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Canyon plans withdrawn

Developers start to draft a new proposal for hotel, convention center

By John T. Heddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The developers of a proposed hotel and convention center along the Snake River Canyon Rim want to show the community that they are serious about their plans. To show how serious, they have withdrawn their previous plan that they have enough community support to proceed.

Developer and consultant to Craig H. Nielsen and Co. of Las Vegas, said the company is drafting a new plan for a proposed hotel, convention center and retail outlet along the Snake River Canyon Rim. Nielsen, a former Twin Falls resident who now lives in Las Vegas, owns 25 acres west and 12 acres east of Blue Lakes Boulevard North along the canyon rim. Nielsen has outlined plans for two 275-room hotels, one with 225 rooms, the other 175 rooms, on 15 acres west of Blue Lakes Boulevard. Plans for the 12 acres

Hearing set

An Oct. 4 Twin Falls City Council public hearing on plans for a proposed hotel and convention center along the Snake River Canyon Rim has been postponed until further notice. Men Edmunds, consultant to developer Craig H. Nielsen, will discuss the Canyon Rim project with members of the Magic Valley Builders Association 7 p.m. today at Cheateague Canyon Springs Inn.

The developers officially withdrew the plans until further notice in a letter to the city planning and zoning commission Friday, said Renee Caraway, city planning and zoning assistant.

Many people in the community have expressed an interest in seeing what a longer trailer than taller hotel would look like, Edmunds said. "We want to go out into the community and educate people," he said. Please see CANYON, Page A2

Quake rattles governor

Boise - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne was asleep early Tuesday morning in a top-floor room of Taipei's 75-story Grand Hyatt Regency when a 6.9-magnitude quake hit the island of Taiwan.

Neither Kempthorne nor any other member of the Idaho trade delegation he is accompanying were injured. "We've been through quite an experience," a shaken Kempthorne, calling via satellite telephone from the street outside his hotel, told The Associated Press about an hour later. "I think many of us thought we might be done for." Kempthorne said he struggled to reach a door jamb and rode out the quake, then made his way out through a series of after-shocks.



Dirk Kempthorne

Jerome deputies face gunfire

Officials charge man after shooting that hurt three men

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

JEROME — Two Jerome County sheriff's deputies and another man were wounded early Monday during a firefight near downtown Jerome, authorities said.



Eric L. Buchanan of Jensen makes his first appearance in Magistrate Court in Jerome County Monday after being charged with shooting two police officers during a domestic dispute Sunday night.

The gunfight and following three-hour standoff ended with the surrender of 24-year-old Eric J. Buchanan, who was arrested and charged with shooting the three men, none of whom were seriously hurt. The trouble began around 11:30 p.m. Sunday with a domestic dispute at 515 S. Lincoln St., where Buchanan lived with Christina Buchanan, his wife of four months, said Clark Rollins, special-agent-in-charge at the Twin Falls office of the Idaho Criminal Investigation Bureau. Jerome police officers arrived on scene to find a man at the doorway of the home holding a cordless phone and a handgun, a sworn statement by CIB Special Agent Nathan Corlier said.

Magistrate appeared in Magistrate Court in Jerome Monday afternoon to face three counts of aggravated battery, two against a police officer, Magistrate Thomas Burress set an Oct. 4 preliminary hearing date and a \$100,000 cash bond for Buchanan while his parents and wife watched from the audience.

Public defender Matthew Paul was appointed as Buchanan's lawyer. Christina Buchanan released a statement through victim coordinator Leni Wehler. "Christian would like the public to know that the Eric she knows is a kind, intelligent person. She stated that he is a loving husband, father and son," the statement said. Times-News writer Brian

Incident shows explosive potential of domestic calls

The Times-News

JEROME — The gunfire that erupted in Jerome Sunday night illustrates the danger law enforcement officers face every day. Whether it's a bar fight or traffic stop, an officer's guard is always up to ensure safety, but that guard is often heightened whenever a domestic dispute is involved, Twin Falls police Sgt. Don Hall said. That's because people who are upset and emotional might do what a clear-headed person would not, he said.

Rupert-based Magic Valley Foods Inc.'s President Roger Jones and his wife, Nancy Joy Jones, were with the governor's group during the Taipei earthquake. "They're OK, that's all I know," company Vice President Bill Schow said Monday afternoon. Hamilton Manufacturing's Herb Harney of Twin Falls escaped that ordeal — he was in Beijing preparing to meet the governor there for demonstrations of Hamilton's insulation and much.

The group of more than 40 state officials and business representatives from Idaho is on the first step of a planned two-week trade mission also scheduled to include visits to China, Korea and Japan. The delegation had no immediate plans to leave Taipei. The quake was the strongest in Taiwan in decades and jolted the island, wrecking the 12-story Sungshan Hotel in Taipei, destroying more than 100 homes statewide and killing at least 400 people, the government said. About 2,000 people were injured. The quake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.6 and was centered 90 miles south-southwest of Taipei, the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center said. It also issued warnings of possible aftershocks, or quakes that sometimes follow earthquakes. The tremor was about the same strength as the devastating one that struck Turkey on Aug. 17, killing more than 15,000 people. Most of the victims were found in Taichung and nearby Nantou, the epicenter 130 miles south of Taipei. Several roads were buckled and traffic was disrupted, isolating many remote towns.

Health concerns arise from Floyd

Carcasses, sewage foul water supplies

The Associated Press

TAYBRO, N.C. — A massive spill of raw sewage into drinking water created a mounting public health threat Monday across eastern North Carolina, still flooded days after Hurricane Floyd forced tens of thousands of people from their homes. At least 35 people were confirmed dead in North Carolina. The death toll was expected to climb, but of greatest concern was the health of those who survived. "It's going to be a large number of different risks out there right now," said Johnson Rebeck of the state Division of Environmental Health. "The best immediate step we have to take is drinking water." More than 60 people were killed from the Bahamas into New England when Floyd



Shadows of the Bahamas, N.C., found all but dead dead animal bodies near the Bahamas flood victims. Churned up the East Coast of the United States. But the aftermath appears the worst in North Carolina. Disease has become a growing

threat because of the hundreds of thousands of dead birds, chickens and turkeys laying about the scene. Drinking water has been tainted by overflow from sewage plants and animal waste lagoons. Flood victims are fouled by fuel. Contaminated water could cause a host of gastrointestinal illnesses, and dehydration from severe vomiting or diarrhea could be fatal in children, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems, Reese said. "A lot of these people are down already. They're already weak, so they're at a greater risk," she said. National Guard helicopters and trucks delivered clean drinking water to several counties, while crews in Jones County brought in two industrial-size incinerators so workers could begin burning hog carcasses, the stretch of which has filled the air. Some of the animals had been dead five days and could become a breeding ground for disease.

Peacekeeping force sees no trouble so far in E. Timor

The Associated Press


DILI, East Timor — Hundreds of refugees clapped and cheered as a high-speed catamaran troop carrier arrived in Dili's harbor just after dawn Tuesday, unloading troops and equipment to add to the "international" force assigned to bring peace to East Timor's murderous chaos. The international force's landing continued without incident early Tuesday, a day after the first troops came ashore. It effectively marked the end of Indonesia's control of the half-island territory after 24 turbulent years. Wave after wave of Australian transport planes alighted more than 1,000 soldiers and tons of ammunition, explosives, land mines and supplies to this territory north of Australia. Armored personnel carriers rolled out of Hercules transport planes and clattered down the rubble-

strewn streets of Dili, East Timor's capital. "This is our dream," said Luki Luki, a 19-year-old who had been sheltering with his family in the water tower for a month. "The United Nations has finally sent in troops to protect us." Within hours of their arrival, the heavily armed combat troops from Australia, New Zealand and Britain were in control of Dili's airport and harbor. Australian troops were confiscating weapons, including machine guns and homemade guns, from militiamen on the dock in Dili on Tuesday morning. But the real test for the 7,500-member international force will come when it spreads into remote areas to protect residents from the fury of the pro-Indonesian militias that have fought to keep East Timor free. Please see PEACEKEEPERS, Page A2

THE REGION


Camas Prairie

High: 80 Low: 37
Sunny today and clear tonight.
Sunny Wednesday morning, turning partly cloudy.




Treasure Valley

High: 85 Low: 56
Sunny and warmer, with light winds. Mostly sunny on Wednesday with highs in the upper 80s.




Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 75 Low: 37
Sunny and a little warmer. Sunny and warm on Wednesday, with highs around 80.




Eastern Idaho

High: 77 Low: 40
Sunny and a little warmer. Variable winds, 5-10 mph. Sunny and warm on Wednesday. Highs around 80.




Northern Idaho

High: 87 Low: 55
Clear, with light winds. Sunny on Wednesday with highs in the lower to mid 80s.



Northern Utah

High: 74 Low: 41
Sunny today and clear tonight. Increasing clouds on Wednesday afternoon.



Northern Nevada

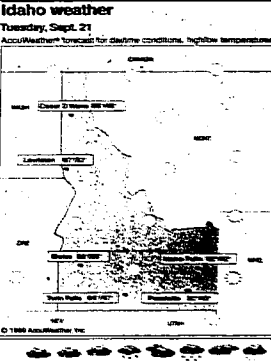
High: 82 Low: 41
Mostly sunny and warmer. Last winds at 10 mph. Partly cloudy on Wednesday.



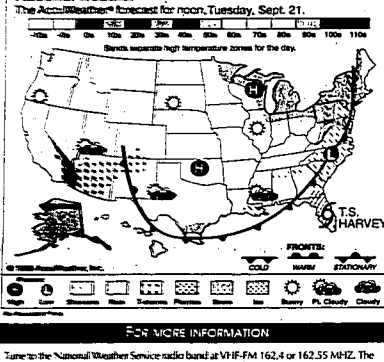
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 84 Low: 46 Mostly sunny, and warmer. Last winds at 10 mph.	High: 85 Low: 47 Mostly sunny.	High: 88 Low: 50 Partly cloudy.	High: 80a Low: 40a Mostly sunny.	High: 70a Low: 40a Partly cloudy and cooler.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	High/Low
Yesterday: 81 40	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .02	High: 86
Last year: 66 46	Month to date: .02	Low: 40
Normal: 77 41	Normal mo. to date: .52	74 degrees at Shelby
	Water year to date: 14.53	Nation's High: 105 at Death Valley, Calif.
	Normal year to date: 10.27	Low: 24 at Sitka, Alaska

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	High/Low
Boise	84	56	.....	degrees Hagerman
Burley	84	48	.....	and Lewiston. Low, 74 degrees at Shelby
Coeur d'Alene	82	43	.....	Nation's High: 105 at Death Valley, Calif.
Grangeville	80	40	.....	Low: 24 at Sitka, Alaska
Hagerman	86	45	.....	and West Yellowstone, Mont.
Idaho Falls	73	33	.....
Lewiston	86	49	.....
Malta	81	50	.....
McCall	74	30	.....	Comfort factors
Pocatello	78	37	.....	Noon humidity: 38
Salmon	75	30	.....	Noon barometer: 30.07
Stanley	72	24	.....	Pollen count: n/a
Sun Valley	71	36	.....	Mold: n/a

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	51	47	.....
Anchorage	51	47	.....
Atlanta	68	63	1.86
Baltimore	74	62	.....
Chicago	64	53	1.00
Dallas	80	62	.....
Denver	52	43	.05
Des Moines	59	48	.....
Detroit	65	50	.....
Honolulu	86	76	.....
Houston	71	62	.02
Indianapolis	69	61	.....
Kansas City	58	58	.....
Las Vegas	91	69	.....
Los Angeles	76	56	.....
Memphis	89	69	.....
Miami Beach	89	80	.....
Milwaukee	59	51	.09
Minneapolis	73	53	.....
New Orleans	88	77	.....
New York	73	63	.....
Oklahoma City	73	63	.....
Omaha	62	48	.10
Philadelphia	72	55	.10
Pittsburgh	62	52	.26
Portland, Me.	68	42	.....
Portland, Ore.	69	60	.....
Reno	85	53	.....
San Antonio	89	62	.....
Salt Lake City	75	52	.....
San Francisco	69	58	.....
Seattle	82	77	.....
Spokane	82	57	.....
Washington	77	61	.....
Yuma	98	81	.....

Canadian Cities

Calgary	71	34	clr
Edmonton	73	53	clr
Toronto	76	52	clr
Vancouver	71	54	clr

Police say doctor prescribed Prozac for killer Peacekeepers

Knightridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — A doctor had prescribed the anti-depressant drug Prozac for Larry Gene Ashbrook, but investigators are unsure whether he was taking it when he killed seven people and then himself in a Fort Worth church last week, police said on Monday.

Fort Worth's Lt. Mark Krey,

who is heading the investigation into the largest mass shooting in the city's history, said police have found a Prozac vial in Ashbrook's name and want to ask doctors why it was prescribed.

Krey said Ashbrook, 47, may have slipped past the break of sanity after his father died in July.

"The level of paranoia within his life had advanced to an

extreme stage," he said. "We're investigating the possibility that with the death of his father, Mr. Ashbrook stopped taking medication. We believe when he lost his father, who was his anchor to reality and his caretaker to ensure he took his medication, he lost any connection to reality."

Also on Monday, police said a homemade pipe bomb exploded

in Wedgwood Baptist Church with enough velocity to send a piece of shrapnel hurtling 80 feet before striking through a wall and landing in the hallway outside the sanctuary, Krey said.

But rather than blasting out into a sanctuary where more than 250 worshippers were taking part in a youth service, shrapnel shot toward the ceiling and then rained down.

becoming independent. The militias — with the complicity of the Indonesian army — launched a campaign of arson, terror and murder, driving tens of thousands of people from their homes after an Aug. 30 independence ballot. They had hoped to nullify the ballot, in which four-fifths of the East Timorese people voted for independence from Indonesia.

It was unclear whether the militias would fade away or transform themselves into guerrillas, sniping and harassing the unwanted foreigners.

An Indonesian news report said the militia groups had banded together to form a coalition, the United Nation Front, which rejected the results of the U.N.-sponsored independence referendum.

"We won't attack the U.N. peacekeeping troops. We only want to defend our ground," coalition chief Joao da Silva, Tavares told Indonesia's SCTV

television on Monday.

The international force landed just five days after it was authorized by the U.N. Security Council. The troops arrived in a city abandoned by its people and left in smoking ruins, with no food, no electricity, no clean water and thousands of desperate refugees trying to get out.

As the troops moved through town, they could see black smoke from fresh fires billowing over the city and, in the evening, the glow of flames in the countryside.

"There is a lot of destruction," said Australian Maj. Chip Henris-Andersen.

Some residents in tattered clothes emerged into the streets to gawk, shake hands with the troops, and smile.

"A lot of people were saying 'Hello Mister,' probably their only English," said Henris-Andersen, a naturalized Australian born in Cleveland, Ohio. "I think pretty soon we'll have them saying 'Gday.'"

Canyon

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he said. "We're trying to create more illustrations on what our points are."

A taller building would "be more aesthetically pleasing" than a longer building, Edmunds said. A longer building would create a "wall on the rim." Many people don't understand this and he didn't relate to the original plans, he said.

Edmunds and other representatives of Neilsen and Co. will be meeting with civic organizations in the city's historic, said police have approved the request, citing the height and its placement on the canyon rim.

Residents spoke out against the project at the City Council's public hearing in August on Neilsen's request, citing concerns over the proposed hotel's height and its look on the canyon rim.

Others cited the Canyon Rim Overlay Zone Ordinance, drawn up by a residents' committee several years ago, which restricts structures greater than 35 feet tall along the canyon rim.

Architects are working on new drawings, which they hope will be done in time for another public hearing at the Twin Falls City Council meeting Oct. 18. But the date is tentative, Edmunds said.

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Annan calls for willingness to intervene in East Timor

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged world leaders at the General Assembly's annual debate Monday to be more ready to intervene in strife-torn regions to protect civilians — provided the United Nations is involved in authorizing the intervention.

His message was echoed by several of the day's first speakers who applauded the Security Council's relatively swift approval of a force to restore peace to East Timor but decried its inaction in African conflicts, particularly in Angola and Congo.

"Why does human suffering in some part of the world fuel greater indignation than when it takes place elsewhere?" Brazilian Foreign Minister Luiz Felipe Lampreia asked in his opening



Kofi Annan

address Monday of the multinational force in Dili on Monday and the continued U.N. peace efforts in Kosovo, the theme of humanitarian intervention was expected to feature prominently in the two weeks of speeches by heads of state, ministers and a crown prince.

remarks. "The plight of Angola and East Timor offer two glaring examples of what amounts to a clear pattern of one-sidedness and unequal attention."

President Clinton was to address the session Tuesday, delaying his address by a day in deference to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur on Monday — the holiest day of the year for Jews.

The United States, Israel and the American Jewish Congress had kibbled the United Nations to delay the start of the assembly session, but the 15-member General Assembly refused to change the date. The body, effectively the U.N. parliament, is dominated by Islamic states and often is at odds with Israel and the United States.

In his opening remarks, Annan reflected on the dilemma facing the United Nations and the Security Council in deciding whether to intervene to stop violations of human rights, particularly in the case of an internal conflict

such as Kosovo.

Annan lamented the "tragedy" of Kosovo, where NATO took action against Yugoslavia without explicit authorization from the Security Council because Russia and China threatened to veto any use of force against Yugoslavia.

French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin acknowledged NATO acted without U.N. approval but justified the intervention as an "exception" that was necessary to stop the Serb crackdown on ethnic Albanians. Annan said the answer was for individual states to consider putting aside their own national agendas for the sake of the global and humanitarian good.

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engagement," Annan said. "Indeed, in a growing number of challenges facing humanity, the collective interest is the national interest."

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Justice recovers from colon cancer surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is reported doing well after surgery for colon cancer, but it is unknown how long she will be away from work. A prolonged absence could create difficulties for the court.

Ginsburg, 66, is recovering without complications from the surgery she underwent Friday, court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said Monday. She offered no other medical update, and said she could not describe the extent of the surgery.

Ginsburg fell ill while teaching in Crete in July. She was hospitalized there on July 18, but initially was diagnosed as suffering from acute diverticulitis, a gastric disorder. The diagnosis was not changed to cancer until last week at Washington Hospital Center.

Her doctor, colorectal surgeon Lee Smith, said Ginsburg will remain hospitalized for about a week, but he refused to speculate when she might return to work. The Supreme Court's 1999-2000 term will begin Oct. 5.

Brief absences by any justice generally do not create any logistical hardships for the nine-member court. A justice who did not participate in the granting of a writ, or in ensuing oral argument, still can choose to participate in the decision-making process by filing briefs and a transcript of the argument session.

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Jury finds second man guilty in dragging death

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — A second white supremacist was convicted Monday in the dragging death of a black man whose gruesome end shocked the nation. Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, could get the death penalty for murdering James Byrd Jr. in the town of Jasper last year. The jury of 11 whites and one Hispanic took just four hours to reach a verdict. Standing with his lawyers, Brewer showed no reaction. The judge had admonished spectators against any show of emotion. There was none. The jury returned immediately

to begin hearing testimony on whether Brewer should be sentenced to life in prison or death. Testimony in the punishment phase was set to continue Tuesday and Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said he did not anticipate the case returning to the jury until Wednesday. "Whatever they come up with we will accept that, of course," Mary Verrett, Byrd's sister, said after emerging from the courthouse. "I want to see the ultimate penalty ... I can't begin to describe how good we feel."

Gene test errors can be life-altering

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gene test concluded Nancy Seeger was at greatly increased risk of getting breast and ovarian cancer, so the Illinois woman, who had watched cancer kill her mother and aunt, had her ovaries removed. Eight months later, Seeger got more devastating news: The company that tested her genes had made a mistake — she didn't have the cancerous genetic defect after all. Gene tests that promise to predict a person's future health are being sold to Americans for hundreds of dollars apiece, with a seldom-mentioned caveat: No one regulates the accuracy of most of those tests, even though mistakes can be life-altering. The Food and Drug Administration, which oversees most medical tests, says it lacks the money to regulate gene tests such as the one Seeger took. Nor does a federal law that oversees the quality and expertise of medical laboratories address genetics. Experts say that while most laboratories do a good job — and genetic tests are powerful tools that can help many people — Seeger's experience illustrates risks that the public and doctors must understand. Nor is she alone: Johns Hopkins University had to stop a study of inherited colon cancer last year after discovering a gene test bought from a commercial laboratory missed cancer-causing mutations in too many patients. How can patients or primary-care physicians choose the best gene test if genetics professionals can't? "It's been a mess, frankly," responded one of the researchers, Hopkins psychologist Ann-Marie Codori.

Now Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala has appointed a panel of leading geneticists to determine, by Dec. 1, how to ensure quality gene testing. Americans "just assume we've got these great scientific institutions, and the FDA's there, and whatever's being offered is protected one way or another," she told The Associated Press. She charged the panel to make sure "the science doesn't get ahead of the ability of the appropriate scientific institutions" to oversee it. Accuracy isn't the only question. The panel also is grappling with how and when to use gene tests. An adoption agency, for example, recently asked Hopkins to test a fetus for the gene that causes Huntington's disease, because the mother plans to give up the baby for adoption had relatives who died of the neurological disease, Codori said.



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Elderly may pay more when hospitals own doctors' offices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior citizens whose doctors' offices are owned by hospitals may be paying more for appointments than those who see independent physicians. A report released Monday by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General found said some hospitals may be improperly treating physician practices they own as outpatient departments when they bill Medicare — even though in some cases the doctors offices are far from

the hospital. That costs Medicare patients more because Medicare out-of-pocket fees for visits to hospital outpatient departments are higher than for visits to a doctor's office. The outpatient fees can be 50 percent or more of the total bill, compared with the standard 20 percent for doctor's appointments. Government payments to outpatient departments are also higher because of the

way overhead costs are accounted for. "A provider-based designation results in increased Medicare payment with no apparent benefit for Medicare or the beneficiary," said the report. Auditors did not seek to confirm or tally overpayments, but speculated that the problem may be more widespread than the elderly or the government know because hospitals have in recent years been buying up doctors' practices at a rapid rate.

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Gemini must take it slow and not rush

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Popularity rating on the rise. You will feel good entertaining others. Remember there is a sharp difference between generosity and extravagance. Virgo involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emphasis on domestic issues, beautifying surroundings, repair work and remodeling in connection with home. Libra and another Taurus are in scenario.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Meditate and if necessary pontificate. Utilize time to your advantage, don't rush over essential details. Pisces and another Gemini will play paramount roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You could be in your element. Pressure of added responsibility adds up to creative challenge. Relationship hot and heavy. Marriage will be discussed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Move ahead, above and beyond current situation. Question of travel

overseas arises. Aries, Libra persons top roles. Gain international outlook - opinions change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let go of past, move toward future. People loyal set up straw men for you to knock down. Avoid believing you get something for nothing. Leo plays role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Go slow, include Cancer native in plans. Food plays paramount role, your tastes will be involved. Marital status looms large. Capricorn represented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Accents on security, property, real estate. By checking facts, figures you arrive at creative decision. Taurus, Sagittarius person arrive at financial agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Relatives involved whether or not you like it. Surprise visit creates irritation, makes it necessary for you to hold your tongue. Secret meeting being planned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Agree to change of venue. Write opinions, don't neglect dream interpretations. Financial opportunity should not be overlooked. Short trip necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Cycle high, be selective, do not dilute principles for sake of diplomacy. You have momentum, move ahead, take chance on romance. Libra plays instrumental role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Clandestine operation directly affects you. Be perceptive, pay heed to inner feelings and extraordinary perception. Do not act immediately, play waiting game.

ACROSS

- Picnic pasta
- Music
- Look forward to
- Wife of Jacob
- Molecule of baseball
- Thick
- Teacher
- Playful marine
- Roast smoother
- Young boy
- Hind part
- Sgt. or capt.
- Ornate style
- Joyous celebration
- Expressionalist
- Humbled along
- Comesive substance
- Memorizing
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- Singer Turner
- Stress Arlene
- Drift
- Intelligence
- Fling
- Pipe part
- Indecent fabric
- Behind the ears
- Flower holder
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- Energy
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- Laguna's cousins
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- SPRING
- REAR
- BEHIND
- YNA
- MAID
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- ODDS
- ONES
- Appalled
- Extra
- Paraps
- Edison's middle
- Picked up the tab
- March
- Baby bed
- Small combo
- Architect
- Saunter
- Letters on invitations
- One of a set of bow.

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Show people they're wanted

That clever sophisticated Dorothy Parker is remembered by some for her widely quoted witticisms of the 1930s. She lived on. Until 1967. She's remembered by others as "what once time New Yorker writer who left most of her estate to Martin Luther King, Jr."

"Fiscal" traces to a Latin word meaning "moneybag."

If you fail to catch a bass when you go bass fishing, don't expect to fake it by taking home a bass from a fish market. A 1926 federal law prohibits such sale of that game fish.

Worst thing you can do to people is show them they're not wanted. So say the psychologists. An attempt to murder shows it, most conclusively. To file for divorce shows it, too, so ranks high, very high, among candidate actions for "what one thing you can do to distinguish. To fire a person from a job is likewise way up there on the list. It's said the desire to be wanted is second only to the desire to survive.

Q. Why is the Bing cherry called that?

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In death, Raisa Gorbachev gets admiration

MOSCOW (AP) — Deeply scorned in Russia while she lived, Raisa Gorbachev was inundated with veneration and praise after she died Monday of leukemia — a sharp and belated swing of the nation's emotional pendulum.

The wife of the last Soviet president, Mikhail Gorbachev, died at the Muenster University Clinic in Germany at the age of 67. Her husband and their daughter were with Mrs. Gorbachev when she died, doctors said.

Mrs. Gorbachev had been as reviled at home as she was admired in the West. Many Russians derided her for her stylish clothes, her poise, and most of all, for carving out a public role for herself.

Even the love and support Mrs. Gorbachev so clearly showed for her husband created



Raisa Gorbachev

resonance in Russia

Now, ordinary Russians are speaking out in admiration of the Gorbachevs' love and profound affection for the ex-president and first lady.

Telephones and fax machines at the Gorbachev Foundation were flooded with calls Monday from ordinary people and politicians, foundation spokesmen

Irina Malikova said.

"It's a very big tragedy. I'm just very sorry," said one mourner, who gave only her first name, Irina.

Gorbachev Boris Yeltsin, a bitter rival of Gorbachev in the twilight years of the Soviet Union. In the late 1990s, sent a telegram expressing grief and condolences.

"With pain I learned about the tragedy that has struck your family," Yeltsin and his wife Zinaida wrote to Gorbachev. "You have lost the most loved and devoted friend. Gone is a wonderful person, a beautiful woman, a loving wife and mother."

Yeltsin ordered a government plane to fly to Germany to bring Mrs. Gorbachev's body to Russia on Tuesday.

The government would be striking anywhere else. It is less so in Russia, which has been accused in the past of damming the living and then turning them into national heroes in death.

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Consumers will feel Microsoft verdict

Closing arguments are slated for today

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON—When lawyers for the government and Microsoft Corp. square off today for closing arguments in the marathon antitrust trial, each side will argue that only by winning their team can protect consumers.

But you don't have to be a computer genius to suspect that consumers are probably going to bleed a little bit, no matter who wins the legal case. For the people who buy Microsoft products — least in the short term — the trial probably will result in a confusing lose-lose situation.

"Whichever side wins, there's going to be pain," says David

Farber, a computer scientist at the University of Pennsylvania and a government witness during the trial. "The question is the duration of the pain."

Microsoft supporters say a win for the Seattle-based software giant will guarantee consumers uninterrupted continued access to high-quality software from a company that's helping drive the nation's economy. "We believe that this case is about Microsoft's freedom to continue to improve and improve products for consumers, unencumbered by government interference," said company spokesman Jim Callinan.

A stable and productive Microsoft is best for everybody, supporters argue, but the scenario of possible sanctions after an antitrust finding against the company could spell disaster.

"I do not believe that any outcome crafted by opponents of Microsoft — Justice and Congress — has even a vague guarantee of securing the needs of the computer industry," said Paul Effinger, director of the Internet Mail Consortium, of which Microsoft is a member.

Those who fear some form of Microsoft, however, say the company has monopoly power in the market for personal computer operating systems and has illegally abused that power.

These words from leading Microsoft lawyers, said by even a vague guarantee of securing the needs of the computer industry, said Paul Effinger, director of the Internet Mail Consortium, of which Microsoft is a member.

A win for the government, they say, would put limits on a ruthless corporation that stifles innovation, aims to keep prices for software artificially high and is positioning itself to control the distribution of information in the digital age. Conversely, a win by Microsoft would make life worse for consumers by stifling competition, in addition to denying any chance of future antitrust enforcement.

"You never will see a case this severe again," said Ed Black, president and CEO of the Computer and Communications Industry Association.

Even people who believe the government has to win the case for the good of the country, like the University of Pennsylvania's Farber, see a downside to that conclusion.

Computer 'burp' is fingered as cause of user's troubles

By Jim Coates

Chicago Tribune

Q. I'm a 75-year-old doddler, with a fair amount of computer experience. When I now boot up, instead of stopping at my familiar desktop, the booting up continues getting me into Microsoft Works. It is annoying since I have to wait for the grinding to complete before I can get back to my desktop. I'm not sure I know how I managed to do it — perhaps when I installed a Norton Anti-Virus program, but I'm not sure.

A. Let's let computer utility software multimillionaire Peter Norton off the hook on this one, Mr. F. Almost certainly your problem set in when something burped and a shortcut icon for Microsoft Works got deposited in your Windows 95 Startup folder, which makes it run every time you fire up your PC.

To exorcise this demon from Microsoft all you need to do is right-click on the Start icon at the bottom of your screen and choose Explore.

The window that comes up includes a folder called Programs, which has a listing for just about every piece of software in your machine as well as a subfolder called Startup, which holds icons for software that your computer will automatically execute when you boot up the machine.

Total Arcade saves memory

Knight Ridder News Service

One of the biggest problems with downloading shareware games from the Internet is the space they take on your hard disk. Even if you have the biggest hard disk in the world, you probably don't want it cluttered with hundreds of games.

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When you want to move on, you simply exit the game and load another. There's no going back to try to clean up your hard disk unless you decide you do want to resume a game you like, or you don't have to hunt through your hard disk to find it. If you download games from the Internet at sites such as <http://www.download.com> you will need to install them on your hard disk in order to run them.

Arcade games are well-represented on the CD, with updated versions of PacMan, Tetris, Sokoban, Super Pang and the like. Board games include chess variations, backgammon, 3D Jang, Sea Battle, Yazzee and dozens of others.

Computer Q&A

Open that Startup folder and you'll find a shortcut item for Word. Delete same. End of problem and you'll be back to grinding quicktime.

Q. I'm running Windows 95 on a PC with a hard drive (HDD) of 330 MB. Currently there are a great number of icons on the lower right-hand side of the desktop on the startup folder. I want to know if it is possible to delete some of these icons.

A. You're kind of on the same church as Mr. F., but in a slightly different way. The system tray you want to clean up holds icons for programs that are partially loaded and waiting to run while the Startup folder contains programs to run when the computer boots up.

Both, as you two gentlemen note, can become quite a bother. If you have a program in the tray on the lower right-hand side of the screen, click on Start and then Run and type in msconfig. This will bring up a window with an on/off check box for every item in that tray as well as certain other software that must run on startup.

Make certain that you only check items that you can see in the tray.

Professors dream of inventing cost-saving 'server on a chip'

Knight Ridder News Service

If you had several hundred million transistors to play with, what would you want to build?

For University of Texas at Austin computer science professors Ding Burger and Stephen Keckler and a team of graduate students, the answer is easy: They want to create a basic "disruptive" server on a chip — a single piece of silicon that could do the same work now done by a big server where the cost is several hundred thousand dollars or more.

IBM Corp., which makes servers and does computer design research in Austin, thinks enough of the project to award it with money. Tuesday, it plans to formally announce grants of \$200,000 to each of the professors — and equipment for the next three years.

In the age of the Internet,

servers are all the rage. They are the crucial machines that spit out information to thousands of Internet users. But if you could get one of those big servers on a chip, you could save size and cost while boosting performance.

Burger noted that the team won't be designing an actual chip. Instead it will be studying the basic questions involved in how such a chip might be put together — its architecture.

The first year will be spent Burger said. "It's a big complex project that is just starting out. It has a lot of potential, and it should be a lot of work."

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EDITORIAL

Flagrant poachers beginning to get punishment they deserve

For a good share of Idaho's history, fish and game poaching laws were honored mostly in the breach.

Poaching used to be winked at by local law enforcement officers who knew that a deer taken out of season could feed a poor family for a month. More recently, it's been viewed as a small act of anti-government defiance, something some hunters do but one which few are punished for.

That attitude has galvanized a lot of Idaho sportsmen and game managers for generations, and it's only been with the past 20 years that a systematic effort to stop poaching has been attempted.

Yet even the best intentions don't give time- and resource-strapped local prosecutors much help when it comes to putting poachers in the dock. If you're the county's district attorney and you have a choice between cracking down on mesh labs or poachers, which are you going after?

As a result, Idaho has slapped too many hands over the years while doing too little to actually stop poaching.

But there's some evidence that may be changing.

A 52-year-old Elmore County man, Kenneth Tabor, had his Idaho hunting and fishing privileges revoked for life earlier this month after being convicted in 1998 of a series of poaching charges.

Tabor was found guilty of possessing a bull elk during a closed season, failing to validate an elk tag, exceeding the big game limit for elk, failing to validate a deer tag, using somebody else's big-game tag, unlawful bear-bat-

ing, killing a protected species, possessing a furbearer unlawfully killed, and possession of drug paraphernalia. As a result, he'll pay a \$5,000 fine and more than \$1,500 in civil penalties and court costs, and spend five years of supervised probation - during which time can't own or use firearms. Tabor faces up to five years in the state penitentiary should he violate any condition of his probation.

Idaho's "flagrant violator" law stipulates that civil penalties double for each illegal animal poached within a 12-month period when the combined standard civil penalty value reaches \$1,000.

The combined civil value of two elk meets that \$1,000 threshold. Thus, Tabor was ordered to pay a \$500 civil penalty for the first illegal elk and \$1,000 for the second illegal elk.

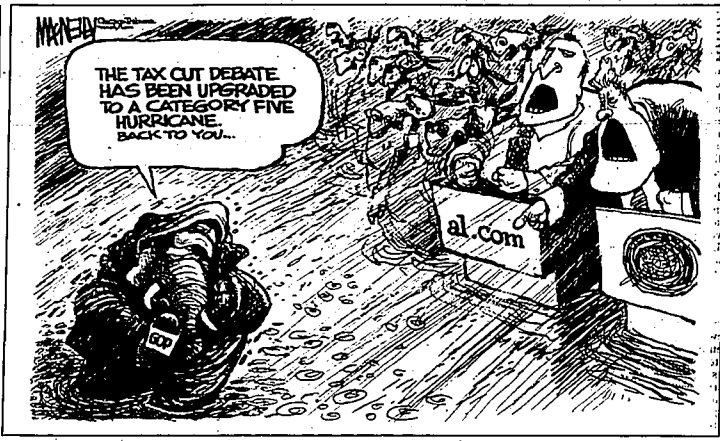
But it's the lifetime ban that's likely to get the attention of other poachers. For hunters, that's the death penalty - the game management equivalent of three-strikes-and-you're-out.

The Tabor case should make poachers more circumspect in the future.

District Judge Michael McLaughlin threw the book at Tabor, and Elmore County prosecutor David Gross gave the case the time, attention and resources it deserved.

If nothing else, the case demonstrated that Idaho's criminal justice system may finally be prepared to stop treating poaching as a victimless crime. Because it's theft, plain and simple, and the victims are everyone who chooses to live in a wild and free place like Idaho.

Poaching is not a victimless crime. The victims are everyone who chooses to live in a wild and free place like Idaho.



Modern dairies allow cows to be all they can be

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. In this corner world, we rarely totally understand an industry unless we work within it on a day-to-day basis. I am assuming that this is the reason why Mr. Chisholm's letter in the Sept. 5 Times-News was so full of misleading statements, rather than assume that he was purposely trying to degrade Idaho's dairy business.

In his comments, Mr. Chisholm leads us to believe that all dairy cows are only living to be 4 years old and are dying on the dairy due to an "early-death diet." In reality, very few cows actually die on today's dairies. The majority are sold for beef, most likely ending up in the hamburger department of a grocery store or in your favorite fast-food hamburger. Every cow stays on the dairy until her milk production drops below a level that the dairy has determined profitable. At that production level, she is culled from the herd and goes to the beef market, serving the dual purpose of milk and meat production. Cows may not be kept 10 or 12 years, but it has nothing to do with the diet she receives. If a cow isn't producing enough, she will be replaced with a younger dairy cow that produces more. Fortunately, she will still produce a usable food source as beef.

Regarding "the new enriched diet" that Mr. Chisholm says is killing cows, there is no such thing. While it is true we feed cows to maximize production, most of today's modern dairies do everything they can to provide the cows the protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals that they need to maintain high-production levels. The cows' rations are balanced down to parts per million of trace minerals like copper and zinc. Dietary

READER COMMENT

Dan Kluth

protein levels are balanced and closely monitored. Ration fiber content is very important to every cow and a number of fiber fractions are balanced and periodically measured. Every forage that is brought on the dairy, such as alfalfa hay, is tested for protein, fiber, energy and mineral levels. The nutrients of the other feeds the dairy cow eats are checked and the rations adjusted accordingly so that the cow remains healthy. Only a healthy, comfortable cow will produce maximum milk. The cows are also given extra nutrients prior to calving and just after, when demands on the cow's body are the greatest. I know for a fact that the majority of dairy cows in the Magic Valley eat a better balanced and more consistent diet than most people.

Furthermore, the performance of a feeding program can be monitored by checking blood levels of certain nutrients prior to calving and just after, when the dairies further monitor the cows' diet by checking the butterfat and protein content of the milk they ship, and these numbers are provided to them by their creamery on a daily basis. The quality of milk produced by dairies has never been higher with the criteria for quality milk continuing to tighten. The safety of the milk supply is also better than ever with restrictions on the drugs that can be used for lactating cows. Every load of milk that leaves the dairy is tested for antibiotics and if detected, even at the part per million level, this milk is rejected and disposed of. The majority of dairies produce high-quality milk

because they are provided a financial incentive by the creameries to do so. The fact that the dairy cow is fed so well helps ensure that a high-quality dairy product will reach the restaurant or grocery store.

The foundation of the Idaho dairy can be summarized in a phrase popular with dairymen, "Take care of the cows and they will take care of you." This refers to good animal husbandry practices including feeding and cow care. The continued emphasis on how to better care for cows along with improved genetics, has allowed the average Idaho dairy cow to more than double production from the 9,793 pounds of milk per year she gave in 1970 to a 1998 average of 20,005 pounds of milk per year. We know today that a stressed cow does not produce milk; for a cow to produce milk, she must be kept as stress-free as possible. This is the goal of dairymen, to eliminate problems by keeping their cows healthy and content.

The simple fact is that today's dairy cows do not live as long as they used to because of economic principles, not because an "early-death diet" is killing them. Most of these cows, if put out to pasture after leaving the dairy, would likely live a normal long, if unproductive life. While some will say it would be better to go back to the days when the average cow gave 30 pounds of milk and was kept on pasture all day, the economic reality is that type of dairy won't stay in business for long. Today's modern dairies treat and feed their cows very well as they strive to produce a high volume of high-quality milk.

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LETTERS

Teachers are only human

Dear Ms. Bankhead:
As a teacher, I am offended by an attitude that has become a cultural norm. The speech of anti-educators is reminiscent of the rabid language of the Semites, in this case scapegoating a profession rather than an ethnic group. Teachers become the same kind of faceless, non-human enemy that make people like Timothy McVeigh feel justified in mass murder.

Why else would students feel that killing teachers or vandalizing schools is acceptable?

Why are the teachers of this country deemed villains in everything from rap music to situation comedies? To get your mind off your real enemies - racism, crime and poverty.

You realize your calculation is well below the poverty level and is more typical of the early stages of welfare-to-work (or the latter stages of work-to-welfare). According to Idaho State Labor statistics, the lowest average non-farm wage is \$8.26 per hour for retail clerks and the per capita annual income is \$20,293 statewide (1997) and \$18,913 in Twin Falls County (1996).

I forgive you, because even teachers fall into this denial of economic reality. We assume since we are college graduates (who pay to constantly retrain and recertify) that we are responsible for the education of your child, that we might receive a salary commensurate with our position.

Don't you think it degrades someone who worked hard for a college diploma to earn, on average, 25 percent less than other graduates?

Why should we be "unhappy" in our jobs, when a few misbehaving students are allowed the freedom to terrorize because of parental threats? Why should we be "burned-out" when classes are filled to overflowing (Jesus chose 12 for an apostles) in ancient buildings filled with asbestos (guess which labor population has an extremely high incidence of cancer and is becoming harder to insure)? A century ago, labor began to fight for your rights and provided you with your minimum wage (or better) and has lobbied for your benefits, your safety, your dignity and your children's safety.

If we, as educators, stand up for ourselves against a sea of cultural hatred, for the sake of our own families, please excuse us. We are, after all, only human.
CHAD MAXTON
Caldwell

Stick to the rules

I, too, believe we should not give special permission to build this over-limit hotel. We have this rule for a very good reason - to save the canyon. If we allow one exception, there will be more and more. We should not make exceptions for one person over the beauty of the things God gave us to enjoy. Keep to the rules.
IRENE SURFACE
Twin Falls

Thanks, Bruce Shields

I wish to thank Bruce Shields for the cutest photo I have seen in a long time. It was taken at the "lost child booth" at the Twin Falls County Fair on Sept. 2. The look on the little boy's face as Bob Haman and Christine Standlee were talking to him was a classic. He seemed to be saying in answer to their trying to comfort him, "I'm not lost," "my mom is" or "hey, I don't believe a word you are saying."
We could use more of this kind of photo - more of the good in people against so much of the "bad."
Thanks again.
THELMA STOWELL
Twin Falls

Prank wasn't appreciated

My husband and I live on Kimberly Road between Twin Falls and Kimberly. A year ago, we put an antique manure spreader in the corner of our yard along our driveway inside our fence. My husband found a manure head and proceeded to make a body out of wood and "Clem" came to life on the seat of the manure spreader. I had a lot of fun shopping at the thrift stores to outfit

"Clem" in seasonal attire. Folks would stop along the road to look or take pictures of "Clem."

A few weeks ago, someone found it necessary to rip off "Clem" head and take it. It was attached with screws to his body. This upset us deeply. Our children and grandchildren live more than 1,000 miles away and "Clem" gave two senior citizens something to do to pass the time away. Whoever did this dirty trick, we hope you're happy and proud. He will be missed by a lot of folks.
CLIFF AND MARGE SHARP
Kimberly

Say no to the incinerator

The other day, I was asking a friend what other countries were going to do with their hazardous waste. Now I see in the paper they're going to build an incinerator in Idaho and send all their waste here. France, Japan, Korea, etc., will send their hazardous waste to Great Britain and they in turn will ship it to Idaho and their incinerator.
If we let this thing go on, we will be the nuclear dump of the world. Think about it!
ROY DAVENPORT
Buhl

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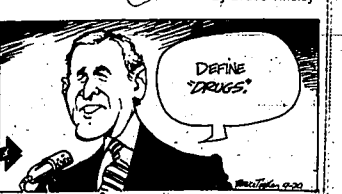
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By Bruce Tinsley



Baby Boomers beware of possible changing pension plans

Boomers and mid-life workers beware. A stampede of employers is reshaping pension plans in ways that could cost the first wave of Boomers tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars each. At least 20 of the Fortune 100 companies and 500 other large companies have changed their traditional pensions to something called "cash balance" retirement plans. Just when long-term workers are reaching the most valuable years to accumulate pension benefits, employers are changing their pension plans to favor newer employees.

Under traditional retirement plans, employees earn the bulk of their benefits during their last few years of work, when their earnings tend to be the highest and their number of years in the plan are the greatest. Under the new and trendy "cash balance" pension plans, the reverse is often true, offering greater benefits to workers just starting their careers. Employees who have put in many years of service—typically people in their 40s through their 50s—could see from a third to a half of the value of their pensions disappear if their employer converts to a cash balance plan before they retire.

It's not illegal for employers to change pension plans or even to choose not to disclose the impact of the conversion. But it certainly seems unfair, especially to mid-life and older employees. Those employees have made career decisions and personal retirement plans based on certain assumptions. Many have little time left to reconfigure those plans or take other actions to reach their goals. Assuming, of course, they even know what's happening to their pension.

Cash balance pension plans appeal to young mobile workers because they are portable and worth more at an earlier age than traditional pension plans. Similar in appearance to defined contribution plans, like 401(k) plans, cash balance pension plans assign each employee a hypothetical individual account which accrues benefits. Employees get to see how their "account" is doing while they work and take a lump sum with them when they leave.

Employers with cash balance plans can attract younger, less costly employees and still control the pension plan's investments. These employers—especially in financial and high-tech businesses—have put forward many reasons for wanting young employees. Traditional pension plans offer little incentive to workers who change jobs frequently and stand the chance of becoming instant millionaires elsewhere. But employers needn't penalize older workers to attract younger employees. If, as employers argue, cost is not the issue, long-term and older employees should be offered a choice of staying in the old benefit plan or opting for the new plan.

Until recently, companies could switch pension plans easily, with little meaningful disclosure and little protest from employees. Today more employees are catching on—and protesting—a plan conversion. Thanks to extensive press coverage, fewer plan changes go un-

JOSEPH S. PERKINS

Still, few employees have the actuarial skills to compare new and old plans, and despite protests, employers have no obligation to give employees information to figure out how they will do in the end. At the very least, that must change. Pending bills in Congress would require employers to provide employees with a side-by-side disclosure of what their benefits would be under both old and new plans.

Employees deserve at least that much. But disclosure alone won't change the stark circumstances of mid-career employees caught in the conversion of pension plans. In many cases, those employees won't earn a dollar more than what they are already entitled to under the old plan until years from now—sometimes as many as 10 or 15 years—under the new plan. They'll effectively spend years of their work lives working for no benefits. It surely isn't fair and it almost certainly is illegal—but the enforcement agencies have yet to act. AARP has asked the federal


agencies responsible for pension plans—the IRS, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Department of Labor—to scrutinize these plan changes for age discrimination and other violations of pension laws. But Boomers and other mid-life workers shouldn't sit quietly while others decide their economic future. They should ask their employers to preserve their pension plans, alert their members of Congress to the questions raised by cash balance conversions and talk with co-workers about what they can do as a group. AARP wants to know what happens, too, so we work together

to protect our hard earned pensions. Joseph S. Perkins is president of AARP, the nation's leading organization for mid-life and older people. This article is drawn from his testimony on cash balance pensions that was recently submitted to Congress.

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Pizza Hut store missing \$2,000

TWIN FALLS - Police were looking for clues in the disappearance of more than \$2,000 from the Addison Avenue Pizza Hut this weekend. The money disappeared from a manager's 401(k) account, and store officials believe an employee was responsible for taking the cash and checks, Pizza Hut District Manager Russ Young said. Anyone with information can call the Twin Falls police at 736-1541.

Man pleads innocent in drug paraphernalia case

TWIN FALLS - A man charged with selling drug paraphernalia at a Blazing Lighters store pleaded innocent Monday in District Court. Curtis Allan Trowbridge, 19, faces up to 18 years in prison on the few felony counts of delivering drug paraphernalia. A Feb. 23 trial date was set. The second suspect in the case, 22-year-old Joel T. Campos, will be arraigned Oct. 4. The two were charged in November after an undercover police operation at the store.

Pickup truck rollover hospitalizes couple

EDEN - A California couple was hospitalized Monday afternoon after their pickup rolled on Interstate 84 near Eden. Donald and Lynn Hanover, of Napa, just cresting the hill at milepost 184 when wind shear caught the camper trailer they were towing and pushed their pickup off the road, the Idaho State Police said. The wind was so strong it jacked the trailer, sending the pickup into a roll, I-87 said. Donald, 63, and Lynn, 55, Hanover were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Their conditions were not being released.

Rupert takes final look at sale of city property

RUPERT - At a 7 p.m. meeting today, the City Council will give final consideration to a plan to sell city property between Sixth and Eighth streets on Scott Avenue. A public hearing will be held for final approval of a local improvement district on Walnut, Maple and Linden streets and area east of a paving bid for those streets. A public hearing will be held to approve long-term financing for the bid, located next to St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

The Hamilton/Tapadeera subdivision annexation is being considered. The subdivision is located on East 18th Street, near the Mormon church. A site plan for the Harriman subdivision will be reviewed. The property, located near Big Valley Elementary School, is being considered for a proposed low to medium-income housing development.

Marketing students conduct survey on TF fair

TWIN FALLS - Don't be surprised if you get a phone call this month from a College of Southern Idaho student asking how you liked the Twin Falls County fair. Marketing students in CSI professor Dennis Heiner's business class will conduct a two-week telephone survey among random Twin Falls, Jerome, and Gooding county residents. Heiner says the college was approached by the county to conduct the survey. In return for the work that goes into the 400-500 response document, the county will make a contribution to the CSI business department. He hopes to have the work done early next month. The students will be asking residents what they like and dislike about the Twin Falls county fair and rodeo.

Four City Council seats up for re-election

TWIN FALLS - Elections for city offices are coming up in November. Four positions on the City Council are up for re-election. In order to be considered for an office position, residents must file their names with the deputy city clerk before Sept. 23. For more information, call Sharon Bryan, deputy city clerk, at 736-2245.

Compiled from staff reports

TF may save money with trash plan

By John T. Hudry
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - City and county residents may soon see lower trash bills if Twin Falls County rejoins the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District. Terry Schultz, executive director of the waste district, and Dennis Maughan, chairman of the Twin Falls County commissioners presented their plans to rejoin the two to the City Council Monday. The plan would save the community about \$1 million a year. Schultz said the plan would probably cut city residents' trash bills by 10 percent each month and lower county residents' trash fees several dollars at a new waste district transfer station southeast of town.

If the county joins the district, the new system should begin second June 1, Schultz said. Residents would begin to see a reduction in their trash costs, with even greater reductions to come once the county's \$4 million Hub Butte debt is paid. The county has until 2003 to pay off the debt, Maughan said. The district, which comprises

Blaine, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Minidoka counties, owns and operates the Milner Butte Landfill near Burley. Twin Falls County owns the Hub Butte Landfill south of Twin Falls, but the regional district has managed the site since 1995. Twin Falls County spends about \$2.5 million on waste disposal each year. Joining forces with Twin Falls

County would help the district compete with other counties, such as Elmore County, which is developing a solid waste system, while cutting the Twin Falls County's costs, Schultz said. Twin Falls County would have one of seven votes on the district's governing board, even though most of the trash would come there.

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Gooding schools prepare for levy renewal vote

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

GOODING - Voters will be asked next month to renew a levy that has provided money for school maintenance, remodeling and upgrades over the past 10 years - and to save themselves a little money. The proposed \$125,000 plant facilities levy would be less than the levy that expires this year, Gooding School District Superintendent Henry Kilmer said. The new levy would begin in 2000, and expire in 2010. It would remain \$125,000 every year.



Brady Blumhain, a senior at Gooding High School, finishes a physics experiment Monday after school in the school's science classroom. The last levy provided funding for four additional classrooms at the high school and now the Gooding School Board is discussing another levy election.

The expiring levy began in 1990 at \$100,000. Under the terms passed by voters, it grew by up to 5 percent annually reaching \$142,000 in 1999. If voters approve the renewal, it would cost taxpayers 56 cents for every \$1,000 in taxable property value. That is down from the 94 cents they are paying this year, Kilmer said. The School Board decided to reduce the levy because the new elementary/middle school is not expected to require hefty maintenance expenses, and to give taxpayers a break. Vice Chairwoman Martha Oberte said. The facilities levy has helped keep district buildings in good condition, she said.

Over the past 10 years, it has paid for new roofs, paving of parking lots, classroom remodeling and general repairs and maintenance. It also helped build four classrooms at Gooding High School that cost about \$500,000, Kilmer said. The rooms include three new labs, one each for special education, biology and science. The levy has eliminated the need

for the district to request a bond issue to pay for the additions, he said. When bonds are issued, the district borrows money up front and pays it back with interest. The proposed levy would provide annual revenue for 30 years for maintenance and building or site improvements. It can't be

used for salaries, supplies or other regular school operations. Plans for the new levy include replacing 25-year-old carpeting at Gooding High School, adding capacity to the alternative school's boiler, more outdoor storage space for the elementary/middle school, upgrading

school security systems, general repairs and maintenance, and a four-classroom addition to the elementary/middle school. The district has grown from 1,081 students in 1990 to 1,355 students at the end of the 1998-99 school year - about 2.5 percent growth each year.

In addition to today's meeting, the district plans to hold an informational meetings at Gooding Senior Center. Times-News staff writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241, or by e-mail at jsandmann@magicvalley.com.

Rupert boy takes knife to school

By Loraine Carver
Times-News writer

RUPERT - An 11-year-old boy was taken into custody by the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department Monday after Big Valley Elementary School's principal took a knife away from the boy. Charges were filed against the boy.

Stearns said he is always surprised when a weapons incident occurs. "It is a disappointment," he said. But this has been Big Valley's first weapons incident since December 1996, when a sixth-grader was suspended in connection with bringing a cap gun to school.

The boy, taken into custody by Minidoka County school resource officer Jeff Wadsworth at Big Valley Elementary School, said a Minidoka County sheriff's report. It is a locking blade-type knife about 4 inches long. Someone at the school reported the boy to a teacher, Big Valley principal Bob Stearns said.

"I believe the matter has been resolved," Goodman said. Rather than file charges, the school found another way to deal with the incident, Stearns said. "The parents are taking a pretty good initiative with it," Stearns said. "We like to handle these things on a case-by-case basis." The boy was remorseful, Stearns said. "All the fun was out of it after he was caught," Stearns said. Stearns did not know if the incident was a "copy cat" or had anything to do with a incident last week, when a 13-year-old boy was charged in connection with bringing a gun to West Minico Junior High School.

The boy was placed in the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center, the report said. The boy will be charged after Minidoka County deputy prosecutor Alan Goodman met with the chief juvenile probation officer, the resource officer and the boy's parents.

Stearns said he is always surprised when a weapons incident occurs. "It is a disappointment," he said. But this has been Big Valley's first weapons incident since December 1996, when a sixth-grader was suspended in connection with bringing a cap gun to school. Stearns said several students noticed the gun during a recess, and reported it to the school's resource officer. Although it was only a toy gun, Stearns said, it was enough to scare other students. The 1996 incident made national news, Stearns said. He was asked to be on Montel Williams' TV talk show along with the boy and his mother. Stearns, the boy and his mother declined the offer. Normally Big Valley has quiet hallways and well-behaved students. "Big Valley has a lot of pride," Stearns said.

City says pet owners should get involved

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The City Council wants pet owners to help write a new pet ordinance. Many pet owners were notified of the proposed ordinance that places heavier responsibilities on pet owners. But the City Council Monday, suggested people redirect their energy into participating in a committee that will take on the issue.

Atorney Lance Loveland, standing in for city attorney Randy Stone, said the intent of the draft ordinance was to provoke public discussion. City Council member Brent Kerbs opposes the tighter ordinance and said he would like to see the current ordinance enforced. Many audience members concurred. "I think we've got the laws on the books pretty good," Kerbs said. "We just need to enforce them." People opposed a limit on the number of pets. The ordinance would limit ownership to three pets in any combination of cats or dogs. The ordinance should target problems on a case by case basis, some said. Others opposed to cats being subjected to the same restrictions as dogs. "The problem is not me," said Burley resident Gary King. "It's the people who are not taking care of their pets."

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Blaine rec district seeks public comment on bond issue

By Barb Newhart
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - A scientific telephone survey, conducted over the weekend, will guide the decision to ask voters in November for all or part of \$11.8 million to build recreational facilities throughout Blaine County. "If we've really missed the student majority, we should get a sense of their feelings with this survey," said Mary Austin Crofts, director of the Blaine County Recreation District. After a year of plan development and trying to gauge public opinion, the recreation district is planning to put a bond issue on the Nov. 2 general election ballot. But the board hasn't yet developed the final language for the bond issue. The decision to move forward will depend on results of the telephone survey, and a series of 25 daily informational meetings scheduled to begin Sept. 27, Crofts said. The bond issue would require a two-thirds majority. She said the board has another week to change the election or projects, pending public feedback. For now, there are four components to the plan: A community recreation center in Hailey, costing about \$5.8 million. A north valley aquatic center in Ketchum, costing about \$3.2 million.

A mid-valley activity park at Ohio Gulch, costing about \$2.05 million. South valley park projects in Gemmer, Pheasant and Carey, costing about \$25.175 million. The recreation district's goal was to build a community center in Hailey near the high school. Blaine County residents wanted something closer to their community, so the idea of a north valley aquatic center was included in this bond issue. The Hailey center would be built next to Wood River High School. It would include a teen center and lounge, state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor pool, outdoor youth pool, exercise rooms, gymnasiums, community

meeting room, and day-care facility. The Ketchum pool would be built along the city's Park & Ride lot off Warm Springs Road. It would include natural hot water, flow-through pools in a naturally landscaped setting, plus a 7,500-square foot leisure pool with water toys and slides and four lanes for lap swimming. Tourism in the Ketchum/Sun Valley area is an important component to building the Ketchum pool, Crofts said. Fourteen dollars would be needed to generate enough money for the pool to break even, Crofts said. No tax dollars will be used to subsidize the centers' maintenance and operations.

If the Ketchum and Hailey centers are going to work, they must offer different services, consultants hired by the board of directors have said. The other two projects would offer recreation opportunities for voters who live outside Ketchum or Hailey city limits. A new active play park is proposed for 16 acres in Ohio Gulch. A 25-year lease has just been acquired from the state on an old landfill site. The play park would have fields for soccer, rugby, Frisbee, sports courts, and picnic space. The projects for southern Blaine County include developing a small park in Gemmer and improving parks in Pheasant and Carey.

MAGIC VALLEY

Jerome readies for smart signal

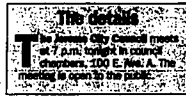
By Dile Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A smart traffic signal is scheduled for downtown Jerome, and city engineers crews need to get geared up for it.

The state-of-the-art traffic light, being installed at Main and Lincoln streets in the remodeled downtown, will be programmed to know when emergency vehicles are approaching. The new traffic signal, called an Opticom System, will turn the light green for emergency vehicles and stop traffic in other directions.

As a result, the city needs to purchase emitters to mount on emergency vehicles. The emitters send a signal to the light which tells the light to stop other traffic.

During the design phase of the downtown project, the city agreed to purchase emitters for



The Opticom System is a smart traffic signal that will be installed at Main and Lincoln streets in downtown Jerome.

emergency vehicles. Purchasing the first emitter is up for council consideration tonight.

The first emitter, costing \$995, would be mounted on a city fire engine; future emitters will be budgeted as needed.

In other council business: The council will discuss a conventional traffic light at South Lincoln and 100 South. J. U-B Engineers has completed work on the signal design for the

First Renewal Agency. City Engineer Scott Bybee will update the council on this project.

The council will consider a possible way to find money to repair its water system, in the

wake of a failed \$1.7 million bond issue last month.

Boise State University's Environmental Finance Center offers intensive workshops that bring together interested participants and outside experts.

The informal sessions are designed to solve problems in a short period of time. The goals are to come up with pertinent, realistic and achievable ideas to finance projects.

The council will consider asking BSU for help in finding alternate sources of money through one of these workshops.

The council will hold the second of three required readings of an ordinance to allow home-based businesses to operate in residential zones with special-use permits.

Times-News correspondent Dicie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

DEATH NOTICES

Virgil B. Hart

TWIN FALLS - Virgil B. Hart, 66, of Twin Falls, Idaho died at his home Monday, September 20, 1999. Funeral arrangements are pending under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Fred Christensen

GLENN'S FERRY - Fred Christensen, 74, of Glenn's Ferry, died Sunday, September 19, 1999, at his home. The family will

hold a celebration honoring Fred's life at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999, at the family residence at 101 West Cleveland in Glenn's Ferry, all of Fred's family and friends are invited to attend. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Visions, Inc. at 1300 Kimberly Road #11, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. There will be no funeral services. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Ray M. Calhoun

HAILEY - Ray M. Calhoun, 65, of Hailey, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 1999, at the Wood River Medical Center in Hailey. Services are pending. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

SERVICES

Jacqueline B. Bahnsen, of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. Thursday, at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's Times-News edition.

Kenneth C. "K.C." Jullien, of Montpelier, services at 1 p.m. today at the Montpelier First Ward Chapel, 485 S. 7th St. Friends may call from 11-12:45 a.m. today. (Montpelier Ministry of Montpelier).

Clifford C. Bayley, of Kimberly and formerly of Richfield, services at 11 a.m. today at the Richfield LDS Church. Family and friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time today at the church.

Morris W. Coulson, of Mesa, Ariz., graveside service 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Mabel Eva Bahard, of Nampa, 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Magyar "Red" Meserovich, of Rupert, 2 p.m. today at the Rupert First Christian Church. Friends may call one hour before the service today at the church. (Eliassen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Onah Lea Baillie, of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Elmwood Memorial Gardens in Nampa. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Katie Sweet, of Paul, 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel. Friends may call one hour before the service today at the funeral chapel.

Mary Rose "Bonnie" Will, of Hansen, memorial service at 5 p.m. today at Heiler Pavilion at Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls.

Alma Blaker, of Burley, 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave. in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral Wednesday at the church.

HOSPITALS

Patricia Powers of Burley.

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

Admitted: Dawn Leonard and baby boy.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER All names are not published per patient's request.

Admitted: Hoy Colbaugh of Gooding; Thomas Griffith of Kimberly. Released.

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



Gordon D. Bennett

Gordon Dale Bennett, 91, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died early Sunday morning, September 19, 1999, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

Gordon was born August 2, 1908, in Oberlin, Kansas. He was blessed to know her said what a gentle, sweet lady she was, a precious angel of God.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, September 25, at Living Waters Christian Church, 822 5th St., Twin Falls, with Rev. W.W. (Jim) Winkie officiating.

Betty L. Putzier of Twin Falls

Betty L. Putzier of Twin Falls. Besides her four daughters, Helen is survived by 3 grandsons, John Putzier, Robert Putzier, and Fred Putzier; a granddaughter Sandra Putzier Stansell; 6 great-grandchildren and 4 great-granddaughters; 2 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will take place at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, September 22, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls. Rev. James Friesbie will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be given to a charity of the donor's choice. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

Valentine Paloma, Elaine Pharis and Kyle Tarbet, all of Rupert.

Deceased: Eddy Timmons of Burley; and Lucille Galbraith of Rupert.

BIRTHS

A baby boy was born to Dawn and Bruce Leonard of Rupert.

Survivors include his beloved wife Martha of Twin Falls, six children, Owen D. (JoAnn) Bennett of Twin Falls, Laura (Vivly) Anderson of Kimberly, Herschel (Sandra) Bennett of Jerome, Nadine (Dustin) Howe of Brazil, Harley (Sharon) Bennett of Columba Falls, MT, and Leslie (Shir) Bennett of Twin Falls, 20 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. Four of his grandchildren are missionaries to Brazil with New Testament Mission and Mission Aviation Fellowship.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Rosa Kathleen Elin.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, 1999, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Jim O'Donnell of the Freewill Baptist Church in Twin Falls officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Gideons. Gifts may be left with funeral chapel. Service will be held at Reynolds Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Frieda M. Wolfe

Frieda M. Wolfe, 72, of Twin Falls, slipped quietly into the arms of the Lord on Saturday, September 18, 1999, at Sunbridge Care Center.

She was born August 26, 1927, in Kimberly; the daughter of Jacob and Eva Wolfe. She married Daryl E. Wolfe on January 7, 1951

Helen L. Steiner Humm

Helen L. Steiner Humm died at the SunBridge Semi-Cad Nursing Home, Sunday, September 19, 1999, at the age of 93 years, 3 months, and 4 days, of an extended illness.

She was born November 15, 1902 in Oberlin, Kansas to Charles W. and Laura Wilcox Steiner. She acquired her education in the Oberlin area, with a diploma from Nebraska, and Guide Rock, Nebraska. Helen transported herself and a trained vocalist. She played background music at a movie theater during the silent movie era. She gave private piano lessons for several years in Nebraska as well as Kansas.

She also taught all eight grades of school at a country school for one year. She loved teaching the children, but not the parents, so one day was enough. She and her husband and daughters moved to Idaho in 1939 during the dust bowl years in Kansas and Nebraska. Helen married Fred E. Humm April 2, 1921 in Nelson, Nebraska. Two daughters were born to this union: Valde L. Humm of the home and

GOODING



Mildred Marie Myers

Mildred "Marie" Myers, 86, a Gooding resident, died Friday, September 17, 1999, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

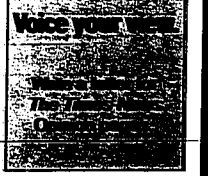
Marie was born August 31, 1913, in Dade County, Missouri, the daughter of Charles and Ella Dodd. She was raised on a farm in Missouri, and attended a one room school through the 8th grade. She then boarded in Greenfield, Missouri, and attended Greenfield High School. She married Tren A. Myers in South Greenfield, Missouri, on April 6, 1931. They lived in Missouri until moving to Idaho in 1936. Marie was a member of Marguerite Rebekah Lodge, The First Christian Church, and Cosmopolitan Chapter #36 O.E.S.

Marie is survived by two daughters: Rosa Lee (Paul) Rose, and Marilyn Lou, both of Gooding; a son, John A. (Roberta) Myers of Gooding; a sister, Loretta, of Gooding; 17 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, four brothers; one daughter; Truss Jean Jenkins; a son-in-law, George Low, and two grandsons.

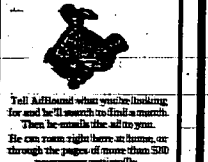
Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 23, 1999, at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Gooding, with Rev. Harold Hake and Rev. Jim Myers officiating. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call on Wednesday from 1-9:00 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.



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IDAHO

Catalog, online sales cut into state tax revenue

BOISE (AP) - The state of Idaho may be losing \$25 million in tax revenues every year because taxpayers either do not know about or simply ignore their duty to pay taxes on Internet, catalog and other purchases from out-of-state companies.

State tax officials say the trend toward "e-commerce" threatens to strike a serious blow to Idaho's budget as more consumers conduct business from their home computers at the expense of local businesses.

Line 50 on the Idaho Individual Income Tax Return asks taxpayers to report, "Sales/Use tax due on mail order and other nonretail purchases."

Enacted with the state sales tax in 1965, it may be the most neglected or overlooked item on Idaho income tax returns. It requires all individual and business taxpayers who bought something without paying a sales tax to calculate Idaho's 5 percent

sales tax and enter it on the form. That includes purchases from book or record clubs, just about anything bought through the Internet and anything bought in states such as Oregon that do not levy sales taxes.

State Tax Commission officials say few Idaho residents know about the tax responsibility, and even fewer take it seriously. As Internet "e-commerce" and mail-order sales take off, Idaho and other states fear sales tax revenues are taking a hard hit.

Unlike conventional sales, where the state grabs 5 percent off the top from most purchases, Idaho is counting on the good faith of its taxpayers to admit how much they owe on purchases from out-of-state businesses. So far, not many are playing along.

Idaho State Tax Commission Chairman Michael Southcombe said most of the problem is that Idaho taxpayers are unaware they are supposed to report a variety of purchases on their

annual income tax forms. Last year, the state received slightly more than \$100,000 from taxpayers who computed their tax obligation and reported it.

Not only are Idaho residents joining other Americans in logging on to their computers or sending away to mail-order houses for "tax-free" purchases, they also are steering their business away from home-grown stores and other companies that are the economic underpinning of their own communities.

Jake Hoffman, information technology policy analyst at the State Tax Commission, said the fallout from e-commerce and other "remote sales" threatens to spread beyond vanishing tax revenues.

He said local businesses are at risk of becoming showrooms for Internet shoppers, who may visit local businesses to see what they want and then go home and buy the items on the Internet to avoid paying sales taxes.

Court agrees with judge in DUI case

BOISE (AP) - A hearing-impaired state trooper driving through the rain could not have adequately observed a drunken driver suspect in the back seat before administering a breath test, the Idaho Court of Appeals said.

In a 2-1 opinion issued Monday, the appellate court ruled that 3rd District Judge Stephen Drescher was right to reverse a decision by Payette County Magistrate A.

Lynne Krogh. The magistrate had denied Steven Raymond Carson's request to exclude evidence from a breath test administered by Idaho State Police Officer Dave Miller. But Drescher agreed with Carson's arguments that Miller had not met the legal requirement for 15 minutes of observation before administering the test.

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Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The Great Pacific Northwest Quilt Show is only stopping once in Idaho during a year-long national tour and that stop is in Heyburn.

The 50, 25-inch by 36-inch quilts were made by quilters throughout the Pacific Northwest and western Canada. Artists included in the exhibit, entitled "Invoking the Spirits," designed quilts after receiving invitations to participate. Only two Idaho artists, Shirley Kraus of Paul and Nan Clus of Meridian, made the list. Montana is represented by Marjorie Sanders of Kailispell, Mont. For Kraus, the invitation sparked the image of a covered wagon pulled by oxen. She transformed the idea into the "Spirit of the Oregon Trail" with a team of oxen pulling a Conestoga wagon toward snowcapped mountains.

Every quilt is unique. A white feather floats on one quilt. Others feature sequins, buttons and rhinestones sewn strategically into the design. One



Quilt display

The quilt display will be displayed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 15 at Carleen's Fabrics and Quilts, 450 21st St. in Heyburn.

bright quilt has a metallic gold cat with visions of nine muses fanning overhead. An intricate embroidery dragon posed in flight dominates another quilt.

Information about the designers and about where or how the design materialized is bound in a book that accompanies the quilts to Heyburn.

Carleen Clayville of Carleen's Fabrics had to bring the display to Idaho. She says she timed the display to complement the annual Mount Harrison Quilt Guild "Quilting a Cozy Comfort" show Oct. 8-9. Quilters from all over the Mountain West travel to Burley to attend the Mount Harrison event and the timing offers an opportunity for more people to also enjoy the "Invoking the Spirits" show, organizers say.

Following the exhibition in Heyburn, the Great Pacific Northwest Quilt Show heads to Washington and Hawaii. The show will end with a display and auction of the quilts in August 2000 during the Great Pacific Northwest Quiltfest at the Seattle Center in Seattle, Wash.



Carleen Clayville, left, Wilma Carman, center, and Alverta Rucker exam a few of the 50 "Invoking the Spirits" quilts on public display through Oct. 15 at Carleen's Fabrics and Quilts, 450 21st St. in Heyburn.

Jerome woman shows quilt talent at public library display

By Dixie Reale
Times-News correspondent

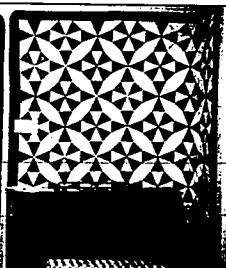
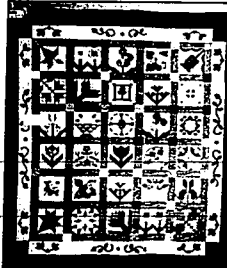
JEROME - Local artist and quilter Dixie Dixon will be displaying her works at an impromptu gallery set up at the Jerome Municipal Library on North Lincoln Street through the end of October.

Although Dixon was born in Utah, she has spent most of her life in Magic Valley. She graduated from Burley High School, resided in the Hunt area of Jerome County and then moved to

Jerome where she has lived with her family for over 20 years.

Dixon is displaying seven new quilts along with about 10 oil paintings of still life, landscapes and old historical buildings from around the Magic Valley area.

The free display will be available through the end of October. The Jerome Library is located at 100 1st Ave. E. The library and gallery is open from noon to 9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.



"Floral Fantasy" and "Kaleidoscope" quilts are a few of the samples of quilts made by local quilter Dixie Dixon. The quilts are on display through the month at the Jerome Library.

Photo courtesy Dixie Dixon

Wheat weaver shares craft

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Dale Scott is giving an old craft a new life.

While passing through Kansas last summer with husband, Jim, the two stopped in at an old Catholic Church to take in some mid-west ambience.

Scott noticed several old crucifixes hanging from the church walls - crucifixes delicately woven from stalks of wheat.

"I had never seen anything like it," Scott recalls.

"They were beautiful - done so intricately done - I just couldn't understand how someone could weave beautiful - out of wheat of all things. I just didn't get it out of my mind."

So impressed with what she had seen, she returned to Hagerman and began researching the craft, gathering most of her information via the Internet.

Scott finally got her hands on a few books and began reading up on the art. What she learned is that this craft dates back to ancient Egypt, and different forms can be found in several other cultures. In the United States, wheat weaving is prominent mostly in the mid-west where Scandinavian descendants have



Above, Dale Scott, shows Dottie Rollos of Hagerman, the finer points of wheat weaving. Scott learned the craft and hopes to pass it on to others. Below, a student weaves with wheat.

keep the art form alive.

As soon as she got started on the time-honored craft, she was hooked.

"I found it so relaxing. Other people crochet, others sew, some read, but I weave wheat," Scott says. "If you have anything on your mind you soon lose it because you have to concentrate on what you're doing. I think it's a lot of fun, but it's also a great way to unwind."

Now, Scott wants to pass on her knowledge.

She teamed up with Thelma Maxwell, Hagerman Valley Senior Center director, and organized classes where others can learn weaving techniques, get a little history lesson and create their own grain artwork.

So far, Scott has conducted two beginning classes where she started with basic weaving techniques. Next, Scott has plans for two upper level classes next month where students will learn more techniques, building upon what they learned in the first class.

"This is great," first-time weaver Louis Elliott from Hagerman says.



"We're not just making something beautiful, but we're learning something new and that's always good."

Maxwell says she hopes Scott can generate enough interest to make the classes an ongoing event.

"A Visions leader takes more of a mentor role than a traditional Girl Scout troop leader," Fisher says. "She is often the only person troop members have to talk to when it comes to their personal lives and family situations."

Along with traditional activities, other topics are non-traditional. For example, a representative of a battered women's shelter talked to the girls about making safe decisions in an abusive environment and learning that abused women do have alternatives. Visions invites community leaders and role models to speak to the group, and encourage them to stay in school.

Visions is funded by grants from organizations like the United Way and the

Bliss club grows from love of gardening

By Dara Jensen
Times-News correspondent

BLISS - An interest in African violets in 1953 has developed into an active flower and garden club in 1999.

The 20 members of the Bliss Flower and Garden Club represent the communities Bliss, Hagerman, Gooding, Jerome and King Hill.

"We meet because of the personal enjoyment we derive from beautiful flowers and a desire to promote better gardening in the community," says Wilma Daniels, club president.

There are no meetings in the off-season of January or February, but the club officers meet and develop the program for the coming year. The program is then printed and arranged in an attractive booklet. The booklet also contains a gardening tip and an inspirational thought for each month.

When they do meet, there is time for the sharing and exchange of ideas at the end of the gathering. The spring meeting features a plant exchange where extra plants are brought from home and traded among club members.

Projects completed by the club have included books for the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind; flowers for the long-term care center at the Gooding Hospital and planting flowers at and cleaning the Bliss City Park. Club members also served as the superintendents of the flower show at the Gooding County fair this year.



Margery Stroud, left, and Wilma Daniels say their love of flowers make membership in the Bliss Flower and Garden Club an enjoyable experience.

They have assisted with the plantings and beautification of the Gooding Hospital grounds, members say. The club also decorates a tree for a holiday festival of trees event. In 1998, their tree was honored with the people's choice award.

Two highlights are the November auction and the end of the year Christmas party, adds Margery Stroud, a charter member of the club. The November meeting is an auction. And in December, husbands are invited to a potluck supper.

"Other activities include a trip to Flin's Greenhouse to see the poinsettias in December. We also tour the gardens of the club members," Daniels says. "This is a ladies club, but we appreciate the help and support given to us by our husbands."

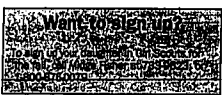
Girl Scout non-traditional program reaches out to girls

By Kellie Gaston
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While traditional Girl Scout troops are out selling cookies, earning badges, and attending about summer camp, one Scout program involves a different project - helping at-risk girls gain a positive outlook on life.

The Silver Sage Girl Scout Council's Visions program was started during the 1998-99 school year at Lincoln Elementary in Twin Falls. Silver Sage Director Midge Fisher saw a need to help more girls find a place in Girl Scouts.

"Visions gives girls in area schools lacking a traditional Scout troop an opportunity to be in Scouts, and take advantage of what we have to offer,"



Fisher says. Girl Scouts are often seen by girls from lower-income and ethnic backgrounds as a middle-American, suburban group - a place where they do not fit in and are not fully accepted, she says. Family responsibilities and lack of transportation also prevents many of the girls from joining a troop, she says. But participating in Visions during the lunch hour allows girls to take part and fulfill outside duties, Fisher says.

Although Visions targets at-risk, non-traditional girls, any sixth-grade girl can join. Troops are also in place in Jerome

and Burley. Visions leader Donna Stalley instructs troop members in Girl Scout principles and standards, and provides empathy, guidance, and advice to troop members.

"A Visions leader takes more of a mentor role than a traditional Girl Scout troop leader," Fisher says. "She is often the only person troop members have to talk to when it comes to their personal lives and family situations."

Along with traditional activities, other topics are non-traditional. For example, a representative of a battered women's shelter talked to the girls about making safe decisions in an abusive environment and learning that abused women do have alternatives. Visions invites community leaders and role models to speak to the group, and encourage them to stay in school.

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Optimists, and private donations. Grants help pay the way for girls who can afford the fees.

The Discovery group, another alternative Girl Scout program, is composed of first-through third-graders at Mountain View Elementary in Burley. Members perform community service, such as participating in a drive for a local food bank, installing planters at the Community Action Agency offices, and cleaning the grounds at school.

Volunteers are always needed and a new leader is needed this fall for the Visions program at Lincoln Elementary. "Visions helps girls learn to accept themselves and others, too," Fisher says. "We want them to take this program and make it their own, so they feel a sense of leadership and ownership in the group."

The schools have been cooperative, she adds.



These girls belong to the Discovery Program at Mountain View Elementary in Burley. The girls perform community service projects. The program also is one of the newer non-traditional Scouting programs.

"The Visions girls' grades have improved, and they gain self-confidence from the program," Fisher says. "Many of them don't belong to any other groups, and Visions has given them a chance to fit in somewhere."

COMMUNITY

AARP group gathers petitions

TWIN FALLS - The South Magie Valley unit of the American Association of Retired Persons is having a busy month.

Want more info about AARP? Call Evelyn Daventon at 543-6516, or Jackie Shaffer at 734-5055.



Eva Barnes, left, Helen Slater, center, and Cleo Benson attend the AARP and SHRA booth at the recent Twin Falls County Fair. Slater and Benson made the call that was raffled off to benefit the Twin Falls Senior Center. Members also gathered 800 signatures to send to Congress...

The meeting includes learning how local activities interact with and support other AARP units. Holt says the local chapter, recently revitalized after almost five years in dormancy, is the 14th unit dedicated to serving the needs of Idahoans age 50 and over.

Officers at year end, Evelyn Daventon, area AARP president, says. The area AARP chapter also reported a good turn out at their Twin Falls County Fair booth this year, coordinators say. Group members gathered more than 800 signatures on a petition bound to the U.S. Congress to

support strengthening Social Security for future generations. The petition has been signed by almost 2,000 people statewide, the organization says. The group also offered citizens to win a quilt made by group members at the Twin Falls Senior Center and get a spin on a game.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
615 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 62 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Chef's salad.
Wednesday: Turkey with dressing, potatoes and gravy, winter mix veggies, Jell-O fruit salad, rolls, cake.
Thursday: Ham and raisin sauce, sweet potato, red cabbage with hamless, rolls, pie.
Friday: Pork chops and applesauce, potatoes and gravy, carrots, tossed salad, biscuits, fruit dessert.
Saturday: Kielbasa with sauerkraut, fried potatoes, veggies, corn salad, rolls, fruit dessert.
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure check 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Weekly club.
Thursday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Saturday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Sunday: Lunch 10 a.m.
Monday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1110 Idaho St., Blvd

Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.50 and children under 12-years-old \$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 noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.
Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, chinese veggies, rolls, pudding and cookies, salad.
Wednesday: Enchilada casserole, spanish rice, salad, cherry custard.
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, french bread, apple cake, smorgasbord at 5:30.
Friday: Smorgasbord.
Saturday: Hot pork sandwich; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Activities
Thrift shop open every day.
Tuesday: Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Quilting 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bingo 7-9 p.m.
Thursday: Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Friday: Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Saturday: Quilting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Medicare update, 11:45 a.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: Buffet at 1 p.m., roast pork. 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
222 Main St., Filer
Dinner 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: Pork chops.
Thursday: Sliced turkey.
Friday: Meat loaf.
Activities
Tuesday: Exercise at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise at 1 p.m.
Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Sausage with mashed potatoes and gravy.
Friday: Meat loaf.
Monday: Cheesy tuna wrap.
Activities
Wednesday: Blood pressure check.
Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo at 11:55 a.m. Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Monday

READY FOR SURGERY



The College of Southern Idaho's Surgical Technology department invites the public and prospective students to attend an open house from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 245 of CSI's Sagen Building. The open house is in conjunction with Medical Surgical Technology Week. Surgical Technology program director Janet Bernhardt says the department will highlight the successful programs offered at CSI and encourage future students to enroll. Literature, equipment demonstrations, Wilson presentations and refreshments will be available. Sixteen students enrolled in ages from 18 to 39 from throughout southern Idaho are enrolled in the program this year. The program teaches students to be members of a surgical team. So far, 228 students have graduated from CSI's program in the first two years it has been offered. For more information, call Bernhardt at 733-8554, Ext. 22729.

County Fair lists livestock winners

- TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Fair announced winners in five, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty, fifty-one, fifty-two, fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, fifty-six, fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-seven, sixty-eight, sixty-nine, seventy, seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, seventy-six, seventy-seven, seventy-eight, seventy-nine, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, eighty-eight, eighty-nine, ninety, ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hundred.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Office on Aging, SHIBA present Medicare info
TWIN FALLS - Mary Edgar, ombudsman director for the Area IV Office on Aging, and Tamara Stricker, Regional SHRA coordinator, will present new information on senior Medicare benefits at the Blaine County Senior Center in Hailey today.
Topics will include new Medicare preventative added benefits; types of services covered under Medicare Part A/B; explanations of Medicare + choice, QMB and SLMB; the importance of checking with providers about what services are covered under Medicare benefits; and possible prescription drug benefits that may be available in a Medicare reform proposal.
Business offers women's self-defense classes
TWIN FALLS - Falls Ave.

Fitness in Twin Falls will host women's self-defense classes from 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays, from Oct. 4 to Nov. 22.
Cost is \$75, and instructors are Tom Fleming, a Tang Soo Do instructor and former police officer.
For more information, call Stan at Falls Ave. Fitness at 734-7538, or Tom Fleming at 733-7212.
Women of the Moose host benefit for little boy
GLENN'S FERRY - The Glenn's Ferry Women of the Moose are holding a benefit from 2-6 p.m. Saturday for Daniel Mikesell.
Daniel, who is almost 1-year old, suffers from biliary atresia, a disease where the bile ducts outside the liver are damaged, preventing bile from leaving the liver. Bile accumulates in the liver, causing progressive damage to the tissue.
Daniel has undergone two major reconstructive surgeries,

and two minor surgeries to try and repair his digestive system. If his bilirubin levels do not decrease, he will need a liver transplant within the next five years, coordinators say.
Nub and the Guardians will perform at the fund-raising event, featuring a four child duet, by drummer.
In conjunction to the Daniel Mikesell fund also can be made at Pioneer Federal Credit Union, 114 N. Commercial, Glenn's Ferry, Idaho 83623.
Snake River Archaeological Society holds meeting
TWIN FALLS - The fall wrap-up meeting of the Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Archaeological Society will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Sawtooth National Forest Office, 2047 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.
Ron James, archaeological advisor for the chapter, will be the speaker, presenting a slide show on the summer work of the Snake River Chapter. The public is well come to attend.
For more information, call Judy Davis at 733-7833.

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For more information, or to sign up for classes, call the American Red Cross at 733-8464, or 1-888-367-6321.

Red Cross announces Disaster Training Classes
TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross, Sawtooth Chapter, are hosting disaster training classes at 1814 Heyburn Blvd. E. in Twin Falls.
Introduction to disaster will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, and 5 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 22.
Mass care, an overview, is from 9 a.m. to noon, and 5 to 9 p.m. Sept. 26.
For more information, or to sign up for classes, call the American Red Cross at 733-8464, or 1-888-367-6321.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Jerome Cheese sister plant plans expansion

JEROME - Jerome Cheese Co.'s sister plant in Minnesota is involved in a three-building, 61-acre expansion.

The expansion of Le Sueur Cheese Co., which is owned by Davisco Foods International, is the result of a joint effort between Le Sueur city staff and development groups and Davisco. Jerome Cheese's Jon Davis said. And town leaders are supportive.



"The project is sizable for this community. We think it is a positive development for this community," Le Sueur City Administrator Rick Almich said in a Davisco release. "We're fortunate to have this company in Le Sueur."

Almich cited the jobs the new building will create and the opportunity to expand the city's utilities.

The area in Le Sueur where Davisco is building has been designated a tax increment financing district, which means the city can receive financing to expand its utility lines and build a water tower in the area. The increased utilities can be used as more businesses build in the area, and by residents who live too far out of the city boundaries to be connected to current city utility lines, the company said.

In the three-phase Minnesota project beginning this year, Davisco will build a manufacturing plant, a warehouse and a food-ingredients plant, which will create more than 150 new jobs for the area, Davisco said.

Buhl Chamber of Commerce hosts business activities

- BURL** - The Buhl Chamber of Commerce has a variety of business-related events scheduled during the next month:
 - Sept. 29 - chamber board meeting in chamber conference room, 4:40 p.m.
 - Oct. 1 - Eighth Street Center grand opening and ribbon cutting, 5:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 4 - chamber lunch meeting at Grandstands Sports Grill, noon.
 - Oct. 12 - Building Buhl's Future community fair at Immaculate Conception Catholic church, 5 to 8 p.m.
 - Oct. 18 - chamber lunch meeting at Grandstands, noon.
 - Oct. 27 - chamber board meeting at the visitors' center, 4:30 p.m.

Special events highlight TF Chamber schedule

- TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce plans two special events this week.
 - A ribbon cutting for the Twin Falls Fitness Center will be held at 5 p.m. today at 1881 Pole Line Road E.
 - The chamber's Business After Hours social event is planned for 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Cain's Home Furnishings, 204 Main Ave. N.

Compiled from staff reports

Hailey engineering firm sends delegation to Mexico, Costa Rica

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

HAILEY - A Hailey-based engineering company is managing construction of a geothermal power plant in Mexico and one in Costa Rica - and those projects

have caught the interest of Idaho's leaders.

When Gov. Dirk Kempthorne leads a trade delegation south of the border in October, he'll take along representatives of Hailey's POWER Engineers, among others from the state's business and governmental sectors.

The two power plants were "kind of our foot in the door for our invitation on the trade mission," said Karen Traut, business development department manager for POWER's industrial division.

"It's kind of nice to be recognized by the governor as Idaho firms that's really contributing

Chinese customers hold up Twin Falls manufacturer's product

The Times-News

BEIJING - Hamilton Manufacturing Inc.'s Herb Elmery escaped the Tuesday morning earthquake in Taipei that snook the other members of the Idaho governor's trade delegation team.

But the Twin Falls man was waiting to meet up with the governor's group in Beijing. "Having large problems of his own," said his wife, Doreen Elmery-Harney, who stayed behind in Twin Falls.

Elmery is preparing for a Thursday demonstration of the plant's insulation and much

elsewhere else in the world."

POWER told the governor and his traveling group that it hopes

products to be introduced by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. But the container carrying the equipment and sample products for the demonstration was stuck in customs.

"I have changed the paperwork three times now," a sad, frustrated Hamilton-Harney said late Monday afternoon, which was Tuesday in Beijing.

Her husband would have to decide that night whether to continue trying to get the container out of customs or ship it home, she said. This week's trip is part of the Twin Falls manufacturer's effort to develop a new market in China.

to promote Idaho business, expand existing relationships with Mexico and Costa Rican. Please see ENGINEERS, Page C5

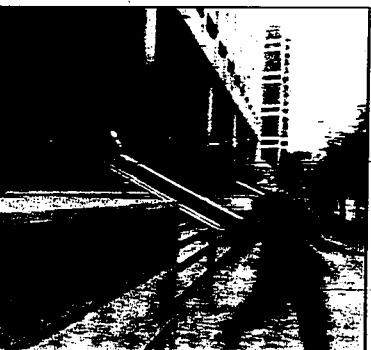


A Costa Rican power plant designed by Hailey's POWER Engineers is nearing startup. POWER also is managing construction at the geothermal plant site.

Quick facts on POWER Engineers

- Founded in 1976.
 - Headquartered in Hailey for more than 20 years, the company says it has quietly grown to become one of the county's most prominent industrial and utility design firms.
 - Production divisions are industrial, telecommunications and transmission/distribution.
 - Employee-owned with nearly 500 employees.
 - Provides engineering services, from conceptual design through construction management, to private and public clients worldwide.
 - Offices in Boise; Atlanta; Dallas; Denver; Longview and Vancouver, Wash.; and St. Louis.
- Source: POWER Engineers.

A woman leaves the headquarters of Quaker Oats Co., in Chicago Monday. The company announced Monday a restructuring plan that would eliminate 10 percent of its work force over the next three years.



Quaker may slash as many as 1,200 jobs

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - The Quaker Oats Co. announced a restructuring Monday that could result in the loss of as many as 1,200 jobs over the next three years.

The maker of Quaker oatmeal and Gatorade said the aim is to lower operating costs by removing inefficient assets and reconfiguring the company's food and beverage warehouse and delivery systems, among other things.

It involves savings of \$40 million to \$45 million in 2001, rising to \$60 million to \$70 million starting in 2002.

"While we have improved our supply chain capabilities and

costs, we are convinced that we can accomplish even more," said Robert S. Morrison, chairman, president and chief executive.

Analysts said the news was not big surprise in an industry scrambling to be more cost-efficient.

Morrison has consistently stated the company's desire to cut costs.

The job losses would amount to as much as 10 percent of the company's work force.

Quaker Oats, with headquarters in Chicago, is an international marketer of foods and beverages whose major brands also include Rice-A-Roni and Aunt Jemima syrup.

Fate of phone service in U S West merger remains unclear

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER - Qwest Communications International and U S West love to boast about how their impending marriage will transform Internet communications. But conspicuously absent from all the hype is how the \$46 billion merger will affect plain-old telephone service.

That has some officials and customers in U S West's 14-state region - which includes just the Magic Valley - wondering just what the deal means for the 25 million clients who rely on the Baby Bell for local calling.

U S West is under fire from state regulators for delayed phone hookups and other services in Colorado, Washington and Oregon. Its practices are under close watch in other states such as Nebraska, Utah, Minnesota and Arizona. Some say that must approve the merger could require the new company to take steps to upgrade basic ser-

vices on a timeline far approval. State officials and customers, meanwhile, want to know if the combination will improve local calling and customer service, as upstart Qwest brings an entrepreneurial know-how to bear.

Qwest will be getting a good bit of attention from the state to second-class areas, as the new company dips into local phone profits to fund high-speed Internet, data and video communications to displace the old customers.

"My main concern is that big government intervention to be in the local telephone business," said Roger Hamilton, a member of the Oregon Public Utility Commission. "The last thing U S West customers need is for the company to lose more focus on basic service."

Said Dan Callaghan of Callaghan's Office of Consumer Counsel, "Service quality and how it will be affected is the major issue in the merger and cannot be ignored."

U S WEST

Qwest CEO Joseph Nacchio and his counterpart at U S West, Sol Trujillo, so far have said little about the topic. Nacchio initially suggested critics of U S West's service problems was overblown. He later tempered his comments.

"Whether it's a real problem or a perceived problem, it needs to be addressed," Nacchio told the Denver Post in July.

The issue arises as competition has been slow to come to the nation's \$105 billion local phone business. Companies such as AT&T and MCI WorldCom have been slow to offer local calling to consumers, in part reflecting the high cost of breaking into the business. Rural residents have felt especially left out; it's costlier to serve less populated areas.

Analyst Boyd Peterson of the Boston-based Yankee Group said the customers most likely to benefit from the advanced services

promised by the Qwest-U S West merger are those that live in big urban areas - the same people who will see competition soon.

"Competition is going to roll out incrementally. In many ways it's a function of density," Peterson said.

The merger combines the No. 4 long-distance carrier with the No. 4 long-distance carrier that has supplied local phone service to Western customers for more than a century.

And while officials say it's too early to say how the merger will affect local calling once the deal is completed next year, U S West spokesman Dave Banks said the combined companies won't abandon local customers "and our commitment to local service."

The death of attention surrounding the local phone business stands in stark contrast to other aspects of the deal.

The new Qwest plans to plow \$7.5 billion into advanced services such as high-speed Internet

and data services, wireless communications and video conferencing over five years.

More than \$5 billion of the money will come from the near-elimination of U S West's sizeable annual shareholder dividend, which today stands at \$2.14 a share.

The U S West local phone network hasn't been publicly earmarked as receiving some of that money, although a U S West executive says the vast network is expected to be a beneficiary.

"Our customers will benefit from the infusion of billions of dollars from the merger. That will allow us to upgrade the network," said Anne Larsen, vice president for U S West's local operations in Colorado and Wyoming.

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Charged in embezzling scheme, bank executive returns to job

First Security Bank senior vice president charged with billing personal services to the bank including house painting and car repairs - has returned to work.

FOSSIL FUELS

Oil prices fell as a preliminary hearing judge dismissed two other criminal counts for lack of evidence.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“ They have as much business competing for a playoff spot as Keanu Reeves does competing for an Academy Award nomination.”

— Jim Copple of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, noting that Oakland's three best starters begin the season in Kansas City, Anaheim and Midland, Texas

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school volleyball

Bills at Carey
Burley at Jerome
Bridgled at Clark County
Dierich at Ketchum
Gooding at Kimberly
Castleford at Hansen
Oskayan at Hazzard
Filer, Shoshone at Wendell
Minico at Twin Falls
Hagerman at Murtaugh
ISDB at Magic Valley Christian
Valley, Oakley at Raft River

Girls' high school soccer

Buhl at Wendell, 5 p.m.
Wood River at Twin Falls, 5:30 p.m.
Burley at Minico, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' high school soccer

TRCA at Ketchum, 4:30 p.m.
Wendell at ISDB, 4:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Pleasant Valley

golfer ages No. 9
KIMBERLY — Using a pitching wedge, Lynn McMaster scored his first career hole-in-one Friday on the par-3, 172-yard No. 9 hole at Pleasant Valley Golf Course.
Witnesses included Bob and Karen Wright.

TP drag racer Anderson

wins over weekend
WOODBURN, Ore. — Twin Falls drag racer Darian Anderson won the Super Street bracket at the Fall Funny Car Classic at Woodburn Raceway over the weekend.
Anderson defeated dozens of racers from across the West to claim top honors in her 1968 Camaro "The Buzz." Anderson's best time was 131 mph in 10.50 seconds in the quarter-mile. Anderson's Camaro will be on display at the Jerome City Car Show Oct. 2.

Candleridge ladies

close season

TWIN FALLS — The Candleridge Ladies Golf Association will hold its Closing Scramble on Saturday beginning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start followed by a luncheon.
The event will include greens fees, lunch and prizes. There will be an election of officers for the upcoming year. Ladies not attending may vote in the top shop any time before the scramble.
All ladies interested should R.S.V.P. by Wednesday at 733-5377.

Vandals duo ranked

No. 42 in nation

MOSCOW — University of Idaho men's doubles partners Darin Currell and Amad Wakalar are a preseason No. 42 in the nation by the ITA. Just one of two Big West tandems in the top 50 with Boise State's Leif Melnick and Wesley Moodie at No. 2.
The Vandal pair are first alternates for the main draw of the ITA National Hardcourts tournament Oct. 14-16 in Austin, Texas, and will compete in the qualifying bracket at least.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Dallas shuts down NFC champions

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Denver isn't the only Super Bowl team in trouble.

The Atlanta Falcons were wiped out 24-7 Monday night by the Dallas Cowboys, marking the first time both defending conference champions have started the following season 0-2.

But that's not the worst of it for the Falcons.

Quarterback Chris Chandler couldn't play because of a strained hamstring, and running back Jamal Anderson joined him on the sideline after spraining his right knee early in the first quarter of the weak offensive performance.

As for Dallas, things are looking good.
The Cowboys are 2-0 for the first time since 1995, their last Super Bowl season, and their defense didn't look anything like the group that got torched by Washington in the opener.

Then again, Dallas was stopping an Atlanta offense led by Tony Stewart and Byron Hanspard, third-year players with

empty resumes compared to Pro Bowlers Chandler and Anderson. Graziani was 7-of-16 for 90 yards.

His second pass was intercepted, leading to a Dallas field goal, and he fumbled early in the third quarter, setting up the touchdown that put the Cowboys up 17-0.

The left-hander's biggest highlight was making it to the third quarter, something he failed to do in his previous two starts. The drill was almost as ineffective. Danny Kannel replaced him after two possessions.

Kannel, who beat Dallas twice with the New York Giants in 1997, was almost as ineffective. He short-circuited one decent drive with an interception, then rebounded with a 45-yard touchdown pass to Tim Dwight with four minutes left, the first time the Falcons crossed the Dallas 30 in the game.

The Falcons threatened again but on a third-and-goal from the 4 with 1:01 to play, defensive end Greg Ellis returned an interception 87 yards for the final Dallas touchdown.



Emmitt Smith (22) and the Dallas Cowboys ran over the Atlanta Falcons 24-7 Monday night.

McGwire breaks up perfect game with No. 59

Sosa remains stuck on 61 as Cards top Cubs

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mark McGwire's 59th homer was the perfect way to end a perfect game Monday night.

Big Mac broke up Jim Lieber's bid with two outs in the seventh inning, moving McGwire within two home runs of Sammy Sosa for the major league lead and sparking the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Sosa lined out to the wall in the first, walked, singled and struck out to stay at 61 homers. McGwire finished 3-for-4 in the opener of a three-game series at Wrigley Field.

Lieber struck out nine of the first 17 batters, including McGwire in his first two at-bats, and had retired 20 straight on a chilly 61-degree night.

The game was scoreless when McGwire cranked an 0-1 pitch over the center-field fence into a 16 mph wind. After that, Lieber — wiss in 13 starts since July 10 — fell apart.

In an ensuing span of six pitches, Lieber gave up two singles and two-run homers to Thomas Howard and J.D. Drew. After a single by Marcus Jensen, Lieber (8-11) was lifted.

ed and St. Louis scored two more on an RBI single by Eduardo Perez and run-scoring double by Edgar Renteria for a 7-0 lead.

McGwire, who hit 70 homers last season to beat Sosa by four, broke his own record of 128 for most homers in two seasons. He now has 129, combining this season and last.

He has homered four times in his last four games.
The closest Cardinals came to a hit before McGwire's shot was with two outs in the sixth when pitcher Mark Thompson hit a liner that Cubs first baseman Mark Grace jumped high to catch.

Grace had dropped Renteria's foul pop for an error leading off the game, but Lieber came back and retired him on a grounder. Then the right-hander took off, working quickly and getting help from home plate umpire Ian Lupmugh's liberal strike zone.

With flashbulbs popping all over, McGwire struck out on three pitches in the first. Sosa drew a walk in the fourth and bottom half, backing Howard to the wall in right center.

McGwire fanned again in the third, while Sosa drew a walk in the fourth and singled to right in the sixth.



Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire are putting on an entertaining score to last year's record-breaking season. Sosa became the first player in major league history to have 60 or more home runs in back-to-back seasons.

Faxon makes quick work of Funk in playoff for B.C. Open title

The Associated Press

ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Four months ago, Brad Faxon had broken wrist and didn't know if he could ever play golf again. On Monday, he proved more than that.

Faxon beat Fred Funk in a two-hole playoff to win the B.C. Open. It was his sixth career victory and first in two years, and surely one of his sweetest.

"It's really nice to be able to come back and win this soon after injury," said Faxon, who broke his left wrist in late May while changing a floodlight on the roof of his Rhode Island home.

"It could have been a career-ending thing."
After playing 36 holes and one playoff hole over 12 hours on

Sunday, Faxon parred the only hole the pair played Monday. He won in 15 minutes when Funk self-destructed on the par-4 No. 18.

Funk's drive sailed into the trees lining the right side of the fairway and his second shot ricocheted off a tree trunk diagonally across the fairway.

"It's a tough driving hole," said Faxon, who earned \$228,000. "It's one of the toughest driving holes on this course."
When Funk's third shot landed in the lone sand trap guarding the green, he had to settle for bogey. All Faxon had to worry about was making par. He drove the right side of the fairway, lofted a wedge to 50 feet and two-putted.

"I felt fortunate to be in a playoff," said Faxon, who was

129th in earnings entering the tournament and in danger of not being exempt next year. "It's funny, I really used that as a challenge more than anything because I feel like I'm a little bit better player than that."

Funk, who shot a 61 Saturday for his best round in his 15 years on tour, lamented what might have been. He entered the final two rounds Sunday with a five-stroke lead over Faxon and South African rookie Rory Sabbatini and watched it slowly slip away.

"It's really, really disappointing because it was truly my tournament to lose. I should say it was my tournament to win, and I ended up losing it," said Funk, who beat Pete Jordan to win the B.C. Open in a playoff three years ago.



Brad Faxon tees off on his way to a two-hole playoff victory over Fred Funk to win the B.C. Open title Monday in Endicott, N.Y.

Island rocks as champ comes home

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — They chanted his name while salsa songs written in his honor blared from giant speakers. Revelers jammed highways, hoping to get a glimpse of him.

Felix Trinidad, a conquering hero come home, was back in Puerto Rico on Monday, welcomed by thousands amid a frenzy of adulation and national pride, including Gov. Pedro Rossello.

Trinidad's plane landed in San Juan amid roars of "Tito Tito!" Fans waved the U.S. territory's lone-star flag and placards declaring "Gallito castral!" —

Spanish for "Top-class fighting cock!"

"I promised you this victory and I did it," Trinidad said. "This triumph is for all of Puerto Rico. There is no doubt now that the best boxers are in Puerto Rico — pound for pound they have the most heart. I feel super content."

Police tried to close one-lane to make way for a victory cavalcade, but delirious motorists ignored the officers and sipped by. Others abandoned their cars in an uproar and walked the last mile.

This had been the most anticipated welterweight bout in years, pitting two unbeaten 26-year-olds known for knockout power — De

La Hoya with his left hand, Trinidad with his right.

De La Hoya, the "golden boy" from California, seemed assured victory after connecting with his jab early on. But in the last few rounds, he turned complacent and Trinidad's tenacity paid off.

Felix Trinidad Sr., the boxer's father, trainer and manager, said any rematch would have to be on his son's terms. The Puerto Ricans were unhappy Trinidad received only \$10.5 million. While that sum was many millions more than any previous payday for him, it was half of De La Hoya's take.



Felix Trinidad shows off the prize that best "Golden Boy" Oscar De La Hoya Monday upon his return to Puerto Rico.

Shoshone hands Camas first Sawtooth loss

The Times-News

FAIRFIELD — The hometown Muehlers suffered their first conference volleyball loss and only their second overall Monday as the Shoshone Indians won in straight games, 15-8, 15-6.

Camas County coach Becky Skinner praised the setting of Indians Brandi Braun, Amber Strunk and Megan Teve.

"They just seemed to set from anywhere on the court and make it nice for the hit, and (6-foot-2-inch sophomore Monica) Uhrig just really hit the ball well," Skinner said. "There was consistent serving on both sides. My team needs to learn to be a little bit quicker and play offense."

Camas County (7-2, 6-1 in Sawtooth Conference) plays at Carey Thursday.

Local sports

leyball team got back on the winning track Monday against Wendell.

"Our hitting was excellent," said Declo coach Sheila Mathews, whose team was undefeated before losing two road games to Malad and Aberdeen last week. "Everyone had quite a few kills, and I think that really helped the team tonight. Instead of relying on one girl, all of them were hitting well and getting kills, and that's what I needed."

(Declo 4-2, 1-0 in conference) returns to Canyon Conference play Thursday at home against Valley.

three-game victory for Twin Falls Christian Academy.

"I think it was our serving that probably made the difference between winning and losing," said Warriors coach Jodi Burkow.

TFCA (5-4) plays Friday at Bliss.

Murtaugh def. Carey 15-8, 15-0

MURIAUGH — The hometown Red Devils jumped to a 1-3 lead in the opening game and improved upon that in the second game of a quick sweep of the visiting Panthers from the Nordstieube sub-division.

No further information was available.

Declo def. Wendell 15-8, 15-7

DECLO — Jennifer Clark and Danielle West had eight service points apiece as the Hornets vol-

TFCA def. Richfield 15-12, 12-15, 15-12

TWIN - FALLS — Emily McMillin was perfect from the service line and teammate Rhysa Ledbetter was nearly that, hitting 88 percent of her serves in a

Girls' soccer

Gooding 8, Jerome 2

GOODING — Three Gooding players scored a pair of goals each as the co-op squad from ISDB and Gooding High School

Boys' soccer

Twin Falls 2, Jerome 2

JEROME — The Tigers scored consecutive goals to take the lead over the visiting Bruins, but a late penalty kick by Twin Falls senior Kris Storn evened the match.

George Whitford scored early for the Bruins, who then gave up a goal to Benjie Martinez and a penalty kick goal to Judge Juarez.

Rockies keep Diamondbacks at bay

DENVER (AP) — Derrick Gibson hit the first two homers of his major league career, doubled and drove in six runs as Colorado beat Arizona 12-7.

Arizona's magic number for clinching the NL West remained at six.

Baseball

San Francisco, 7.5 games behind the Diamondbacks, played later at Los Angeles.

Jamey Wright (4-2) gave up five runs and nine hits in seven innings. Omar Daal (15-9) was tagged for eight runs and nine hits in 4-2 1/3 innings.



Colorado Rockies batter Derrick Gibson watches his first-inning home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks Monday in Denver.

Brewers 5, Phillies 4

MILWAUKEE — Jeromy Burnitz hit his 100th career home run and Alex Ochoa had a go-ahead, two-run single in the seventh off Scott Aldred after Mark Loretta and Jeff Cirillo singled against Carlton Loewer (2-6).

Rocky Copping (4-3) allowed three hits in two innings, and Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his 34th save in 41 chances. After Philadelphia loaded the bases with one out, Alex Arias grounded into a game-ending double play.

American League

Tigers 4, Indians 3, 10 inn.

DETROIT — Juan Encarnacion singled home the winning run with one out in the 10th inning Monday night to give the Detroit Tigers a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

The AL Central champions lost for the sixth time in seven games and fell a half-game behind the idle New York in the race for the league's best record.

Todd Jones (4-4) allowed an RBI double to pinch-hitter Kenny Lofton in the ninth. David Riske (1-1) walked Tony Clark leading off the 10th.

Parity seems to have invaded the NFL in 1999

Detroit is winning without Barry Sanders. Denver is leading without John Elway. Minnesota and San Francisco are struggling, and Steve Young is barely standing.

Is this finally the season that everyone — except the Vikings, Cincinnati and Cleveland — finishes between 9-7 and 7-9. Is this finally the season of tie parity?

Not quite yet, but it's getting there.

Consider the numbers, and the teams:

- Denver (0-2). The Broncos, who lost 26-10 in Kansas City and have as many losses as they had last season in their 19-game run to their second straight Super Bowl victory. The obvious reason is that Elway isn't the quarterback anymore and Brian Griese is.
- He was replaced by Bubby Brister, who did no better, late in Sunday's games.
- More than that.
- Terrill Davis has 40 carries for 140 yards in two games, or 3.5 yards-per-carry compared to 5.1 last season. Some of that is because opponents who fear Elway's arm don't fear Griese's and play eight men up. Davis also is banged up (shoulder and ribs).
- But perhaps most important, Elway made the Broncos seem invincible. Without him, teams approach them as just another opponent. Not good, not bad, but beatable.
- "I've never been 0-2 in 16 years of coaching," coach Mike Shanahan said. "Now you find out

ANALYSIS

Dave Goldberg

what your team is made of."

Yes, Denver is starting to learn how everyone else lives.

• Detroit (2-0). How much does a superstar mean? In Sanders' case, maybe less than met the eye. Sure, the Lions' win over Green Bay was their sixth victory in the Packers' last seven visits to the Silverdome.

But Bobby Ross now doesn't have to hear everyone clamoring "get Barry his carries." On Sunday, kick returner Terry Fair, quarterback Charlie Batch and wide receiver Johnnie Morton made the big plays.

For a decade, the Lions have tended to go up and down. They went top up (the playoffs) in

1997 to down (5-11) last year. Maybe it's just that pendulum.

- San Francisco (3-1). The 49ers would be 0-2 but for a late hit on Steve Young and a regular punt on a Young-to-Jerry Rice play on fourth-and-12. Then Larnae Schulters returned an interception 64 yards for the winning TD.
- Young, who will be 38 on Oct. 11, limped off the field after this last series like he was 33 — he was sacked five times and took 15 more hits behind a shaky offensive line. The Niners lost 40-3 in Jacksonville last week. GM Bill Walsh is going onto the practice field to yell at players.
- Dynasty over?
- Minnesota (1-1). The offense that scored an NFL record 536 points last season has 34 in two games. Tennessee's Kevin Dyson, the "failure" chosen five picks ahead of Randy Moss last year, has 15 catches in two games compared to Moss' eight. Has complete offense set in? Do they miss offensive coordinator Mike White, now the Baltimore head coach. He's the injuries the Vikings didn't have last year? Right tackle Nancy Striner was hit early in Sunday's 22-47 loss to Oakland; head Randall Cunningham ended up taking six sacks.
- "We're not panicking," tight end Andrew Green said. "It's a long season."
- OK. But next week the Vikings are at Green Bay. It may be a long season, but that's a critical game for Week 3.
- The Jets. But the reason for the 0-2 start is clear. The injuries to Vinny Testaverde and five other key players.

Dave Goldberg is a football writer for The Associated Press.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Idaho Open hits Elkhorn resort this week

ELKHORN — The Hewlett-Packard Idaho Open starts Wednesday at Elkhorn Resort, as the 54-hole championship celebration is 50th anniversary.

The Open will feature professionals from across the west including Idaho.

Oregon, Washington, Nevada, California and Colorado. A limited number of amateurs will be vying for the overall title as well. This year's field includes Brady, Utah's Steve Schwaner, 1998 champion Ken Thompson of American Fork, Utah, and local pro Mike Elmshire, Kevin Burton, Jeff Thomson, John Schwaner, Ted Hallway, Doyle Corbett, Tommy Sanderson and John Graham.

Sign up now for 'Fly Like an Eagle'

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho athletic department is holding its third annual "Fly Like an Eagle" golf tournament Saturday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The proceeds from the tournament help the volleyball, men's and women's basketball, cross country and baseball teams award scholarships. The tournament format will be an 18-hole five-person scramble. Each team will earn one extra 1/2 stroke per woman golfer. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. with lunch at 1:30 p.m. and the awards ceremony following. The winning team will receive a golfball package at Camas Petes Resort and Casino in Jackpot. Awards will be given to the top five teams.

The cost is \$20 per person (\$20 per team). The fee includes green fees and lunch. Cart fees are extra. For a little extra money, participants can hire CSI staffers to clean their clubs and caddie.

For more information or to sign up, call Kathy Dealy at 733-9554, Ext. 2486.

Voinea wins Samsung Open

BOURNEMOUTH, England — Unseeded Adrian Voinea of Romania won the rain-delayed Samsung Open on Monday, defeating fifth-seeded Stefan Kouckeb of Austria 1-6, 7-6, 7-6 (7-2).

Voinea defeated Morocco's Younes El Aymanou 6-3, 6-4 in a semi-final completed on Monday in the clay-court tournament.

In the other semi-final, unseeded Thomas Enqvist pulled out complaining of a sore back, giving Kouckeb a walkover.

All of Saturday's play was lost to rain and Sunday's matches were late starting and then stopped by rain.

Lehman joins U.S. Dumbbell Cup team

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Tom Lehman will join Mark O'Meara and Fred Stewart on the U.S. team for next month's Dumbbell Cup. The United States, which has won the title three times, is favored in the annual biennial competition and will look to earn two-time defending champion South Africa.

The event will be played Oct. 27-30 at the Old Course at St. Andrews and offers \$1.6 million in prize money.

Stewart, O'Meara and Lehman have won six majors among them. Lehman's inclusion ended speculation that Tiger Woods might be the third U.S. team member.

Appelmaans beats No. 4 seed Pirlea

LUXEMBOURG — Belgium's Sabine Appelmaans upset fourth-seeded Irina Spilnea of Romania 7-5, 7-6 (7-5) Monday in the opening round of the \$280,000 Seat Open.

The top two seeds, U.S. Open champion Serena Williams and Belgium Dominique Van Rombe, both received byes into the second round. Williams is not expected to play before Thursday after helping the United States win the Fed Cup final against Russia over the weekend.

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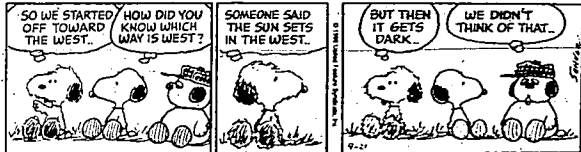
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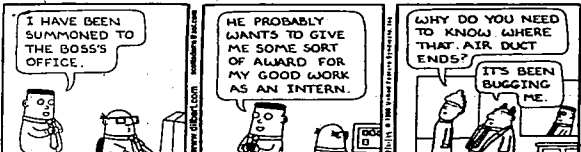
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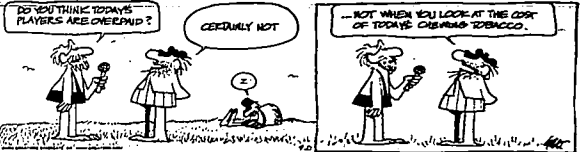
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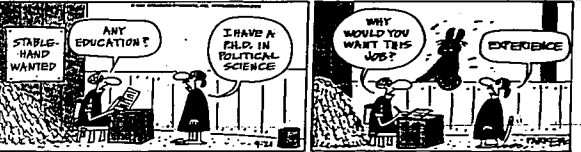
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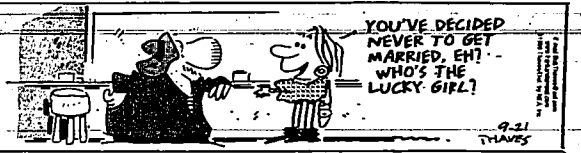
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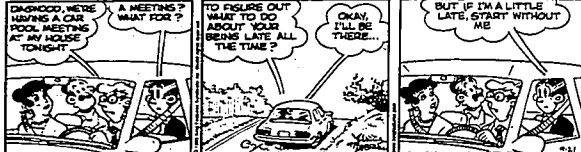
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