of missile and warhead technology to the Chinese.

The F-16 is still in use 25 years old. The F-15 is nearly a decade older than the F-16. The F-15 was a great air-superiority fighter, but some time soon it will have to face '90s technology in the MIG-29, the SU-35 or the Mirage 2000.

That is why it is imperative that the United States continue the development of the F-22. If the last two U.S. conflicts have taught us anything, we should realize the absolute necessity of air superiority.

H.L. PRINGLE
Jerome

Fix the intersection

On Sept. 8, a dear friend of my family was seriously injured in an automobile accident at the corner of Grandview Drive and South Park Avenue.

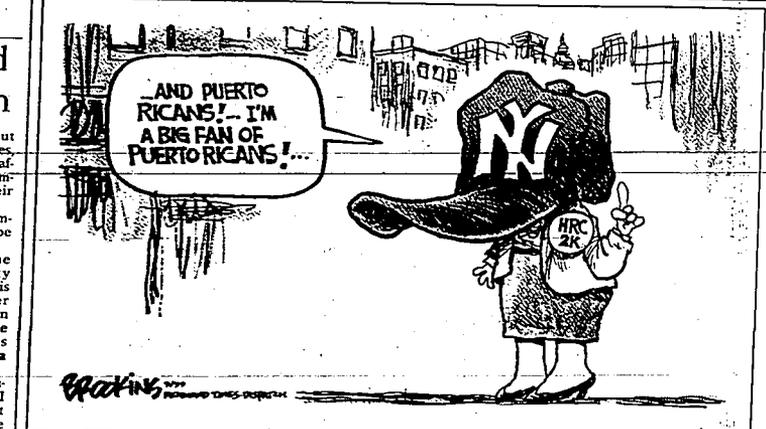
I happen to drive that same route to work daily.

When a vehicle is traveling from the south to the north on Grandview and comes to the stop sign at South Park Avenue, there is a huge power pole and a private fence obstructing the view to the east. When a driver looks to the west, there are tall weeds obstructing the view. In order for a driver to see oncoming traffic, they must nearly pull out into the intersection to see it.

Something needs to be rectified at this intersection. At the very least, the weeds need to be cleared away.

Better yet, the power pole and private fence should be set back farther from the road as well as the weeds removed. I know some people who would help if needed.

CURTIS DEAN
Twin Falls



It takes digging to reach soil erosion truth

DENNIS T. AVERY

For decades, some environmentalists have called modern farming unsustainable. One of their most serious charges is that aggressive plowing generates dangerous levels of soil erosion.

Over and over they have predicted that topsoil losses would return to the Dust Bowl days of 1930's America.

Now an industrious erosion expert from California has literally dug up the topsoil history of the Coon Creek watershed, centered in western Wisconsin, and found its steep, intensively farmed slopes are losing only 5 percent as much topsoil as they did in the Dust Bowl era.

Stanley Trimble, a professor of geography at the University of California at Los Angeles (and a part-time farmer in Tennessee), used historical records and 20 years of his own soil surveys to prove the critics wrong.

Trimble found that erosion in the Coon Creek watershed rose strongly after the prairie was plowed in the 1850s and skyrocketed during the droughts of the 1920s and 1930s.

However, erosion was sharply reduced by contour plowing, strip cropping and other techniques introduced by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in the 1930s.

Coon Creek soil losses continue to decline, Trimble says, as farmers improve methods of reducing runoff. Today's creek supports the brook trout once nearly eradicated by heavy sediment loads.

The Coon Creek watershed was chosen for intensive study in the 1930s. Trimble rummaged the Coon Creek soil data out of the National Archives and resurrected the soil profiles in nearly 100 soil cross-

sections across the basin's profile in the 1970s and again in the 1990s.

Trimble even dug down to find the old roads, railroad and building foundations that marked soil levels in 1900. At lower depths, he found the dark organic soils of the pre-1850 prairie.

Soil erosion has long been the biggest threat to the sustainability of the world's expanding population, and traditional low-yield farming systems have long suffered high erosion rates.

Modern farmers claim they are achieving both high yields and soil protection. But official Department of Agriculture estimates of soil erosion suggest modern farming has reduced soil erosion only slightly.

Lester Brown of the Worldwatch Institute, a Washington-based environmental group, has claimed huge worldwide soil erosion losses — 26 billion tons a year — and specifically warned in 1980 that Corn Belt topsoil was rapidly disappearing.

Cornell entomologist David Pimentel published an article in the journal Science in 1995 in which he claimed the world had lost one-third of its arable land over the preceding 40 years. Pimentel based his conclusions mainly on his own estimate of 74 billion tons of annual soil erosion.

Asked about the soil erosion history in Coon Creek, Pimentel claimed that Trimble has studied sediments, not what actually happened in the fields.

"Trimble has a good imagination."

However, Pimentel has little physical data to back up his own soil-loss estimates. In fact, there's been little systematic data gathered on soil erosion occurring outside the United States. Trimble's data from Coon Creek call into question even the official U.S. soil loss estimates.

Why do Brown and Pimentel invent huge soil losses? Maybe because both have built global reputations by declaiming against overpopulation.

Brown has been predicting massive world famines for the last 25 years and claims that recent gains in world food production are only "an illusion of progress."

Pimentel asked in a 1994 study, "Does human society want 10 to 15 billion humans living in poverty and malnourishment or one to two billion living with abundant resources and a quality environment?"

Modern high-yield agriculture is one of the cornerstones of today's high-tech prosperity. By suggesting that it poses a lurking threat to topsoil, Brown and Pimentel are striking at the core of modern food security — and our children's prospects for living in abundance.

The Agriculture Department has a built-in conflict of interest. If soil erosion is not a big problem, then there is no reason for the country to pay a billion dollars annually to have a soil conservationist in every one of America's 3,000 counties handling out subsidies to soil-conserving farmers.

Dennis T. Avery is director of global food issues for the Hudson Institute of Indianapolis. He wrote this commentary for Bridge News.

LETTER

Points are well taken

I read with interest the letter of Lori Egbert, RN, which appeared on Sept. 9, and believe some of her points are well taken.

My wife and I too are seasoned citizens with Medicare benefits and are aware of its limitations. However, Ms. Egbert is not correct in stating that we paid for Medicare. We paid for Social Security benefits and Medicare was later devised as a benefit but is a separate program. Let us remember that except for a modest monthly premium made by Social Security beneficiaries,

Medicare is largely being financed with deductions from the paychecks of all hard-working Americans.

I had intended to say Medicare is a gift from all these fine people, but that would be incorrect.

The giving of a gift is a voluntary act, not something mandated by the government.

I believe we need to be just a little careful not to demand too much from these people, most of whom have plenty of bills of their own to take care of each month.

The day could come when they rebel and decide they no longer wish to partic-

ipate and will decide to forsake us.

Instead, wouldn't it be nice once in a while to just stop and thank them and express our appreciation for what they are so generously providing for us at the present time?

I, for one, thank them and extend my gratitude for the patience and generosity of the working people of America. Nothing is perfect, Ms. Egbert, but what we have is certainly better than nothing and this constant demand and begging for more is unseemly. There has to be a better way.

MARVIN E. VEIS
Twin Falls

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Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

Memo to Buchanan: Don't do it

Dear Pat Buchanan: You and I have been friends for some time. You are a model of conviction and personal integrity. So far as I know, you have never allowed a focus group or opinion poll to help you form your convictions.

You are now flirting with the Reform Party, whose chief contribution to American political history is that it kept a Republican from winning the White House in the last two election cycles and elected a man for whom a minority of Americans voted. This man, Bill Clinton, has named two liberal justices to the Supreme Court and contemptuously treated the highest office Americans can bestow on a fellow countryman.

You are absolutely correct when you say, as you did on "Meet the Press," that the Republican Party "at the national level has become a Xerox copy

basically of the Democratic Party. I think what we have is a one-party system in Washington that is masquerading as a two-party system, and I think what we need is a real opposition party. And you make a point worthy of consideration when you write in your new book, "A Republic, Not an Empire," "I sought to persuade my party that the course on which America had embarked was replicating, with alarming excitement, the course that brought the British Empire to ruin... What was most frustrating was to discover in my own party a reflexive hostility to any dissent on foreign policy."

The party needs the debate you



CAL THOMAS

bring to it, Pat. Fleecing it won't happen.

My concern is that you will surely go the way of Ross Perot, should you decide to run as the Reform Party's presidential candidate. Time magazine carries a Frank Luntz poll this week that indicates you will get about 6 percent of the vote, not enough to win but possibly enough to keep the Republican nominee from winning and handing the election to the Democratic nominee.

A Democratic president will name enough justices to the Supreme Court to guarantee liberal political and social dominance in this country for another four decades. Would you like that to be your legacy? I think you do love your country too much to contribute to that nightmare.

Here's a suggestion. Stay in the Republican Party for one more election. If your party holds its congressional majority while winning the White House, you can and should expect it to make good on its promises of significantly lowering taxes, substantially reducing the size and reach of government, offering school choice, seriously addressing the social issues and articulating a foreign policy that considers American interests first. If the GOP falls in line through when

it has government under its political control, then you should make for the door, and I will be among those cheering you on.

I agree with you that America is over-extended around the world, fighting and paying for other people's battles while ignoring jobs lost when corporations take them overseas.

But not enough Americans are where you are on this. Going the third-party route will mean you won't persuade sufficient members to come with you in next year's election, but you will take enough votes away from the Republican nominee to possibly thwart his election chances.

Do you think any Republican president would be worse than Al Gore or Bill Bradley?

Gov. George W. Bush says he believes he'll take most of the conservatives with him, but he could be underestimating your threat and the growing fearfulness of the Republican leadership in Congress.

Pat, if you go third party and follow the debacle of Ross Perot's two candidacies, you will marginalize yourself into insignificance, as Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire has done with his withdrawal into independent status. Stay in the party and perhaps you can bring it home to the beliefs of Ronald Reagan. Leave it and you create a vacuum that few others can fill.

C'mon, Pat. One more time, not just for the Gipper, but for the republic.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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MORNING BREAK

Marital questions hover overhead for Leos

IF SEPTEMBER 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a natural psychologist and writer; you must halt progress because some people say, "It is a bunch of foolishness."

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take time to consider mysteries that surround us all. You will come up with answers, conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pressure is on, you are up to it. Display power, authority, ambition. Capricorn, Cancer natives play exciting roles. Funding appeal successful, you'll be given credit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You display uncanny ability to predict future. Do not flaunt it. Libra individual says you could have a career as entertainer. Aries also represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Breakthrough occurs. Stress independence, inventiveness, pro-

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neering spirit. Love will play major role. Leo and Aquarius persons represented. New start.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Questions concerning marriage, partnership, publicity loom large. Property arrangement takes place; you will be pleased. Excellent dining experience. Cancer native involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have nothing to prove, refuse to be deterred by jealous persons who shout, "Show us!" Emphasis on diversity, versatility, humor. Sagittarian plays role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out of the way of clumsy people who are deliberately that way. Obstacles serve as challenges which you will overcome. Taurus,

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Mean in your sign expressions; time when you should act on your own, impulsive, set aside doubts, fears. Excellent for romance, change, travel, variety.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Attention revolves around marriage, home, income, music. People comment on your voice; tomorrow you need additional lessons. Be impetuous in these matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Slow down, you have been trying to do too much simultaneously. Individual you respect will state, "You are valuable; don't waste efforts on those who

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Excitement comes as surprise; you know now you are appreciated. Marital status figures prominently. Capricorn will play top role. Royalty check comes just at right time.

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Shields helped knights most

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Q. Can you tell me the only game the Koran specifically prohibits Moslems from playing?
A. Chess.

Q. Why was it the great cattle herds didn't come along until after the Civil War?
A. Traders and trappers in the Old West hadn't realized cattle could survive and even grow heavy on dry wild grass. Not until 1859. That's when a prospector with no fodder for his oxen turned them loose, expecting them to starve over the winter. They didn't. He and others realized the plains would support herds without augmented feeding.

It was Alexander the Great who introduced eggplant into Europe, but you don't hear much about it.

Q. Can you tell this old boy if there's even so much as one town in the country where the women outnumber the men?
A. Here's one: the male-to-female ratio in Jackson, Miss., at last report was 88.3 men to 100 women. You may have to change planes.

Do you expect to remain married to the same partner all your life? That was the question put to numerous college students by the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center. Sixty-four percent of the women and 59 percent of the men said no, they'd probably end up divorced.

It was Groucho Marx who said: "What's always baffled me about women is they'll saturate themselves with a pint of perfume and a pound of sachet powder... then have the effrontery to complain about the aroma of a fine dollar cigar." Groucho was at his peak when a \$1 cigar might have been fine.

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Teen sentenced in Shoshone shooting

SHOSHONE - A Shoshone boy was sentenced Monday to 180 days in juvenile detention for shooting at a truckload of teenagers in July.

Francis P. Weaver, 16, who pleaded guilty to aggravated assault, will serve 30 days of the sentence with credit for nine days he already served. The remaining days were suspended. Lincoln County Prosecutor E. Scott Paul said.

Upon his release from detention, Weaver will live with his father in Oregon. Weaver was living with state Rep. Tim Ridinger at the time of the shooting.

Weaver was charged with shooting at a truckload of teenagers who were on their way to fight another group of teens that included Weaver, Paul said.

Ridinger's stepson was accidentally shot in the arm during the incident.

TF School Board will hear about enrollment

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School Board today will hear an update on the enrollment count.

During the first week of school numbers were down significantly. The district expected them to rise somewhat but still was predicting a loss of about 200 students compared with last school year.

The board also will review parental response to the district's new elementary summer school program held in August, and preliminary results of a kindergarten reading program used in the district for the first time last year.

In other business, the board will be asked to formally approve new salary schedules for the 1999-2000 school year, that would raise the average teacher's salary by about 4.5 percent to \$53,788. The faculty salary schedule was decided during negotiations with the Twin-Falls Education Association.

The board also will review a request to name the football field at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School after former coach Mark Briere, 38, who died just before school started.

The board meets at 7 p.m. in the district office at 201 Main Ave. W.

State to release 20 salmon to breed naturally

STANLEY - State fisheries biologists will release 20 adult sockeye salmon into Redfish Lake this week to spawn naturally as part of their campaign to restore the endangered run.

The release Wednesday will include three of the seven adults to return to the Stanley Basin from the Pacific Ocean this summer - the first fish to make the 900-mile migration after being reared in the captive breeding program.

The other 17 fish were raised to adulthood at the Eagle Hatchery and are a mix of males and females.

The other four fish to return from the ocean this year are being used at that hatchery in the captive breeding program.

If the 20 fish being released now spawn, their offspring would leave the lake for the ocean migration in 2001.

The seven that returned this year were from the 40,000 juvenile sockeye released into the Salmon River below the Sawtooth State Dam in Mayne. Another 20,000 were released in Redfish Lake Creek last year, and biologists hope more of that group return to the lake next summer after spending two years in the Pacific.

Jerome schools cover improvement plan at meeting

JEROME - The Jerome School District will hold a town meeting and ice cream social today to generate community discussion about what every Jerome student needs to know by graduation.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome High School cafeteria.

The district Strategic Planning Committee will unveil its improvement plan at the meeting. The plan is based on information collected from interviews with district residents and test score data.

For more information, call Superintendent Jim Cox at 734-2392 or Sandra Thompson at 324-8528, Ext. 4041.

TF stabbing case heads toward trial

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Despite defense attempts to cast doubt on the testimony of a stabbing victim Monday, a judge ruled that the victim's testimony was enough to send the case toward trial in District Court.

The stabbing suspect, 25-year-old James Dean Sucher, faces an aggravated battery charge in connection with the Aug. 2 stabbing of Mike Hielt, who nearly bled to death after being

stabbed in the neck.

A long scar was visible on the left side Hielt's neck when he testified at Monday's preliminary hearing.

Hielt testified that Sucher, whom Hielt has known since Sucher was a toddler, showed up at his room at the Super 7 Motel to collect \$50 that Hielt had borrowed a couple weeks before. When Hielt said he didn't have the money, Sucher stabbed him with a knife that Hielt had given him as collateral on the loan, he said.

Hielt nearly bled to death on the balcony in front of his room, but doctors were able to stop the bleeding and save his life.

Sucher's lawyer, Tim Williams, questioned why his client, who makes good money as a plumber, would attack someone because of a small debt.

"You want us to believe that Mr. Sucher stabbed you over \$50?" Williams asked Hielt. Williams also attacked Hielt's claim that he had given Sucher the knife about a week before the incident. Debbie Taylor, a

friend and former neighbor of Hielt's, testified that she saw the knife in Hielt's room only a couple of days before the stabbing.

Taylor and another friend of Hielt's, Robert Scano, both testified that Hielt said he owed many people money, and if any of them bothered him he would pull his knife.

Sucher didn't testify at the hearing, but he told police Hielt attacked him with the knife first. Sucher said he wrestled the knife from Hielt, who was acci-

dentally stabbed when Sucher tried to push him away, a police report said.

Sucher could face up to 15 years in prison on the aggravated battery charge, plus another 25 years because a deadly weapon was involved. He will be arraigned in District Court in the next couple of weeks.

Times-News writer Brian Haynes can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238, or by e-mail at bhaynes@magicvalley.com.

PAINTING THE TOWN RED



Larry Garey, a firefighter with the Jerome Fire Department, puts a fresh coat of red paint on a fire hydrant on South Lincoln Street. The hydrant spruce-up is part of an effort to get ready for a celebration in October when the city's downtown renovation is scheduled to be completed.

Gas spill closes Jerome building

The Times-News

JEROME - Jerome County commissioners closed the courthouse Monday afternoon, after determining that a gasoline spill over the weekend still posed a potential health hazard.

Commissioners called the action a precautionary measure. Courthouse employees will return to work this morning at 8:30, but it's unknown whether they will stay there.

Art Brown, director of Jerome County's disaster services, met with commissioners Monday morning to discuss cleanup of the 250-gallon gas spill that resulted when an automatic float valve failed.

Dirt will have to be removed. Crews might also have to remove some asphalt, and portions of the foundation where gasoline was absorbed.

The cost could run quite high if outside environmental teams do a cleanup job to meet the approval of the state's Division of Environmental Quality.

Brown quoted one bid of \$55,150 and another bid of \$15,885; the difference is in the technique used to remove the spill.

The State Insurance Fund is sending a team to investigate the potential health hazard. The team will meet with Brown and commissioners at 9:30 a.m. today. Together they will evaluate the situation and decide whether to reopen the courthouse. Brown said.

Monday's regularly scheduled commissioners' meetings were rescheduled for Wednesday.

Life Flight expansion looks likely

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - With a year of service in the Magic Valley, its wing, Life Flight air ambulance is likely to expand local operations.

Idaho Valley Regional Medical Center has agreed in principle to expand the program's operations to a 24-hour a day, hospital-based unit.

Representatives from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, which runs the service from Boise, recently pitched the idea to the hospital's Planning and Community Relations Committee, McKinn said.

The plan includes buying a bigger helicopter and doubling the hours of operation from 12 to 24 hours a day, he said.

The two sides also agreed to work out details of their relationship and the costs of the program, but the committee gave a preliminary thumbs-up, McKinn said.

Life Flight has been operating out of Magic Valley Regional since September 1998, when the two hospitals agreed to run the service for a six-month trial. The program was later extended indefinitely.

Burley man dies in apparent drug overdose

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

DECIO - A Burley business owner found dead at his residence Saturday morning died of an apparent drug overdose, according to autopsy results.

Kevin White, 34, of Burley was found lying on the front seat of his vehicle while it was parked in his garage.

Cassia County Coroner Paul Young said a Monday morning autopsy revealed that White tested positive for cocaine and died

of cardiac arrhythmia, which can be induced by drugs.

"We've assumed it was an overdose because that's what cocaine does to you," Young said.

The amount of cocaine in White's system was not yet known and must be quantified in an out-of-state lab, Young said. It usually takes 10 days for such lab results to come back.

White was part-owner of the Burley Wilson-Bates furniture and appliance store. He and his brother, Todd White, manager of

the Wilson-Bates store in Twin Falls, were controlling partners in the company's chain of furniture stores in the Magic Valley.

According to a police report, Todd White had come to visit and entered the house through the garage, using a security key pad. He saw Kevin White's body as he passed through the garage on his way out. The report said that after Todd White found the body, he

noticed drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle.

Todd White notified a friend of his brother, then contacted police, the report said.

Todd White told police that he and his brother's family had been aware of Kevin White's drug problem for a while but could not get him to quit.

Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary.

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Officials hold student suspected of having gun

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

PAUL - A 13-year-old West Minico Junior High School student from Paul, suspected of bringing a gun to the school, was held Monday at the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center.

As of Monday afternoon, no charges had been filed against the boy.

"I am in a position to say a child's point whether or not a case will be filed," said Alan Goodman, Minidoka County assistant district attorney.

Goodman said he was not at liberty to speak about the case, because of the age of the boy involved.

School district resource officer James

Ward responded to a call from Dan Merritt, assistant principal at West Minico, who said a child had a gun in his backpack, a Minidoka County Sheriff's report said.

Ward, Deputy V. Watson, and Merritt went into the arts room and escorted the boy to the hall, where they asked him if he had any weapons in his backpack, the report said.

The boy admitted a gun was in the pack. When the officers opened the bag, they found an unloaded .38-caliber semiautomatic gun with a clip. No bullets were found. Officers also searched the boy's locker.

The boy told officers he did not bring the gun to school to shoot or scare anyone, but he had taken the gun from his brother and hid it in his backpack so his mother would not find

it. The boy's brother is in police custody on a theft charge, the report said.

The student was taken to the juvenile detention center until further investigation is completed, said a report from the junior high.

The Minidoka County School District will conduct a due process hearing at a later date and a suspension/expulsion hearing will be held when the student is re-admitted to school, the report said.

"The district has a no-tolerance policy for possession of firearms on school grounds," West Minico principal Steve Holsmith said.

Another student informed school authorities about the gun.

"I was really pleased a student reported it," Nick Hallett, school district superintendent said.

Minidoka County considers water quality issue

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - It may get harder to buy in parts of Minidoka County that have water quality problems.

"We would be astounded at the number of places around the county that would be unbuildable. If water were tested," Minidoka County Commissioner John Rensberg said Monday.

Commissioners may make building rules more stringent in the county when water problems crop up.

The water quality issue was first brought before commissioners during the public hearing for the Atchley subdivision.

Commissioners approved the subdivision with septic tanks, and it met county health guidelines. But Earl White, who headed a petition drive asking commissioners to put a moratorium

on building in the county until water is tested, said that South Central Health District's guidelines may not be strict enough.

"This is not an attack against the Atchley but is a county-wide problem," White said.

Commissioners agreed that the water quality issue in Minidoka County needed to be resolved.

"A person doesn't have to give much thought at all that it is a problem," Rensberg said.

Commissioner Larry Harper, who lives west of Paul said his own water had twice tested high for nitrates. The federal drinking water standard for nitrates is 10 parts per million.

Harper's water tested at 25 parts per million and later at 18 parts per million, he said.

Thirty percent of the wells tested in the area surrounding the proposed Atchley subdivision, showed nitrate levels above

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Human rights group wants to look into housing discrimination

BOISE - The Idaho Human Rights Commission has agreed to seek approval from government leaders before pursuing legislation that would give the group more power to investigate housing discrimination.

match federal standards for housing discrimination cases. Director Leslie Goddard will ask Gov. Dirk Kempthorne what he thinks about expanding the group's power. She also will talk to representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to find out whether there is a need to expand.

The change would put discrimination investigation in the hands of Idaho, which has been leaving it up to the federal government. That could mean more people with complaints would come forward because they are more comfortable dealing with people in Idaho, Commissioner Estrella Zamora said.

Now, the commission investigates few housing cases because Idaho's laws are narrower than federal laws. In addition to filing with federal officials, complaints can be taken to Idaho Legal Aid or the Intermountain Fair Housing Agency, but eventually are turned over to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The decision carries through last January's agreement between the commission and the state's real estate agents on the issue.

SERVICES

Kade M. Haner, of Buhl, 11 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. In Burley: Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Jeanne S. Rountree, of Boise, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Summers Funeral Home, Boise Chapel, 1205 West Bannock.

at 10 a.m. Wednesday at LDS Twin-Falls 2nd-Ward-UDS Chapel, 229 Park Ave. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Department of ed reprimands administrators for electioneering

POST FALLS (AP) - Three school district administrators have been reprimanded by the state Department of Education for what amounts to unethical electioneering.

The department's Professional Standards Commission executive committee placed letters of reprimand in the permanent files of the three for allowing school district incumbents in last spring's Post Falls School Board election to be sent home with pupils at two elementary schools.

election, and complaints over the filers were filed by their challengers, Dee Lawless and Mary Rutkowski.

"No tax supported agency should be allowed to use its facilities to control its governing board," Lawless said.

Reprimanded were district Assistant Superintendent Jerry Keane, Ponderosa Elementary School Principal Robert Sloyka and Selkirk Elementary School Principal William Ramich. District Superintendent Richard Harris was found to have done nothing wrong.

Within days of the controversy erupting after the election, Harris set out a new policy on material distribution that flatly prohibits advocating political positions or candidates.

"After reviewing the evidence, we found the actual distribution of the material through the public schools violated one of the standards in the code of ethics," Professional Standards Commission Chairman Trudy Bischoff said.

A criminal complaint filed in the case was not substantiated. The commission executive committee found that the filers from a parents group were duplicated on school copiers and then authorized to be distributed with students in violation of an ethical

"We will not allow this kind of thing to occur again," he said. The administrators have until early October to appeal the reprimand to the full commission.

DEATH NOTICES

Nellie Albert RICHFIELD - Nellie Albert, 92, of Richfield, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 1999, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Graveside funeral services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Richfield Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

William R. Schorzman RUPERT - William Rudolph Schorzman, 80, of Rupert, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 1999, at Grifman Medical Center in Moscow, Idaho. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. Some names have been omitted at patient's request.

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María Medrano and baby boy, and Patricia Gutiérrez and baby girl, all of Heyburn; Andrea Anderson and Eve Queldezarosa, both of Rupert; and Dawn Easton of Burley.

Admits Andrea Anderson of Rupert; Dawn Easton of Burley; and María Medrano and baby boy, of Heyburn.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.



TWIN FALLS

Florence F. Laib Florence Fusselman Laib, 90, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, September 12, 1999 at her home. Florence was born Feb. 17, 1909, at Talmadge, N.Y. to John F. and Lucy Seba Henken. On Feb. 16, 1926, she married Edwin A. Fusselman at Columbus, Nebraska. They farmed in Nebraska and in Colorado, until Edwin passed away Oct. 9, 1939, at Alton, Nebraska.

BELLEUEVE

Lola Sherman Lola Sherman, 69, of Clark Fork, Idaho, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 11, 1999, in Sandpoint, Idaho.

RUPERT

Marty E. Bean Marty E. Bean, 42 year old Rupert resident, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 1999, in Rupert.

Florence F. Laib

Florence moved to Idaho in November of 1939. On Sept. 25, 1942, she married John G. Laib in Twin Falls. Mr. Laib passed away on April 2, 1977. Florence was active in the Foster Grandparent program for many years. Any and all children were a joy to her and she loved them all. She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist.

Lola Sherman

Lola was born on Oct. 4, 1929, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Ralph and Mamma (Thomas) Firth. She married Gerald Sherman on June 29, 1946, in Jerome, Idaho. She lived in Bellevue, Idaho, for 33 years, moving in 1979, to Clark Fork, Idaho, with the land for the past 20 years. Lola enjoyed collecting antiques, and taking care of her home and family. She also enjoyed her flowers, gardening, fishing, hunting, and being outdoors. She and her husband had spent many of the winter months traveling to Mexico and Arizona.

Marty E. Bean

He was survived by his wife, Julia; one son, Nicholas Paul Bean; and a stepson, Anthony Ira Anderson, all of Rupert; his mother, Yvonne Bean of Rupert; one brother, Rodney Bean, of Winnemucca, Nev., and one sister, Laura Bean Hawker of Rupert. He is also survived by his grandmother, Helen Krieger, and many nieces and nephews.

Lola Sherman

Lola is survived by her husband, Gerald Sherman of Clark Fork, Idaho, 3 sons, Bob Sherman of Arco, Idaho, Torry Sherman of Caldwell, Idaho, and Glenn Sherman of Bellevue, Idaho; 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren; her mother Mammie Thomas, of Anchorage, Alaska, a step-brother Wally McPherson of Anchorage, Alaska, and her twin sister Lila Bryington of Arco, Idaho.

Lola Sherman

Lola was preceded in death by her father and a sister. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999, at the Halley LDS Chapel, with burial to follow at the Bellevue Cemetery. Viewing will be one hour prior to services at a favorite church. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel, Halley, Idaho.

Marty E. Bean

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul E. Bean; his grandfather John Krieger, grandfather Lock Bean of Rupert; one brother, Rodney Bean, of Winnemucca, Nev., and one sister, Laura Bean Hawker of Rupert. He is also survived by his grandmother, Helen Krieger, and many nieces and nephews.

BURLEY

Kevin L. White

Kevin Lee White, 34, of Burley, lost his wife Friday, Sept. 10, 1999. Kevin was born July 24, 1965, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to John E. and Carmie White. He moved with his family to the Burley area in 1970, where he graduated from Burley High School in 1983. At that time, he continued working for the family's business, Wilson Bates. In 1981, he married Wendy Pocher of Paul, and they had one child, Xanitha Jaa White, whom he loved very much. Kevin spent much of his leisure time in three sports: golfing, snow skiing, boating, and

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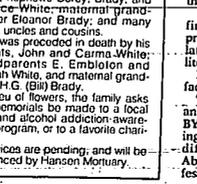
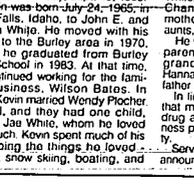
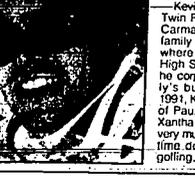
Kevin L. White

Kevin is survived by his daughter Xanitha, his ex-wife Wendy (Pocher) White, a brother Todd (Arlvin) White, nephews Corey, Brady, and Chance White; maternal grandmother Eleanor Brady; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Carmie White; grandparents E. Emberton and Hannah White; and maternal grandfather H.G. (Bill) Brady.

BURLEY

Kevin L. White

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to a local drug and alcohol addiction awareness program, or to a favorite charity. Services are pending, and will be announced by Hanson Mortuary, Chapel.



BYU will finish funds campaign

PROVO, Utah (AP) - Brigham Young University's largest capital fund-raising campaign ends later this month with a gigantic party in the Marriott Center.

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President Merrill Bateman plans to announce an early end to the fund-raising campaign that already has added nearly \$400 million to the school's coffers.

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The incident sent a chilling message across campus. Botany professor Sam Rushton recalled it as one of many incidents that demonstrated how the Mormon Church-owned school was returning to its religious foundations, both academically and socially.

The 1996 episode came after BYU's decision to impose stricter ecclesiastical standards on professors, and, some said, to curtail academic freedom by banning statements that could be construed as critical of the faith's doctrine and leaders.

The infusion of money at BYU finances elaborate projects like professor Daniel Peterson's translation of classic works of Islamic literature into English.

Professors who leave say BYU's faculty is something they miss. "I really missed my colleagues and the people I worked with at BYU, but the question of not having academic freedom made it a difficult place to work," said Abbott, a German and history professor.

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AN EYE ON THE FUTURE

Burley community hears advice from diversification expert

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Long-time residents who have said they've waited a long time for Burley to change got to vote on it Monday night.

City officials and business people consulted with an economic diversification expert in July, Doyle Hyett, from HyettPalma of Virginia. Hyett has since prepared a report that has identified a vision and key issues for downtown Burley.

An informal vote of about 40 raised hands at City Hall Monday showed Mayor Doug Manning that Burley's business community is willing to go forward with a revitalization plan and all its entails.



Burley Mayor Doug Manning explains to a roomful of people the need in Burley for revitalization.

And initially it entails a commitment to raise \$100,000 to \$40,000 for a study and design that will tell Burley the direction it should take. HyettPalma will prepare the anticipated design and will continue to be involved during the revitalization. The study should take five to six months and would be funded by a combination of public and private money.

eral ways, Madarieta said. The money can come from city funds or through business owners investing in the own businesses. A Department of Commerce grant would match such investments. Investments that within the past 12 months would be matched if business owners keep track of their costs.

in its beginning stages and has no unified vision yet. Manning said whatever vision the people of Burley decide upon should be fulfilled by the year 2007, but significant progress will have been made within the next few years.

and with the resources and staff to put together a market study. The check is to be used for an endowment fund to provide Raft River High School graduates with scholarships, said Dale Pierce, former Malta Lions Club President.

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Malta Lions Club has dissolved but has given the community something to remember it by - a \$20,000 endowment fund.

Club members presented the Cassia County School District with a check Monday.

was the best use for it. "This way there will be scholarships in perpetuity," Pierce said. "It will benefit students of the school."

Malta Lions Club was chartered in 1952 with 52 members, Pierce said.

Only 10 members are left. "Three of the ten were charter members 47 years ago," he said. Over the years the club has served the community, including many contributions to schools in Malta. Included in those contributions are furniture for the teacher's lounge, wrestling mats and equipment for the weight room. The club also built movable bleachers for the football field and installed tennis courts.

In other business, the Cassia County School Board discussed the legislative reading initiative, the Odyssey of the Mind program, the upcoming assets survey and awarded fuel and lubricant bids.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Electrocution while working yard kills man

RUPERT - A Rupert man was electrocuted Saturday while working his yard.

Mary Bean, 42, of Rupert was pronounced dead at Mindoko Memorial Hospital, a police report said.

standing on grass that is too wet.

Twin Falls planners will meet this evening

TWIN FALLS - The City of Twin Falls' Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss a zoning request at tonight's meeting.

The commission will hold a public hearing on a request of MOVE, L.L.C. for a zoning map amendment.

The company wants to redesignate 27 acres from urban residential to mixed-use commercial/retail located north of Harrison School, east of Filmore Street and west of Filmore Street.

County weed board to discuss herbicides

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Noxious Weeds Advisory Board will discuss herbicide applications at its meeting Wednesday.

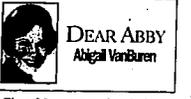
The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. at the Twin Falls County Weed Bureau Office in Twin Falls.

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Man who did everything right feels terribly wronged

DEAR ABBY: Eight years ago, the most beautiful woman in the world came into my life. I'll call her "Mary." We dated for seven months before she started asking me to marry her. I happily agreed, and in 1993 we were married.



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

Two years later, she convinced me that she should buy a house. A year after that, she was pregnant. I had to have cats in our home. I don't care too much for cats, but I gave in to two cats.

Then she started yearning for children. When we married, we both realized that she could not get pregnant. So she began inquiring into adoption. I wasn't too fond of the idea of bringing a child into our home when we knew little about his medical or psychiatric history. Again, to make her happy, I agreed. Now I don't get me wrong - not a day goes by that I don't look at my son and thank God for him.

guy she met. I forgave her by telling her that six years was too much time to throw away over one mistake.

Two months ago, she told me she doesn't want to be married anymore. She moved in with her mother. We alternate seeing our son, but she has trouble staying with her. Part of the reason may be that she yells at him for every little thing he does wrong. He's only 5 years old.

Two days ago, she informed me that she's moving to Florida for an opportunity to attend school and have a good job. Mary does not want our son to come with her. In fact, she says she doesn't want him at all. Sometimes she says she wishes she could take him back to the agency.

Abby, I gave my wife everything she wanted - a house, an education, a son and plenty more. Now she's leaving me high and

dry to cope with the responsibilities of paying the bills and being a parent. So much for deadbeat fathers.

Care to offer any advice?
- DESERTED IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR DESERTED: Only this, and it's offered with my sympathy for the treatment you have received from this immature and self-centered woman. The house will appreciate in value, and the emotional and psychic gratification you will receive from raising your son are priceless. If you can let Mary go without bitterness, you will be the winner in the long run. And please, consider counseling for both you and your son to help you through the heartbreak in the aftermath of this desertion.

Arizona schools add character to curriculum

PHOENIX (AP) - Tired of watching too many students disrupt classes, act rudely, or even attack their peers, many Arizona schools are adding character lessons to their curriculum.

And Oklahoma City-based Character First! Education estimates as many as 700 schools across the country are using its character instruction materials.

she's getting support from a Character First! pilot program underway at Elementary School where her two daughters are in the 3rd and 6th grades.

"Exceptional teachers have always done this," said Penny Kotterman, president of the Arizona Education Association. But she added that recent school shootings such as the one at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., have made teachers realize, "the only protection they have is to teach kids to be more tolerant of one another, respect each other and look for warning signs."

The various programs generally are designed to emphasize traits such as honesty, respect and courtesy then recognize students who demonstrate those qualities. Those messages may come in the form of the principal's morning announcements, monthly newsletters or comments from teachers during class.

"What are they going to be like when they reach high school?" Buck asked. "I'm not sure there's any one answer, but I think if the program) would be part of the answer."

These lessons are now taking a more formal approach. For example, many elementary schools in Mesa and Casa Grande are operating character-building programs. And the Gilbert Public School District is adding one this year.

"Point out the positive," said Kathy Savage, a curriculum specialist for the Mesa Public Schools. "We're trying to build good citizens."

Another Character First! pilot program is about to start in Gilbert elementary schools. It has been criticized by the Arizona Civil Liberties Union for subtle biases toward the religious beliefs of its parent organizations with an Illinois Christian ministry called the Institute in Basic Life Principles.

Water

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the danger area, White said. "This is saying we have a problem," White said. "It is not an imminent thing."
High nitrates in drinking water is probably a county-wide problem, and the study should be expanded statewide, Remsenberg said. High nitrate levels can be health risk, especially for babies. Commissioners didn't know whether agriculture or septic

tanks was responsible for the high nitrate levels. There is a factual basis for a building moratorium, county attorney Mike Beiler said. "It could be justifiable," he said. Commissioners plan to speak with the state's attorney, Central Health District about the possibility of stiffer health rules for building guidelines. "The time has come that we

need to re-address the (building) issue through a health and safety standpoint," Remsenberg said. White said county residents can get their water tested for \$20 and urged residents to contact the public health department about testing.

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Malta Lions give Cassia schools fund

The club will be used for an endowment fund to provide Raft River High School graduates with scholarships, said Dale Pierce, former Malta Lions Club President.

Over the years the club has served the community, including many contributions to schools in Malta. Included in those contributions are furniture for the teacher's lounge, wrestling mats and equipment for the weight room. The club also built movable bleachers for the football field and installed tennis courts.

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Court raises possibility of reopening marijuana clubs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court Monday raised the possibility that clubs that provide medical marijuana might be reopened, saying "medical necessity" could make some patients exempt from laws against pot.

In a rebuff to the Clinton administration, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals told a judge who had issued an injunction against such groups to consider exempting patients and doctors who could show "medical necessity." The injunction against six medical marijuana clubs had been issued at the request of the Justice Department.

The court did not order the exception but said there was evidence that would justify it.

One of the six Northern California clubs is the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative, "has identified a strong public interest in the availability of a doctor-prescribed treatment that would help ameliorate the condition and relieve the pain and suffering of a large group of persons with serious or fatal illnesses," the court said in its 3-0 ruling.

The court noted that the "necessity" defense — showing that breaking the law was the only way to prevent a more seri-

ous harm — would be available if federal authorities prosecuted patients or club officials for violating federal drug laws.

Because the government sought an injunction against future lawbreaking instead of prosecuting anyone, the order should be worked to exclude conduct that likely would be allowed if a person cited the necessity defense at trial, the court said.

To be eligible for such an exemption, patients would have to show that they have tried legal alternatives to marijuana and found that they don't work or cause intolerable side effects, the court said.

The ruling was applauded by Robert Raich, a lawyer for the Oakland cooperative, which served about 2,000 patients before being closed by court order last year. It later reopened as a center for hemp products and patient support, but not for marijuana distribution.

"The 9th Circuit is correctly recognizing that cannabis has medical efficacy to a large class of patients and that it should be recognized under federal law under the medical necessity defense," Raich said.

He said the ruling could lead to the reopening of the Oakland cooperative for the limited num-

ber of patients who could show medical necessity.

No one was immediately available at the Justice Department to respond to the ruling, a spokesman said.

Medical marijuana clubs sprang up around California after the November 1996 approval of Proposition 215, which allowed patients with serious illnesses to obtain and use marijuana at their doctors' recommendation without being prosecuted under state law. The drug is used to relieve pain and other effects of AIDS, cancer and certain other diseases and their treatments.

The Justice Department responded by suing six Northern California clubs, saying the absolute federal ban on marijuana distribution overrode Proposition 215.

U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer agreed, issuing a contempt order last year that forced four of the clubs to stop distributing marijuana. Two of the clubs, in Fairfax and Ukiah, remain open because the government failed to present evidence that they were distributing marijuana at the time. Other informal organizations scattered around the state also continue to supply medicinal marijuana.



Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative member Phyllis Pines picks out marijuana muffins for wheelchair-bound customer Ken Estee in Oakland, Calif., in the May 22, 1998, file photo.

Agency moves ahead on sales of beetle-hit wood

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Forest Service officials are mapping out timber sales on 15,000 acres of Idaho Panhandle National Forest land following approval of their plans to fight the Douglas fir bark beetle there.

But environmental groups are still objecting to the logging plans and could press ahead with legal protests.

Renewed work on the sales followed the rejection by regional Forest Service officials in Montana of environmental claims that the logging impact was faulty.

Environmental groups can still sue the government in court to block any sales.

"We will prepare sales and offer as fast as we can," Panhandle National Forest spokesman Brad Gilbert said. But, he added, "there's still planning to do. We won't get them all offered this calendar year."

Ten days ago, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had urged action on federal forests in Idaho against the bark beetle infestation and other diseases that kill trees and intensify prospects for destructive wildfires.

Last spring, federal officials in Washington put 4,000 acres of timberland in the Panhandle's Hayden and Fernan lake drainages on the fast track for logging because of the imminent threat of fire to homes in those areas. Two sales on that tract have already been awarded and two more should be bid later this month.

Jeff Juel of the Ecosystem Center said the latest green light for logging was not unexpected in what he said was a system that has conspired to assure timber sales go forward regardless of the environmen-

tal impact. He said the center and other groups will identify within the next few weeks whether to go forward.

And the timber industry expects more legal entanglement despite a Forest Service decision that Shelby Sales of the Intermountain Forest Association said confirmed that the Panhandle Forest has done a thorough job in developing a plan to deal with a very real and very serious problem.

A similar logging proposal is on a career on eastern Washington's Colville National Forest.

Researcher finds evidence of ancient natural disaster

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A scientist has found fossil evidence of a large plume of ancient bodies that suggests a possible natural disaster more than 140 million years ago.

Walter Stober, director of a commercial dinosaur museum in Astoria, Ore., said the evidence is contained in a clay he has been working for the past several years in northern Wyoming.

Stober believes the dinosaur fossils represent a remarkable Jurassic catastrophe, such as a huge meteorite impact or volcanic event.

"This is not the temporary sickness

of one trap in one river," Stober said in Monday's editions of The Billings (Mont.) Gazette. "If there are forests here, and we have proven that there are, then there are probably hundreds or even thousands."

"I'm starting to have visions of a huge catastrophe — maybe still local, but something that covered an entire inland in dimensions you wouldn't see in a single quarry today," Stober said.

Stober's hypothesis has grown out of his 10 years of digging on a parcel of private land originally known as the Howe Ranch.

Judge arraigns man accused of killing wife on air base

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man accused of stabbing his wife to death at a relative's house on Hill Air Force Base was arraigned Monday in federal court.

Robert Lee Taylor, 46, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Ronald N. Boyce and was charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death of Patricia Klaus Taylor, his wife of 27 years.

The Taylors, of Port Bare, La., were visiting their daughter and her husband, an active-duty member of the military, at their home on Hill Air Force Base, about 30 miles north of Salt Lake City. Base officials say neither the daughter nor her husband were home when the stabbing occurred on Sunday.

According to the complaint filed in federal court, Taylor told investigators he stabbed his wife in the back and chest with a knife he found in the kitchen. He said he was not sure how many times he stabbed her, but it was a least twice.

Preliminary autopsy results indicate the woman was stabbed 46 times.

Taylor purportedly told investigators he was mad at his wife because she was thinking about leaving him.

Taylor said after he stabbed her he washed off the knife, changed his clothes and called 911, according to the complaint.

When emergency personnel responded to the call around 5:30 p.m. Sunday, it says, Taylor told them his wife was inside

and hurt badly.

If convicted, Taylor faces up to life in prison.

He is being held without bail, pending a hearing on Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. The prosecution has asked that he be denied bail.

The FBI is handling the case because it involves the incident of civilians on federal property, said special agent George Dougherty. Had military personnel been directly involved, military police would have handled the investigation.

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SPORTS

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

He won't even be this year's Vinny Barbarino.

-Local football fan Keller Gaston, after reports that Rick Mirer will be this year's next Vinny Testaverde

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school volleyball
Buhl at Kimberly
Rafu River, Gooding at Valley
Hagerman at Castletford
Twin Falls at Burley
Ketchum at Camas County
Hanna at Oley
Shoshone at Dietrich
Wood River at Wendell
Carey at Richfield
Pocoalto at Jerome
TFCA at ISDB
Filer at Fruitland
Declo at Murtaugh.

Boys' high school soccer
Wendall at Buhl, 4:30 p.m.
Ketchum at Buhl, 5 p.m.

Girls' high school soccer
Jerome at Buhl, 5 p.m.
Wood River at Burley, 5:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bruin boosters to meet first, tailgate

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School booster club will have its first meeting of the school year tonight at 7 p.m. in the faculty lounge of the high school.
There will also be tailgate parties before each home game, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
For more information, call C.T. Burks at 734-2903.

Wild Cats fall to Rocky Mountain Bulls 10-0

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Wild Cats came closer to their first victory in the inaugural Rocky Mountain Football League semi-pro season, but lost 10-0 to the visiting Rocky Mountain Bulls.
"We were hampered by the same problems," said Twin Falls coach Jeff Glenn. "Twin Falls surrendered a first-quarter touch-down reception and two-point conversion, but held the Bulls, who beat the Wild Cats 20-0 in their first meeting, scoreless throughout the rest of the game with the exception of a safety in the third period.
The Wild Cats were playing with a starting quarterback as the team lost its starter with a broken hand and a running back with a separated shoulder in last week's match. Next week, a number of Wild Cats will lose their starting positions next Saturday at Mini-Cassia due to unprofessional conduct in Saturday's game, Glenn said.
"We want to make sure we send a message to the players of both teams that this type of action won't be tolerated in order to maintain our family-oriented status," Glenn said.

Taylor hits hole-in-one at Clear Lake

BUHL - Playing a game of Spades against other Clear Lake Country Club Iny members Thursday, Phyllis Taylor achieved a highlight to remember with a hole-in-one on No. 15.
Madeline Harvey won the event, followed by Ruth Crawford, Oleta Roberts and Dona-Pierce. Ruth Crawford had the fewest putts with 28, while six ladies had bogeys: Neola Weaver, Freda Walden, Donna Michael, Maggie Sonner, Phyllis Taylor and Ruth Crawford. As a reminder, the bus for Glenns Ferry will leave the Clear Lake parking lot at 9 a.m. on Sept. 16. Ladies are reminded to arrive at 8:30 a.m. for Monday. Starting Sept. 23, the ladies will go off at 10 a.m. Sept. 30th is the IGA Best Ball Tournament, with the last day for registration Sept. 28.
Compiled from staff reports

Bruins shine under lights

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Playing the first girls' soccer game ever under the lights at Bruin Stadium, the Twin Falls Bruins evened their record at 2-2 Monday with a 4-1 domination of Minico.

Led by sophomore defenders Amber Diehl and Joanna Swensen, the Bruins kept the ball at the Minico end of the field throughout most of the second half.
Kristen Patterson gave the Bruins the lead in the 22nd minute, knocking in the rebound of Megan Delmore's blocked shot.
Minico's Claire Bodensteiner tied the game seven minutes later when Delmore took the field on a well-earned shot for the left side that found the center of the net.

The Bruins regained the lead when Delmore took a midfield pass and won a one-on-one opportunity at the Spartans' goal.

Midfielder Rachel Weick opened the second-half scoring in the 57th minute when she handled a high pass to the right side and put the shot into the left corner of the goal.
Delmore followed less than a minute later with her second goal of the night.
"I think those quick goals in the second half kind of put us on our

I've got to say how excited the girls were to play under the lights... in front of a real crowd.

- Steve Schriid, Twin Falls coach

Carraway, both of whom are in their first season of Minico soccer.
"We've got a new, young team of inexperienced return, but we're going to pull together here really quick," Wilson said. "I think we gave Twin some pressure they



Above, Twin Falls' Lily Whom throws a ball in from the sidelines during Monday night's game against the Minico Spartans. When soccer becomes an official high school sport next year, fans may get to attend more games under the lights of Bruin Stadium. Below, Jennifer Arntson stops a ball to make a pass near the Minico goal. Twin Falls outscored the Spartans 4-1.

didn't expect from us."
That was little compared to the pressure the Bruins felt in playing their first game in the stadium.

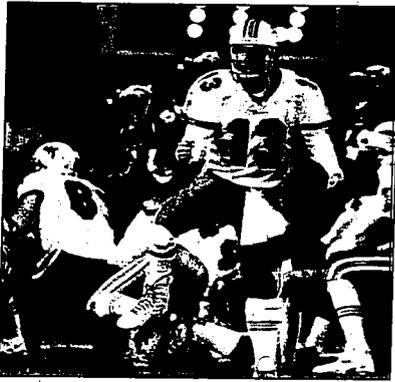
"We've got to say how excited the girls were to play under the lights... in front of a real crowd," said Twin Falls coach Steve Schriid. "Next year, soccer will be sanctioned, so there should be more of this to come."

Schriid praised the play of goalkeeper Lily Mirer, as well as the center-defense, and had more high goals-for-the-offense.

"We're starting to play our positions, and that made a difference in our offensive pressure tonight," he said.
Twin Falls will host Burley Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Bruin Stadium. Minico, now 1-2, plays Thursday at Wood River.



BRUCE BRIDGES/The Times-News



Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino celebrates a second-quarter touchdown during the Dolphins' 38-21 win over the Denver Broncos Monday night.

Marino spoils Elway's party

THE Associated Press.
DENVER - John Elway wouldn't have had it in any other way.
If someone had to spoil his retirement party, it might as well be Dan Marino, the last quarterback left from that illustrious class of 1983.
With major help from the special teams, who blocked a punt and a field goal to set up 10 points, the Miami Dolphins beat Denver 38-21 Monday night, spoiling Elway's coming out party as Elway's successor in the Broncos' first game in pursuit of an NFL Super Bowl title.
It also put a damper on the halftime ceremony in which Elway's name and number were placed in the Broncos' Ring of Fame.
Marino, who won 15-of-23 for 215 yards as he began what might be his final quest for an elusive Super Bowl ring, had a

12-yard TD pass to rookie full-back Rob Kozar and a 4-yarder to O.J. McDuffie.
Elway, Abdul-Jabbar and another rookie, J.J. Johnson, had 1-yard TD runs and Orlando Mare added a 37-yard field goal as the Dolphins ended Elway's 24-game regular season home winning streak that extended to 20 December 1996.
Griese, selected over Bobby Brister by coach Mike Shanahan to start the AFC's place, wasn't bad, finishing 24-of-40 for 270 yards and throwing TD passes of 61, 11 and 4 yards to Ed McCaffrey, the last coming with 34 seconds to play. He also was sacked with about four minutes to play by Rich Owens and fumbled with Jason Taylor recovering in the end zone for the Dolphins' final score.
But his arm didn't prevent the fear factor Elway's did, allowing

Miami to play eight men close to the line of scrimmage to shut down Terrell Davis, who finished with 61 yards on 19 carries.
Late in the first half, for example, Griese underthrew a wide-open McCaffrey, who had to come back for the ball and dropped it.
Griese started off like another Elway, hitting McCaffrey between Brock Marion and Shawn Wooden for the 61-yard score on the first series of the game.
The Broncos held their 7-0 lead into the second quarter and looked about to go ahead 10-0. But Lorenzo Bromell blocked Jason Elam's 44-yard field goal attempt and Terrell Buckley returned it 43 yards to the Denver 36.
Four plays later, Abdul-Jabbar took it into the end zone to tie the score.
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CSI cross country takes second at MSU

The Times-News

BOZEMAN, Mont. - The College of Southern Idaho cross country teams left Big Sky Country with a pair of second-place Scenic West Athletic Conference finishes last weekend, ending the 28th annual Montana State University Invitational Meet runners-up to the Ricks College men's and women's squads.
Joanne Whitaker led the Golden-Eagle women in the 2.9-mile run, finishing 17th overall at 18 minutes, 15 seconds. Among the CSI men, Mini-Cassia area native BJ Christensen topped out at 26 minutes, 1 second on the 4.8-mile course.
-Rounding out the Top 5 of the CSI women's field behind overall winner Sabrina Monro (16:23) of the University of Montana were Jerome freshman Liz Jackson (18:21), Jen Crumley (18:52), Courtney Barlow (18:54) and Krissy Warner (19:10).
Marie Hudson, running for Utah Valley State College, was the top female Scenic West Athletic Conference finisher at 17 minutes, 48 seconds, but Ricks' Courtney Allen led a strong Vantage with a 12th-place time of 18 minutes, 3 seconds.
Montana State's Mike Feist (24:57) secured overall men's honors, while Ricks runners Jason Brown and Ben Wynn finishing fourth and fifth (at 25:31 and 25:32, respectively). Brown's time was best

among SWAC runners.
Christensen won the only Golden Eagle to crack the men's leading 10.
-Rounding out the top CSI men's times were Edward Campbell (26:55), Justin Burkey (26:21), 28th overall (28:30) and 29th overall (28:37) and Aronson (28:38).
Former CSI men's runners, Jeremy Skinner and Campbell (KHS, running unattached, finished sixth and fourth overall on the 4.8-mile course respectively.
Berrij Ilex, who ran at Wood River High School and now competes for Idaho State University, finished 17th overall at 28 minutes, 17 seconds.
-The Golden Eagles' next meet is the Washington Invitational, scheduled in Seattle for Sept. 26.



Could Mirer be this year's Vinny?

An encouraging thought for Jets fans who think the season is over because Vinny Testaverde is gone is that the beginning of the season is just getting started.
Maybe Rick Mirer is this year's Vinny? Yes, losing Testaverde may have dropped the Jets from the top of the AFC to the middle, left key-shorts Johnson disarray and Bill Parcells hiding his face from cameras as he exited the field.
But remember that Testaverde, the No. 1 pick in 1987, was viewed as a failure until last season, just as Mirer, No. 2 overall in 1993, is viewed now.
"There are lots of similarities if you look at the beginning of our careers," Mirer said Monday. "Vinny showed me last year that good things can happen."

With Parcells' help, Mirer could quarterback the Jets to the playoffs, even with an offense that's also lost starting wide receiver Wayne Chrebet for six weeks and third-down back Leon Johnson for the season. Mirer had a good rookie year in Seattle and has never been the same.
bombed in Chicago. Then he was third string behind Brett Favre and Bill Parcells' head coach. He had last season before being acquired by the Jets last month. Mirer sounded optimistic Monday.
"Here the quarterback doesn't need to make tons of decisions at the line, just execute plays," he said. He's got a coach who can help, and he's got Parcells-type players who can be as strong as their boss.
"They ain't going to cancel the schedule," linebacker Bryan Cox said. "We lost one of our leaders. We lost a great player. But we're going to continue to play football the rest of the season."



Dave Goldberg is a football writer with The Associated Press.

SPORTS

Broncos

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Then Marino took the Dolphins 80 yards in seven plays, highlighted by a 40-yard pass to Tony Martin, the new speed receiver signed as a free agent. Marino capped that one with a 12-yard pass to Konrad, all alone in the right flat. On Marino's next possession, Craig Jeffries partially-blocked Tom Rouen's punt, setting up Mare's field goal with one second left in the half making it 17-

Johnson scored to cap the opening drive of the second half, 65 yards in nine plays that gave Denver a 24-7 lead. Griese's second TD pass cut it back to 10. But then Miami middle linebacker Zach Thomas sacked Griese on a fourth-and-1 at the Dolphins' 40. Marino then completed passes of 11 yards to Troy Brayton, 20 to Martin, 14 to McDuffie and 4 to McDuffie for the score that made it 31-14.

Ketchum sweeps tri-match

The Times-News - The Ketchum Outrigger swept a pair of volleyball matches in Richfield Monday, beating the hometown Warriors 15-10, 15-13 and the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors 15-12, 15-8. In the other match, TFCA beat Richfield 15-13, 15-6. The Warriors Halley Jordan had nine consecutive serving points against Richfield, while the Outrigger used the serving

of Colleen Enright, Tami Parten and Katie Matteson to beat the Tigers. "We were just tired," said Richfield coach Dee Lewis. "We had four girls playing both ways tonight. By the time we got to TFCA, they were pretty much done." Richfield (15) plays tonight at home against Carey. The Richfield junior varsity squad won both its matches Monday, while the visiting squads did not face each other.

Trial begins for Hornets owner

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Charlotte Hornets owner George Shinn was in court Monday for the start of a trial in which he is accused of sexually assaulting a woman at his home. A jury of nine men and three women were selected for the civil trial, which Circuit Judge Costa Pleicones said could take more than a week. Shinn contends the sex with the woman was consensual and his lawyers have tried to portray Leslie Bricc as promiscuous. Her lawyers have testimony from a former Hornets cheerleader who says she had a sexual relationship with Shinn because he threatened to fire her. Price sued in February 1998, saying she fell in love through his nephew. She and the nephew were at a center in Charlotte, N.C., that treats patients for drug and alcohol abuse and behavioral problems. Price alleges Shinn took her to his lakeside home in suburban Tega Cay, just over the South Carolina line, on the pretext of meeting his lawyer, Bill Diehl, to discuss a domestic dispute with her husband.

BASEBALL

NL BOX SCORES

ASTROS 23, PHILLIES 12

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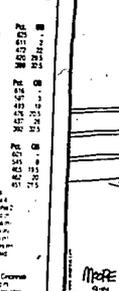
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Standings for National League teams.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"It's called a tourniquet, you fool. Do you or do you not want me to stop the bleeding?"

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Camas edges MVCHS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Christian High School volleyball team nearly forced the visiting Camas County Mustangs to their third game Monday, thrilling coach Kendall Tucker with its effort nonetheless.

"Being a new school, they didn't expect us to do that well," Tucker said after her team's 15-6, 16-14 defeat.

"It was kind of exciting. We can compete with these bigger schools."

Jacque Sweet was perfect in nine serves and Lexi Haun added three kills for Magic Valley Christian (2-2), which plays alongside North Gem Christian Academy Friday in a tri-match at the Twin Falls Christian Academy.

Wendell def. Valley 15-3, 15-12

WENDELL - Led by Lisa Gunter's 13-of-13 performance, the Trojans were perfect from the serving line in Game 1 Monday and carried the momentum to a sweep of the visiting Valley Vikings.

"(Serving) was really the key for us, and our net play," said Wendell coach Erin Jasper.

The Vikings fought back in the second game as the Trojans finally missed some serves and showed a penetrable defense, but

Local sports

Wendell had enough to run its record to 4-1 on the young season. The Trojans return to conference play, where they are 2-1, today at home against Wood River.

Dietrich def. Castleford 15-7, 15-11, 15-6

DIETRICH - Becki Towne had 13 service points, countering 16 by Castleford's Lori Puschel, and the Blue Devils picked up a non-conference win Monday night.

"This is the kind of game that we were looking for to get the motor running," said Dietrich coach Trent Wilcox, who praised the hitting of Castleford's Katie Ruffing and the Blue Devils' Rashell Astle.

"(Ruffing) had some really big kills all night," Wilcox said. "She's a real solid hitter and I was really impressed - she damaged us quite a bit. Rashell had some big hits herself, hitting from the middle. She was kind of like a Katie Ruffing for Dietrich."

Shoshone (3-4, 2-1) steps back into Sawtooth Conference play tonight at home against Shoshone.

In Monday's junior varsity match, Dietrich beat Castleford 5-15, 15-3, 15-8.

It's official: Broncos retire Elway's No. 7 at halftime

DENVER (AP) - John Elway gave Denver one last Mile High memory.

On the field where he won 105 games, Elway was inducted into the Broncos' Ring of Fame on Monday night and watched as the No. 7 jersey he wore for 16 seasons was retired.

Accompanied by his wife, Janet, and their four children, Elway turned his 15-minute tribute at halftime of the game with Miami Dolphins into an emotional dedication to the fans who watched him grow from an immature quarterback to a certain Hall of Famer.

"I'm so happy that the Baltimore Colts traded me here, you can't believe it," Elway said, his voice wavering. "I'm going to miss you, but I'm not going to be far away because I'm going to be a Denver Bronco forever."

Unlike his retirement speech in April, Elway remained fairly composed as he addressed the crowd of 76,000 at Mile High Stadium. He walked onto the field to Billy Idol's "Rebel Yell" and flashed a thumbs up to about 100 men dressed in white No. 7 jerseys.

"Sometimes there is a player that becomes so important to us and so much our hero that his number and name become synonymous," Denver owner Pat Bowlen said. "There will never be another No. 7 on a Broncos."

Tears formed in Elway's eyes as his name was unveiled on the facade of the stadium's northwest corner.

"I'd really like to say what an honor it is to see my name up there," Elway said. "To have my name associated with the Ring of Fame is truly a great honor."

Elway, who retired after winning his second straight Super Bowl title, is the 16th member of Denver's Ring of Fame and the first inductee since Louis Wright was inducted in 1993.

The Broncos waived the mandatory five-year waiting period for Elway's induction. He is sure to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame when he becomes eligible in 2004.

Only Dan Marino, who was in the Miami locker room during the halftime ceremony, has more passing yards than Elway, who finished with 51,475.

Elway also had 300 career touchdown passes and an NFL-leading 148 victories as a starter. Marino is second with 142.

The statistic Elway will be remembered best for is his 47 game-tying or game-winning drives.

"I'm going to clue the world on this Mile High magic," Elway

told the fans. "They can talk about the altitude. They can talk about the field. They can talk about everything, but the key thing to Mile High magic is you."

Before the game, Elway

watched from a luxury box as Broncos alumni were introduced. He looked calm, sipping occasionally from a Coors bottle and talking to his 8-year-old daughter Juliana.

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— IN BRIEF —
Kimberly committee
hosts golf scramble

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly High School Baseball/Softball Committee will host its third annual golf scramble Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fundraiser will consist of four-person teams, costing \$30 per person, at Pleasant Valley Golf Course. For more information, call Cliff Williams at 423-9051 or Max Humphries at 423-9221.

Bengals drop 2-1
soccer heartbreaker

POCATELLO — The Idaho State women's soccer team hung tough for all but the final 40 seconds Sunday, when a foul set up a Cal-Santa Barbara offensive end attack that led to the tie-breaking goal by Anika Wright with 13 seconds left for the win. Bengal Brooke Pollard scored ISU's only goal in the 11th minute off a shot from teammate Ashley May that hit the crossbar.

For the game, ISU was out-shot 11-4, and had two shots on goal to the Gauchos' five. The Bengals (3-2-1) now embark on a 32-day, seven-game road trip before returning to Davis Field Oct. 14.

Cummings hat trick
propels Vandals

CHENEY, Wash. — Idaho sophomore forward Megan Cummings scored three times Sunday, leading the Vandals (4-0-1) to a 3-0 win over Spokane, Wash.'s Eastern Washington University.

Cummings goals came on assist from freshman forward Sara Best and sophomore midfielder Jennifer Frazier. The Vandals outshot the Eagles 26-5, while goaltender Tricia Haynes recorded her second shutout of the season. Idaho next travels to Oregon State University Friday for a 5 p.m. match before taking on the University of Oregon Sunday at 1 p.m.

Corbridge claims
Jackpot Junior title

JACKPOT, Nev. — Dustin Corbridge, of Jackpot, Nev., carded a 45 Sunday, two shots better than runner-up Nathan Edwards to win the Jackpot Junior's Golf Championships and Jackpot Golf Course. Taking third in the six-golfer event was Dustin Russell with a 54.

Vandal women
finish fourth

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Two University of Idaho women's golfers had eagles during the final round of the Minnesota Invitational, yet the Vandals were three strokes off the champion Gophers, who beat Eastern Michigan in a playoff. Nicole Keller hit a wand wedge from 50 yards for her eagle on the par-5 13th and Trisha Einspahr sank a 25-foot putt on the par-5 18th for her eagle.

The Vandals finished the 54-hole tournament in fourth place at 951, one stroke behind third-place Oral Roberts. Julie Wells led Idaho with a 237 (eighth place), Linzee Frei and Keller tied for 11th at 240, Mia Ye renter shot a 243, Einspahr a 245 and Noelle Hamilton a 246.

IAAF ratifies
Draglia's world mark

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — American pole vaulter Stacy Draglia has been officially recognized as a world record-holder.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation on Monday ratified Draglia's winning vault of 15 feet, 1 inch, at last month's world championships in Seville, Spain.

Draglia's effort equaled the world mark set by Australia's Emma George on Feb. 20.

Still to be officially ratified from Seville is Michael Johnson's world record of 43.18 seconds in the 400 meters. That time shattered Butch Reynolds' 11-year-old mark of 43.29.

Williams sisters give tennis some bounce

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the most memorable images of the U.S. Open is Serena Williams launching herself toward the net for a volley, her legs spread wide far above the court, her racket high, poised to strike.

In that moment of attack, when the light glints off her taut, tight muscles and her face is filled with voracious delight, she resembles no one so much as Michael Jordan on a fastbreak, tongue wagging as he leaps to dunk the ball.

Williams brought a new level of athleticism to women's tennis in her surge to the Open title Saturday, just as Martina Navratilova did in the early 1980s and Steffi Graf did later that decade.

More than that, the 17-year-old Williams and her big sister Venus, a finalist at the

same age two years ago who, no doubt, will be a champion herself someday, brought a new level of interest to tennis.

That interest goes beyond the obvious, the hundreds of black fans suddenly sitting in a crowd that had always been a sea of white faces.

Even if there were thousands of black fans, as well there might be in years to come, that change would be little more than superficial.

What the Williams sisters brought goes deeper.

Their success, their unabashed cockiness, their youthful coolness from the beads in their hair to their revealing dresses, is capturing millions of young people, black and white, who might never have paid attention to the sport.

One indication: The television ratings for the women's final between Serena Williams and Martina Hingis were up 92 percent over last year, when another American, Lindsay Davenport, beat Hingis.

Unlike the 1990s when Althea Gibson shook tennis with her triumphs at Wimbledon and the formerly whites only West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, there is an opportunity now for tennis to broaden its roots to include players of all races.

That is precisely the goal of the U.S. Tennis Association's inner city program, the Arthur Ashe Foundation and John McEnroe, the new U.S. Davis Cup coach who is bound to add his own charisma to the resurgence in tennis.



Serena Williams holds her U.S. Open championship trophy after appearing on ABC's 'Good Morning America' Monday.

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An extension of love Jerome soup kitchen dishes up food to needy

By Kelly Bryant
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - When life is going well, it's sometimes easy to forget to empathize or show compassion to those whose lives are not. Theresa Mays observes.

"May, who is St. Jerome's director of Religious Education, turned her observation in action. More than six years ago, she called a Jerome Ministerial Administration Association meeting about helping people in need. Ten church organizations implemented a plan to open a soup kitchen. Sponsored by local churches, community groups and concerned citizens, Jerome's Soup Kitchen, located at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, opened its doors on Feb. 17, 1993.

Mays, who also is soup kitchen coordinator, says that serving food is an expression of love to those going through rough times.

"They are just like me or you - they have children like me - look like me - they just need help," she says.

Serving groups take turns preparing the bi-weekly meals. Serving teams meet at St. Jerome's Parish Hall to begin preparation at 4 p.m.

Soup kitchen volunteers Katherine and Emmett Broillette belong to St. Jerome's Gays and Dolls serving group. Actively involved for four years, Katherine enjoys the time spent at the soup kitchen.

"It is an honor to serve people. Life is

Jerome Soup Kitchen

If you would like to donate fresh garden products, your time or financial assistance please call Theresa Mays at 324-8784. The kitchen is open between 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at St. Jerome Parish Hall, 216 2nd Avenue East.

so uncertain - [it] could be you or me tomorrow," Katherine says.

Volunteers also enjoy the camaraderie, meet new friends and feel hopeful when they see a turn over in the patronage because that means the diners' circumstances many have improved, she says. Volunteering is not a burdensome commitment, Barbara Hosma adds.

Special dinners are served to celebrate holidays and at Christmas Santa Claus is likely to make an appearance.

Marge Nutsch prepares the menu in advance, allowing an hour-and-a-half for preparation. She has all the ingredients waiting for the serving team, although a couple of Jerome's youth groups supply their own food, helping to stretch the pantry's shelves a little farther.

And the pantry's shelves are indeed stretched, considering they serve approximately 45 to 150 meals per night. The Jerome Soup Kitchen served 6,326 meals in 1998.

Mays and Nutsch go shopping about



Jeanette Strunk, left, and Wignola O'Neil help prepare food at the Jerome Soup Kitchen which serve between 45 to 150 meals to needy people.

every other month to restock the pantry, and the soup kitchen receives donations of bread and dairy products from various Magic Valley retailers.

"We are a bit unusual because we are self-sponsored and community based,"

Mays says.

The only aid the soup kitchen receives is through FEMA, a federal government assistance program.

The kitchen volunteers know they are there to solve the problems of people

in need, Mays says.

They just want people to know that they are not alone in their circumstances by offering support and love, she says, "and maybe a little light to brighten a dark corner."

Senior drivers offer a ride, companionship

By B.J. Bryant
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Winifred Stombugh injured her foot and has trouble driving. But she still gets around thanks to friendly, volunteer senior drivers.

Need help or want to volunteer?

If you are a resident of Burley and are interested in helping out, call the Burley Senior Center at 735-2122. A driver's license is required for the volunteer job.



Lois Poppellwell, left, helps Winifred Stombugh into a van as Helen Temple waits in the passenger seat. Poppellwell is a longtime volunteer who helps drive seniors who need a ride.

for both the volunteers and the clients.

"The program is designed to get seniors who are active out and help others," the program director, Kirby Andrews says. "It is a program to get seniors to interact."

Whether it is the interaction with other seniors or the fact the program keeps them busy, Andrews says the program helps to keep both the volunteers and the clients happy.

"SAS volunteers not only get seniors out to do the essentials, such as shopping and doctor visits, but also provide company to their peers while easing the reliance of the elderly on their relatives, coordinators say. The program is also beneficial for seniors with family who don't live in the area.

"I like talking to the people," says Stombugh, who has a car and a license but has not been driving again since a fall broke her foot. "It gets me out and away from home."

SAS volunteers and their passengers

are insured through the program. Volunteers, though donating their time, are reimbursed for their mileage. The volunteers are not trained medically, however, and are not allowed to help elderly people who require assistance walking or are confined to wheelchairs.

Lois Poppellwell, Andrews' most regular driver, drives seniors to all of their important destinations. Poppellwell even drives seniors to Twin Falls for doctor appointments. When traveling outside the area, she brings her husband along for the ride.

"Lois is great," Andrews says. "She will drive any time, anywhere."

"You get really attached to them,"

adds Andrews about the seniors she drives. "I love it. The only thing I don't like about it is when I lose one."

Even after two surgeries of her own, Poppellwell couldn't be kept from hitting the road. Just one week after one surgery, Poppellwell was ready to drive again, but her doctor advised her to avoid driving at least for a few weeks, Andrews says.

The SAS program is in need of more volunteers because there are many other seniors who need help, coordinators say.

"People don't realize this 'till they need it," Andrews says, "a couple of hours a week help out a lot."

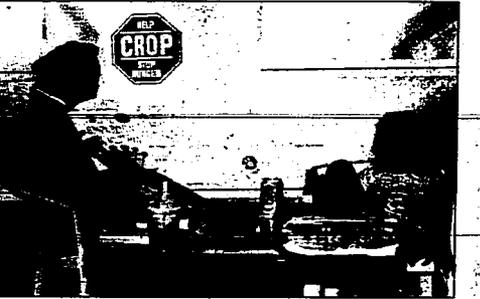
Crop Walk event meets local, national hunger needs

RUPERT - Thirty years ago, Elise Brown of Rupert saw a line of starvation when she and her husband spent several years in Africa.

Brown and Vivian Parrish of Karno were guest speakers at a recent meeting for the annual CROP Walk, which raises money to stop world hunger.

Want to Volunteer?

Help to volunteer, call 735-2122. The National Rehabilitation Awareness Week begins at 10:00 a.m. on September 14th.



Ajitl Wanch meets a story to Rigout Page during a halt in the traffic at the Cassia County Fair. Wanch is the Burley First Christian Church's CROP Walk recruiter. The food-raising event will be held Sept. 26 and follow a route from Burley and Rupert to north of Heyburn.

where it has an alternative and alternative now than years ago, a CROP Walk press release says.

Africans are still plagued with weakness and protein deficiency.

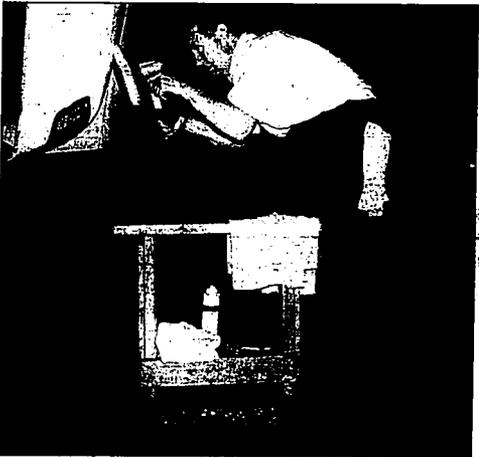
Brown said the group that the group that in the areas of Africa, they visited, women do all the farming. There are no free schools and no free health care. A construction worker earns \$1.50 per day.

Parrish is the Southern Idaho CROP co-coordinator. She showed a film describing the ongoing work to re-plant malnutrition in Africa using the Mimosa Tree, a native African tree.

Money raised by volunteers in CROP

Walks is used worldwide. Twenty-five per cent of the money raised locally stays in this area, coordinators say. Proceeds this year will be divided with

Helping Hands Mission receiving 10 percent, the Christian Council receiving 10 percent, and the Ministerial Association, 5 percent.



Ferrell Wannemaker puts the finishing touches on a semi tractor at the work services building at Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, which celebrates National Rehabilitation Awareness Week.

MVRS celebrates National Rehabilitation Awareness Week

By Kellie Gaston
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Disabled people in the Magic Valley didn't have a wealth of options 26 years ago when it came to rehabilitation and learning work skills.

Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services (MVRS) says it helped change all that when it opened its doors to area residents.

"Our primary mission is to place people in the community, and integrate them socially and financially," says Jeff Crumrine, executive director.

MVRS is celebrating National Rehabilitation Awareness Week this week in an effort by rehab organizations to gain exposure and spotlight the accomplishments made by clients in overcoming disabilities and injuries to regain workplace skills, and learn new ones.

MVRS is a private agency serving the eight counties of the Magic Valley. Employees assist the physically and mentally challenged, the mentally ill, and those people with debilitating physical injuries to learn-and/or relearn workplace skills.

State agencies such as the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the Welfare to Work Program, and the Idaho Works Program team up with MVRS in placing clients with employers and career opportunities, the organization says. MVRS employees provide support and assistance to the client and employer who hires the client for days, weeks, and sometimes years.



D.J. Snyder (left), practices the proper procedure for calling 911 while therapy technician Allan Dover guides him through the process.

refers to its clients.

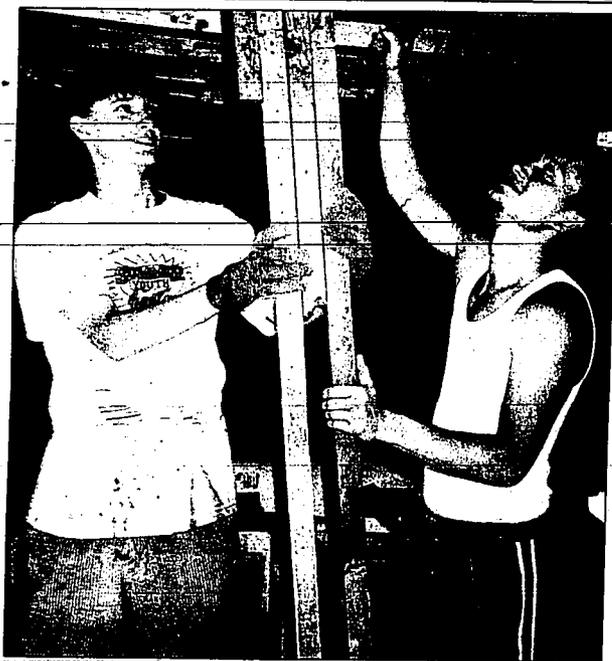
MVRS receives some of its income from on-site rehabilitation services. As a private nonprofit agency, some of the biggest challenges facing MVRS are funds availability, an expanded market, and more competition, Crumrine says.

"The challenges now are lot different now than they were when we opened up," Crumrine says. "Money was more readily available then, and aggressive marketing is increasingly important as the competition has grown and changed."

Some 50 million Americans with physical and mental challenges have benefited from rehab centers like MVRS, says Tom Carley, honorary chairperson of the 1999 National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration.

"The value of this program is seeing people progress and improve," Crumrine says. "You get to know the client over the years, and it's rewarding to visit with them here at the center and see how they're doing."

COMMUNITY



Volunteers, from left to right, James Stewart and Greg Cheney, both of Twin Falls, rebuild a house at the Valley House temporary shelter.

Groups help Valley House

TWIN FALLS - Valley House of Twin Falls are rebuilding cottages, with the help of church groups from the Magic Valley, St. Cloud, Minn., and Salem, Ore., organizers say.

The Job Training Partnership Act, through Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services, coordinate teen volunteers to help tear down the old cottages and rebuild them with improved materials and designs, organizers say. Volunteers also repaired and repainted fences, planted flowers, and tended vegetables and shrubs on Valley House grounds.

Valley House, a non-profit agency, is having a birchhouse sale at the Thousand Springs Festival Sept. 25 and 26, to raise funds for community projects. Valley House is also a United Way recipient.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
 616 Eastland Drive
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
 Tuesday: Last summer picnic of 1998, hot dogs and ice cream sundae.
 Wednesday: Corned beef and cabbage, stewed veggies, fruit salad, rolls, cake.
 Thursday: Beef finger steak, potatoes/gravy, winter mix veggies, apple salad, rolls, cook's choice dessert.
 Friday: Fish or chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, tossed salad, muffins, dessert.
 Monday: Meat loaf or liver, potatoes/gravy, peas w/ onions, cottage cheese w/fruit, bread, lemon squares.

Activities
 Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color selection, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Tuesday: Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon
 Pinochle club
 Wednesday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Friday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Lunch bingo
 Monday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
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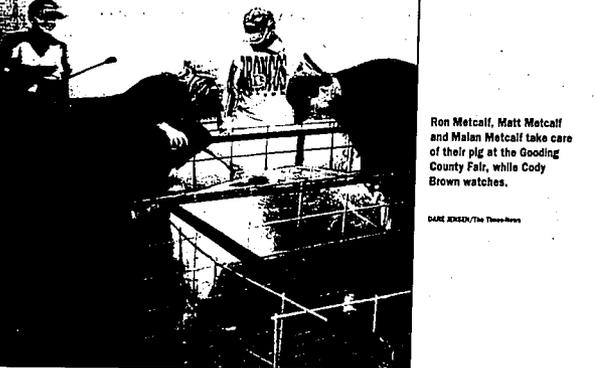
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Dinner meal at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50. Sundays, 7 to 9 seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 seniors \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday night and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.
 Tuesday: Meat loaf, potatoes/gravy, veggies, chili, slaw, rolls, bread pudding.
 Wednesday: Cook's choice.
 Thursday: Barbecue chicken legs, potato salad, veggie salad, squash, cherry crisp.
 Friday: Fish fry, cream puffs.
 Monday: Depression class, veggies, mandarin salad, rolls, fruit.

Activities
 Thrift shop open every day.
 Tuesday: Exercises 7 to 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m.
 Quilting 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Board meeting 1 p.m.
 Wednesday: Exercises 7 to 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m.
 Thursday: Exercises 7 to 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m.
 Quilting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bingo 1 to 3 p.m.
 Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.
 Cards at 6 p.m.
 Friday: Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m.
 Saturday: Community breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m., adults \$2.50, kids under 6, \$1.50.
 Sunday: Music at 12:30 p.m.
 Buffet at 1 p.m. Swiss steak.
 Monday: Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
 Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.
 Cards at 6 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven
 707 Main St., Filer
 Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
 Tuesday: Cube steak.
 Thursday: Hot beef sandwich.
 Friday: Enchilada casserole, activities.
 Wednesday: Exercises at 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday: Exercise at 11 p.m.

Agless Senior Citizens Inc.
 531 Main St., Kimberly
 Wednesday: Lasagna.
 Friday: Bunst beef, birthday dinner.
 Monday: Wieners and sauerkraut.
 Wednesday: Blood pressure check.
 Thursday: Cards at 1 p.m.
 Friday: B.J. and friends, 10:30 a.m.
 Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
 Birthday dinner at noon.
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Saturday: Mail sale - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A SWINE TIME



Ron Metcalf, Matt Metcalf and Malen Metcalf take care of their pig at the Gooding County Fair, while Cody Brown watches.

Gooding Public Library begins fall story hour

GOODING - The Gooding Public Library is beginning fall story hour at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Library, located at 306 5th Ave. W. in Gooding. Children ages 3 to 5-year olds and their parents are invited to attend.

For more information, call the Gooding Public Library at 934-4089.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Valley Better Breather's Club meets at noon Sept. 14 at the Office on Aging Annex on the CSI campus, at 206 Washington St. N.
 Meeting topics include "Types of White Crispens and Safety Tips While Traveling" with speaker Joyce Simcoe of Desert Sun Travel.
 Monday, September, call Vickie Ellis-Dry at 534-4811, Ext. 256.

United Way kicks off campaign with breakfast
 TWIN FALLS - The United Way will start its annual campaign with "Days of Caring" activities, and a community breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Gerie's Back Oven Cakery in Twin Falls.
 Cost is \$3.00 for breakfast, and reservations aren't necessary. The public is invited to attend.
 For more information, call Dana Reed at 733-4672.

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Stanley is site of 23rd annual quilt festival

STANLEY - The town of Stanley unfurls the 23rd Annual Sawtooth Mountain Mamas Quilt Festival Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at the Community Center on Highway 21 in Stanley.
 More than 40 original quilts and wall hanging will be on display from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.
 Karen Combs, quilter, teacher, and author, will give classes on quilting method and design from 1-4 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday.
 Admission is \$2.50 for adults and children under age 12 are admitted free. Price of admission gives participants a chance to win door prizes, including a queen-size quilt or a smaller baby quilt. The drawing for the quilts is at 2 p.m. Sunday and one does not need to be present to win.
 For more information on quilting classes, call 774-3650.

CSI offers wellness classes at Bailey branch
 BAILEY - The College of Southern Idaho is offering wellness classes for the fall semester at the Elaine County Center, located at 115 S. Main St. in Bailey.
 Among the courses available are:
 Yoga, starting Oct. 6.
 See-Think-Do-Know for adults, starting today.
 Acupuncture training, starting Oct. 10.
 Drums - ritual and healing, beginning Oct. 12 and 30.
 Self-Defense - a 6-week program entitled, "Attaining Your Desired Weight," and "The Power of Self-Hypnosis in Your Life."
 "Spirituality for the New Millennium," is new and a three-session discussion course focusing on how spirituality has changed and how to gain a new perspective about the same, coordinators say. Three community spiritual leaders will be speakers and facilitators for the course.
 For more information, or to register, call 332-6222.

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- FOCUS ON PEOPLE -

Twin Falls educator receives education grant
 Rene Husbargen, a teacher at Lincoln Elementary in Twin Falls, received a forest education grant from the Idaho Forest Products Commission in Boise.
 Husbargen's proposed project will be traveling to kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms to conduct science enrichment courses, where students will study forest food chains by dissecting owl pellets.
 Fifteen educators received a \$2,800 grant to help implement forest-related education projects in Idaho schools.

Area residents earn spots on ISU '99 dean's list
 Gail Kohntopp of Filer, and Lauren Warburton of Twin Falls, earned spots on the summer 1999 dean's list of the College of Arts and Sciences at Idaho State University in Pocatello.
 To qualify for the summer session dean's list, students must complete six credit hours, and receive a grade point average of 3.66 or higher.

Twin Falls resident begins basic training in Kentucky
 Army Pvt. Brent E. Jenkins, son of Earl and Brenda Jenkins of Twin Falls, arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic combat training.
 During the eight weeks of training, Jenkins will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics,

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

ShopKo explores economic strategy

GREEN BAY, Wis. — ShopKo Stores Inc. said Monday it has signed an agreement with IBM Global Services to explore the integration of electronic commerce into ShopKo's core retailing strategies.

With IBM, we hope to develop a rational and systematic approach to electronic commerce," said William Podany, ShopKo's (NYSE: SKO) president and chief executive officer. "It is our intention to use e-commerce as a means of profitably leveraging our existing retail success, enhancing our offering to customers at 310 ShopKo and Pamida stores in 22 states."

Those stores include a ShopKo in Twin Falls. ShopKo has been testing e-commerce on its website, selling primarily Green Bay Packers licensed merchandise online since April 1997. The company said it has received online orders from all 50 states and believes there is opportunity to expand its retail base beyond ShopKo's current operating region via the World Wide Web.

Aqua Vie names brand strategist to council

KETCHUM — Thomas Gillespie, president and chief executive officer of Aqua Vie Beverages Corp., said Monday the company has named brand strategist Gary J. Niles to its corporate strategic council.

Niles was previously executive vice president of marketing for Galoob Inc., a toy company recently sold to Hasbro Toys for \$200 million. He now heads an international organization providing specialized consulting to executives and creative talent in the entertainment industry, Ketchum-based Aqua Vie (OTC BB:AVCO) said. "Niles, known internationally throughout his industry as an extraordinarily innovative marketing and product development executive, has a track record of success built upon an innate knowledge of the target audience and the ability to instill this knowledge throughout the organization," the company said.

Music Makers Piano Studio moves to new location

TWIN FALLS — The Music Makers Piano Studio recently moved to a new location at 213 Third Ave. S.

Formerly in the Keith Jorgensen's music store, Sandra Robinson's fast-growing studio needed a larger space, she said. Instead of the traditional one teacher-one pupil learning method, Robinson instructs students in groups of four to six, using six electronic digital pianos. Students take lessons with their mothers and have 30-45 minutes of playing for others, Robinson said. Classes do include time for each student to receive individual help.

In Robinson's business, she also uses a variety of board and memory games to teach music theory.

Music Makers Piano Studio is taking registrations for ages preschool through adult. For information, call 735-8383.

Compiled from staff reports

Blaine County homes send valley's construction values way up in July

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For the second month, Magic Valley's construction activity shot up in July — this time, boosted skyward by big residential projects in Blaine County.

The value of new permits issued in July rose by \$6.2 million — that's 33 percent — from July 1998 for selected areas of the Magic Valley, said Friday's Security Bank's latest statewide

report. Blaine County, Ketchum, Shoshone, Cassia County, Rupert and Minidoka County showed improvement over year-ago numbers.

Twin Falls, Twin Falls County, Gooding, Hailey, Sun Valley and Jerome lost ground.

Local construction values skyrocketed by 60 percent in June, thanks in part to the new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. But total values had fallen 19 percent in May from a year previous; that descent already

was slowing from April's 40 percent plunge.

July was bright elsewhere in the state, as well.

"Idaho's construction industry reported another excellent month in July," said Kelly Matthews, the First Security economist who authors the monthly Idaho Construction Report. "Total construction value at \$184.5 million gained 10 percent in July — the third consecutive month of double-digit gains."

Construction values

Magic Valley's construction-permit values		
Totals for all construction types		
AREA	July '99	July '98
Gooding	\$15,795	\$4,871
Hailey	\$3,595,542	\$2,319,863
Ketchum	\$3,858,800	\$3,781,500
Sun Valley	\$1,653,000	\$2,156,000
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	\$10,294,800	\$2,862,700
Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	\$210,132	\$425,747
Shoshone	\$96,500	\$72,000
Twin Falls	\$2,478,207	\$4,081,819
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	\$1,640,564	\$1,670,002
Cassia County (entire county)	\$1,231,116	\$985,305
Rupert	\$259,035	\$21,005
Minidoka County (unincorporated portion)	\$2,714,367	\$776,427
Total	\$25,045,841	\$18,962,239

Source: Idaho Construction Report by First Security Bank July report is most recent available.

The state's number of single-family permits slipped modestly, he said, but July values for those Please see HOMES, Page D2

Ain't life Grand

Tetons add beauty, dollars to Jackson Hole

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — Millions visit Jackson Hole to see them. Others come just to climb them. Homeowners install huge picture windows to have a view of them.

The striking beauty of Grand Teton and the surrounding mountain range is drawing more and more people to visit and live in the valley.

But the Tetons, protected by Grand Teton National Park and two national forests, offer more than sheer beauty. They also constitute one of Jackson Hole's greatest economic assets.

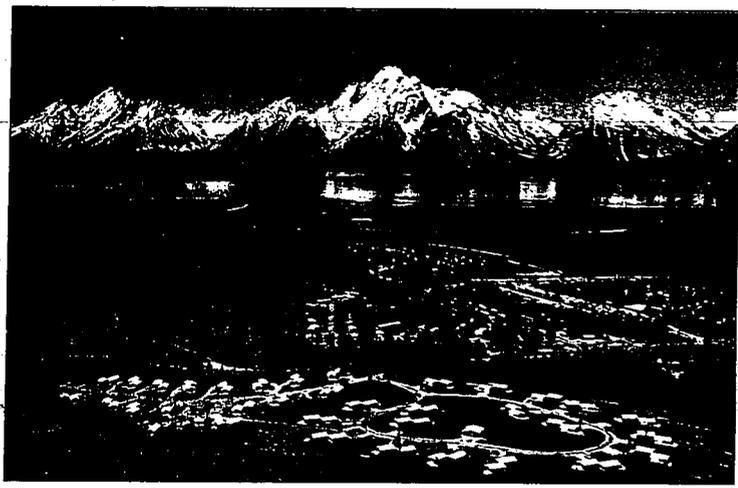
"We wouldn't be here without the Tetons," said Phil Powers, one of the owners of Jackson Hole Mountain Guides. "We are all here in this valley because of the Grand Teton. Most of us make our living off of the tourism that is associated with it."

People drawn to the Tetons spend their dollars in many ways, whether on a guide service like Powers', an entrance fee to Grand Teton National Park, lodging, food, a souvenir T-shirt or perhaps a home. Pinning down an exact figure on the economic impact is difficult.

"I think a dollar amount would be interesting, but the figure would be so arbitrary it would be worthless," said Chet Knobe, president of the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce board of directors. "Let's just say the park has a significant impact on the economy of Jackson Hole."

Park visitors brought in more than \$3 million in gate receipts last year. The park is also one of the valley's largest employers with a year-round staff of 125 people, and an additional 210 seasonal workers.

"The economic impact is huge. It is one of the largest workforces in Wyoming,"



The Jackson Lake Lodge is nestled inside Grand Teton National Park, Wyo. The striking beauty of Grand Teton and the surrounding range is drawing more and more people to visit and live in the valley.

park spokeswoman Joan Anzelmo said. Although lesser, the financial impact of

other businesses is similar and cumulative — and due to the Tetons.

"If they weren't here," Knobe said, "we probably wouldn't be here."

Voice behind U S West's voice-mail service speaks up

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER — The voice sounds familiar. Very familiar.

But she's not saying what she's famous for saying: "You have no new messages." She's saying, "I try to visualize the listener."

That's a lot of listeners, since Jody Svitek's voice is heard 100 million times a week in North America — as ubiquitous as that of Rush Limbaugh.

Svitek works for a number of clients but is perhaps best known as the current voice of the Baby Bells' voice mail systems — the virtual attendant managing the phone messages of the masses.

"You have had the following message saved for 100 days, the maximum time

allowed."

That's Svitek again. Her digitally recorded voice never seems to tire. "When I feel a strain in the vocal cords, I take some raw ginger, slice it and chew it, but don't swallow," she said in a recent interview from her home in Plano, Texas.

"It's a herbal remedy that reduces inflammation." Her voice, as they say of singers, is her instrument. She's from the Midwest, with perhaps the perfect lineage to become the voice of voice mail. Her father was an executive with the Bell phone system; her mother, an English teacher.

Svitek has no discernible dialect or regional ties. She doesn't say, "You've had no new messages," and she doesn't say, "To change your personal options, y'all press four." As important, her voice doesn't cause "talk off." That's the phenomenon by which a voice, usually high-pitched, sounds to the voice mail system like the pound key or some other command, sending a caller into voice mail jail.

Technically, the qualities required to be the voice of voice mail include tone, clarity, cadence, pronunciation, pitch and intonation. The last item, not to be confused with ritual incantation, is a term in

the trade that describes the ability to speak in one-word bits, or short phrases, that can be strung together electronically and still sound natural.

So, whether you hear Svitek say, "You have three new messages" or "You have no new messages," the voice mail message sounds consistent.

Entering a recording studio in Menlo Park, Calif., two years ago, she confronted a playback 2 inches thick, filled with several thousand voice prompts to record. It took six straight days, monitored by voice coaches and engineers from Lucent Technologies, to get it all done.

"It was like 'Groundhog Day,'" said Svitek, referring to the Bill Murray movie

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Racing fans can profit from surging popularity

By Dunstan Prial The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Forget about football. Forget about baseball. And don't even think about professional wrestling. Auto racing is the fastest-growing spectator sport in America.

So it's not surprising that investors have sought to capitalize on that popularity by investing in companies that provide the financial backbone for the auto racing industry.

One way to do that is through StockCar Stocks Index Fund. This no-load mutual fund invests in 59 companies that are sponsors of or derive part of their revenue from the NASCAR Winston Cup racing series, the largest auto racing circuit in the United States.

The fund's diversified holdings range from the beer and cigarette companies that sponsor NASCAR racing teams to the large soft drink makers that sponsor the actual races. The fund also includes owners of the radio and television stations that broadcast the races.

The fund of stocks covers a lot of ground — from such blue chip companies of the Dow Jones industrial average as the financial maker DuPont to profitable upstarts such as Action Performance Cos., a merchandiser of NASCAR-related souvenirs. John Allen, StockCar Stocks' 27-year-old founder and chief executive, said the fund can serve as a complementary investment for NASCAR fans who already have a broad-based portfolio, or as a first-time investment for racing fans seeking a safe index fund whose stocks they are familiar with.

"Any NASCAR fan will be familiar with most of the companies in the fund. They buy their products every day," Allen said. The fund manager noted that 40 of the 59 stocks included in StockCar Stocks are also included in the Standard & Poor's 500 index, a widely used benchmark for mutual fund performance. And 13 of the stocks are fixtures of the 30-member

Dow Jones industrial average. Performance has been steady if not spectacular. Since its inception last Oct. 1, the fund has risen 24 percent, well below the 39 percent rise in the S&P 500 during the past 12 months.

Even so, Robert Hagstrom, a senior vice president of Legg Mason Fund Advisors and author of a book titled "The NASCAR Way: The Business that Drives the Sport," says it may be more profitable for investors to look instead for a niche in the racing world that stands to gain more directly from the sport's growing popularity.

Specifically, Hagstrom points to the race tracks where NASCAR events are held, three of which — Dover Downs Entertainment, International Speedway Corp. and Speedway Motorsports Inc. — are publicly traded companies. All three are included in the StockCar Stocks fund.

Hagstrom said the race track companies are potentially lucr-

ative investments by themselves because they own the television rights to the races held in their parks. And with more and more Americans tuning in to racing, new TV contracts could serve as a huge economic windfall for the companies that own the tracks, he said. Indeed, the three race track stocks included in the fund have jumped an average of 96 percent during the past year. Speedway Motorsports, for example, which owns five race tracks, including ones in such major Southern cities as Atlanta and Charlotte, N.C., has seen its stock rise 187 percent since last September.

"These companies derive 100 percent of their revenues from the phenomenon of motor sports," Hagstrom said.

By comparison, many of the other companies included in the StockCar Stocks fund get just a fraction of their revenues from the sport. That means their stocks are not only vulnerable to factors not related to racing, but they won't fully realize the benefits of racing's surging popularity, Hagstrom said.

Stocks end mostly lower as technology investors seek profits

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended a lackluster session with mixed results Monday as investors stepped back from Friday's rally in technology shares. The Dow industrials struggled to a slight gain, but most stocks ended lower as the dollar sank to a new three-year low against the Japanese yen.

After a falling in a narrow range for much of the session, the Dow Jones industrial average

rose 1.90 points to close at 11,690.33.

Broader stock indicators were lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 7.53 to 4,344.13, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 42.29 to 2,844.77.

Traders said investors, who sent the technology-dominated Nasdaq to a new closing record of 2,857.05 on Friday, were ready to sell Monday in hopes of capturing profits.

Homes

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homes rose 12.4 percent. The Magic Valley jumped farther by far, with average new-home values 66 percent higher than a year ago.

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Among July's new-home permits, the least expensive in Blaine County was a \$250,000 cabin. Five were valued at more than \$500,000, in different subdivisions scattered throughout the central part of the county, Jewell said.

"We have big projects in Blaine County," she said. "And most of that money isn't from Idaho. Four of the owners of the month's five

top-valued homes are from out of state, she said. Meanwhile, Ketchum issued permits for seven-apartment units in July, and Casco County issued two. A year earlier, Halley posted two apartment permits and Twin Falls permitted 16 — helping soften Twin Falls' rental market and lowering rents.

Gooding had no new residential building for the month.

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US West

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about a man who experiences the same day, the same faces and the same voices, over and over again.

Sometimes, performing at a public event or charity function, Svitek will be talking on stage. In the audience, a businessman who's not paying much attention will pull out his cellular phone to check his e-mail. The camera dawns on the dude that he's hearing the same voice in two different places: in one ear from his phone and in the other ear from the stage.

"I have had some fun with it," Svitek said. "And some people when I first meet them tell me I have a good voice and should use it professionally. I think them for the tip."

Svitek's voice talent became evident at Tigon, a Dallas company where she worked as a corporate recruiter and began recording voice mail scripts in 1991. Tigon was later bought by Global Communications, which was bought by Lucent Technologies in 1997. Svitek auditioned her voice skills for Lucent, which is the worldwide leader in voice mail technology and main vendor to Baby Bells, including U.S. West.

Svitek has worked as a voice-for-hire on political campaign calls and for disaster recovery projects, which allow people to dial in and receive recorded news and safety updates after a disaster. When Svitek pitches herself for jobs, there's a dichotomy among clients.

"Half the time, they want to see head shots," she said, referring to promotional photos that are typically part of an actor's application for a role. "Half the time, they don't."

Since the Menlo Park recording session, Svitek's library of voice prompts has slowly been rolled out to voice mail systems across the United States and Canada, according to Tara Finney of Lucent Technologies Octel Messaging Division in Millis, Calif.

The changoever in U.S. West's territory, including Denver, began earlier this year.

"After you have a change, you do get responses," said Finney. "They like it better or they don't like it as much. People really do become attached to the voice interface."

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Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, High, Low, Vol, Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks and their performance on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and a DAILY summary.

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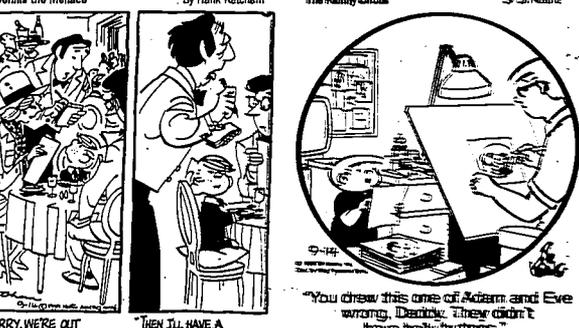


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How 2 hand-helds compare

Hand-held computers are becoming popular with consumers. Most offers planning, TOC/odex and e-mail functions, with the ability to connect to desktop PCs. How two popular entry-level models compare:

■ When choosing any hand-held computer, buy with the option of returning the device if not satisfied. Since a hand-held will be a portable device, consider the ruggedness of any product.

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SOURCE: Royal.com, AR Partners, Palm.com

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Yahoo offers online billing

San Jose Mercury News

The world's most popular Internet gateway is moving to beef up the personal finance area of the site by letting customers pay all of their bills online. Santa Clara-based Yahoo Inc. will charge a monthly fee for the service, which is being offered through a partnership with CheckFree Corp. Yahoo becomes the second major portal to provide bill payment. In July, Microsoft Corp.'s MSN started a free service that allows consumers to receive and pay bills from 20 companies that have signed up and paid for that service.

Online bill payment has been a standard feature of banks' Web sites and personal finance programs such as Intuit Corp.'s Quicken for some time. But analysts say that portals, anxious to attract and keep the millions of registered users to their sites, will push into this market. They also said the next big trend will be delivering bills via the Web, so that consumers no longer have to deal with paper bills.

"Online billing is potentially an enormous business," said Robert Sterling, an analyst at Jupiter Communications Inc. in New York. "The presentation part is the sexiest part, because it is still in, aligpote, and is formless. The payment space is pretty much dominated by CheckFree, which was a pioneer in electronic payments, first through the phone, then through proprietary desktop applications and now the Web."

Jupiter estimates that the number of consumer bills delivered online will reach 130 million this year and grow to 2 billion by 2003, or roughly 13 percent of all bills. About 3.5 million households in the United States will pay bills online this year, Jupiter predicts, rising to 18.4 million by 2003.

When they sign up for the service, Yahoo users can set up a list of payments - either recurring ones such as monthly mortgage or car payment - or one-time charges. They also need to list their bank account numbers and bank routing numbers.

Atlanta-based CheckFree will handle the transactions for Yahoo.

How about a little office humor?

By The Virtual Woman
Knight Ridder News Service

For anyone who's looked, there are scads of sites out there dedicated to office humor. One of the

best ones I've run across is Jim's Joke Repository located at <http://decon.rutgers.edu/jimpojokes/>. For some recent job-related humor, click on the Business Jokes link to the left.

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CD plugs those interested into dance lessons

By Noah Matthews
Knight-Ridder News Service

The last time I was on a dance floor, I executed a sort of twirl, only to discover that my partner had seized the moment and fled, huddling on what was left of her feet.

Just as I am not a golfer, an engineer, a guitar player, a pianist and many other things, dancing, beyond the two-step, is as natural for me as reading the *Blind in Larvian*.

Such is why "Learn to Dance and Swing," a collection of videos and patient instructions may be my last chance to learn how to do the Lindy, the Charleston, the Shimmy, the Eight-Count Jig Kick, the West Coast Swing, the East Coast Swing - in short, to swing.

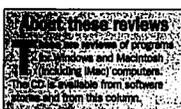
"Learn to Dance and Swing" will run on any version of Windows (as long as you have 32 megabytes of random-access memory), including Windows NT and Macintosh computers with at least 32 megs of RAM.

It installs easily and runs directly from the CD. After a brief history of swing, you start exercises and lessons.

Your teacher is a swing expert, who leads you through the basics of each step, with closeups. If you've seen, you'll enjoy those lessons a few dozen times before actually trying them out with your bride. Then you'll go back to your computer and practice the steps a few dozen more times at her request.

After watching closeups of the steps (complete with voiceover describing each step), the instruc-

Software review



tor and her partner get out on the dance floor and well swing.

Dance historians will want to check out the glossary of swing musicians, terms and events. A trivia quiz will help you cool down between lessons.

I'm not saying I could hold my own on a dance floor with big band accompaniment, but I can certainly shimmy like my Uncle Sam.

Teed off? This Easy Golf CD may provide some relief

Every so often we realize that we're out of our league, this time in a major way.

While your hero has dazzled his kids with holes-in-one on miniature golf courses, he never made it past the first tee at a beautiful course in North Dakota. We're hoping there is a statute of limitations on butchering a golf course,

and that it's long run out. If not, the groundskeepers can contact my editor, who knows where to reach me.

Meanwhile, we'll hunt for a country that doesn't extradite lost golfers.

The subject this week, sports fans, is golf. Easy Golf, an extraordinary CD that is perfect for the new golfer - before he gets on the course. (If I had had this CD way back when, I wouldn't have been on the lam all these years.)

Easy Golf assumes you know even less than I do about the game. It starts with a history that goes back to Scotland, then brings you up to date. It's a little-known fact that the Song of Norway developed the game, and Leif Ericsson brought it to the New World. (Just kidding.)

After you learn history and terms of golf, you go onto a section that gives you tips on choosing clubs, both iron and social. The CD emphasizes that while golf started as a solitary game between man and nature (oh, those wild, gregarious Scots), it has since degenerated into something like quilting.

Never mind that, since you are still at one with the ball, the green and the nearest sand trap.

In no time at all, you will be at the point of getting tips from a golf pro. This is done via videos

that play directly from the CD-ROM. You'll learn how to stand, how to hit the ball and even how to keep score. If you don't quite understand a lesson, you can go back as many times as you wish - the instructors are as patient as oneself.

Easy Golf CD can be run on any version of Windows (as long as you have at least 8 megs of RAM), Macintosh computers with System 7 or later, and it will even run on OS2 and Windows NT. Installation of the CD is a snap, and it includes all the programs you need for full-motion video. The program itself is menu-driven, so that even a novice can navigate the CD with ease. As for the really important part - getting out on the course - this is as good a preparation as you're going to find for the money.

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Mystery bomb blasts trigger fear in Russian capital

Newsday

MOSCOW - Far the second time in less than a week, a massive explosion turned an apartment building here into a pile of rubble and burning, but this time eliminated any doubt as to the cause: Terrorism has grabbed hold of the Russian capital, killing its own people and children and sending a shiver of panic throughout the city.

Striking early in the morning Monday, as most people were sleeping or getting ready for work, the explosion blew through a nine-story building, leaving an estimated 109 people

trapped beneath the rubble and presumed dead. After excavating just half the building, authorities said they already had counted at least 70 bodies, bringing the known death count for the two blasts to more than 160 and rising.

Though no one is certain who is responsible, political and criminal sources have been rejected and the prevailing theory now is that three explosions - including one in Dagestan Sept. 4 in which more than 60 people were killed - are directly linked to the armed conflict over Dagestan, where Islamic extremists are hoping to set up

an independent state.

An Aug. 31 explosion at a Moscow shopping mall, while not directly tied to the Dagestan conflict, has added to the panic. Forty-one people were injured in that blast; one of them died several days later. No one has claimed responsibility but Russian news agencies reported that a suspect was detained.

Embarrassed, shocked and grasping for some way to respond after Monday's explosion, President Boris N. Yeltsin called for federal and city officials to inspect every basement and storage area in 30,000 buildings in Moscow

within 24 hours and to increase security in all Russian cities, railways, nuclear plants and markets.

"The criminals have come out with a new challenge against the Russian people," Yeltsin said, as he slowly read from prepared remarks in a nationally televised address, on what had been declared a day of mourning for the earlier victims.

"They act like wild beasts, creeping in and killing sleeping victims, murdering women, children and old people. They are too scared to come out openly and take responsibility for their actions."



Seen through the blasted-through window of an adjacent kindergarten, rescue workers and other officials inspect the rubble after a blast tore apart a Moscow apartment building Monday.

Israelis, Palestinians, open talks

EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip (AP) - Six years to the day after Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat exchanged their historic White House handshake, Israelis and Palestinians opened talks Monday on a final peace accord - considered by many to be a last chance for peace.

The friendly atmosphere - including a smiling handshake between Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and chief Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas - belied the difficulties ahead.

After immersing themselves for years in details, number-crunching and moving pins on maps, negotiators from both sides now must confront their most deeply held beliefs.

Issues like Palestinian statehood, the rights of refugees and the status of Jerusalem go straight to how each side frames its past and views its future - and are all the more daunting for the one-year deadline the sides have set.

Monday's opening at a converted army base between Israel and the Gaza Strip came after two false starts toward final talks, in May 1996 and November 1998.

At a joint news conference after a brief meeting with Abbas, Levy said: "This agreement will bring to an end, God willing, the 100-year conflict that has caused so much suffering between Israel and the Palestinians."

"No one among us has illusions," he said. "We face a difficult task. The permanent status agreement is the final block in building peace, but it is the most complex of them all."

Abbas, Arafat's deputy, urged a speedy resolution, saying, "We cannot afford to lose more time, for lots of precious time was wasted."

The past was marked with denial. Let the future be based on mutual recognition of self-determination. It is time to feel. It is time to reconstruct. It is the time for peace and peacemakers."

The breadth of the talks dwarf last week's breakthrough agreement on prisoner releases and land transfers.

Quake kills seven, wounds 320 in Turkey

GOLCUK, Turkey (AP) - Terrified residents jumped from windows Monday as a strong aftershock jolted the same area of western Turkey where 15,000 people died in an earthquake last month. At least seven people died and more than 320 were injured.

In the hard-hit coastal town of Golcuk, one building damaged in the Aug. 17 temblor slid into the sea, apparently trapping four people who had gone inside to salvage their belongings.

Rescue workers from the civil defense, the military and a civilian rescue group were on a 6-foot concrete structure, pulling people from the water, pulling at the rubble. Navy divers searched the water.

"Our only chance is that they are out of the water," said rescue worker Emre Ayan.

Rescue workers were also pulling debris from at least one other site in Golcuk where survivors might be trapped.

The quake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.8 and was centered in Izmit, just northeast of Golcuk and some 50 miles southeast of Istanbul, the city's Kandilli Observatory reported.

"It was very disturbing," said John Augsburg, a structural engineer from Harrisonburg, Va. who was in Golcuk at the time of the aftershock. "We were right next to a building. It moved so much, it looked like rubber."

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U.S. Coast Guard starts aerial assault against drug-running boats

WASHINGTON (AP) - Coast Guard sharpshooters for the first time are firing from helicopters to disable fast drug-carrying boats on the high seas, officials said Monday. The previously classified operation has already netted more than 6 tons of cocaine and led to arrests of 13 accused smugglers.
Adm. James M. Loy, Coast Guard

commandant, said the operation is part of increased efforts to stop drugs from coming into the United States. The entire effort netted a record 53 tons of cocaine in the last year, officials said.
Loy said the sharpshooters pose no risk to fisherman or pleasure boaters in the Caribbean, where helicopters have stopped three boats in the last month.

The operation uses MH90 Enforcer helicopters leased commercially and specially equipped by the Coast Guard. Crews use nonlethal force to warn the boats and, if necessary, disable their engines with gunfire.
"We will use tactics whenever it is appropriate," Loy said at a news conference with Transportation Secretary

Rodney Slater and White House drug-control adviser Barry McCaffrey.
"If you're out there in the sea, we will not allow you to deal ... with impunity," McCaffrey said. Slater estimated the street value of cocaine confiscated since Sept. 30 would reach \$3.7 billion by the end of this month.
Coast Guard officials declined to give

many details of the latest interdiction strategy, but said they are disrupting the nearly 400 a year "go-fast" boats used by smugglers carrying cocaine and other drugs mostly from Colombia.
The program was outlined at a news conference outside Transportation Department headquarters, with one of the helicopters as a backdrop.

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SAUSAGES 3 Varieties **2/\$5**

Falls Brand
CHUNK BOLOGNA \$1.09
Falls Brand Semi Boneless
SMOKED HAM PORTIONS \$1.09

Bar-S
TASTY FRANKS 3/\$9.99
1 Lb. Pkg.

Herbest
TURKEY PASTRAMI \$1.59
4.5 Lb. Pkg.

Freschetta
PIZZA 2/\$9
Big 12 Inch
Crust Rises As It Bakes

Cream & Water
SOUR CREAM \$1.39
16 Oz. Tub

Banquet Frozen
POT PIES 3/\$1
7 Oz. Shell, Chicken, Turkey
CASE OF 24: \$38.00

Packaged Frozen
VEGGIES 79¢
16 Oz. Shrimp, Mixed, Peas, Corn, Broccoli, & Beans

Montezuma
ICE CREAM 2/\$5
Asst. 1/2 Gal.

Yoplait
YOGURT 2/\$1
Asst. 6 Oz.